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Dear Parents,

Once again, we come to the end of an extremely busy school year. The Board of Management are continuing working hard on behalf of you to ensure that our school supports all in our school community.

The following letter gives a very brief outline of our school Board of Management and some of the work it has undertaken on the school's behalf this school year.

The following people are the members of our Board of Management for our school:

Fr. Brendan McDonagh and Carol Moore	-	Patron's Nominees
Cora Regan and Conor McLoughlin	-	Elected Parents' Nominees
Cian Duffy and Tanya Tansey	-	Elected Teachers' Nominees
Helen Smyth and Peter Higgins	-	Community Representative Nominees

This Board took office on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, and will be in situ until November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We thank Brian Lee for his dedicated service on this Board of Management as Parent Nominee over many years while his children attended our school.

The Board of Management is complying with Departmental Circulars. It has also liaised with other outside agencies on behalf of the school. It has completed the annual review of the Child Safety statement in line with new Department and Children First Guidelines. This is available to read on our school website. It has completed the annual review of the Anti Bullying Policy in line with departmental guidelines. The Board of Management has overseen the school's re-engagement with the School Self Evaluation (SSE) process. The Board of Management updated its Health and Safety Policy in line with the HSA Guidelines. The Board of Management has implemented best practice in regard to GDPR regulations. The Board of Management have updated many school policies during the last school year. If you wish to view any school policies, please make an appointment with the School Secretary to view these policies.

The Board of Management has used Department of Education and Skills Grants to maintain and equip the school. It employs a Secretary for 18 hours per week and a cleaner for a total of 25 hours per week. The Board of Management also employs a caretaker for 4 hours per month. The Board of Management would like to acknowledge the funding it has received from Ardcarne Playgroup to help with the running and upkeep of our school. The board continues through very prudent management of money, to maintain the facilities and services needed to run our school adequately.

The Board of Management has used school funds to subsidise many school tours and trips, workshops for students in Visual Arts, SESE, and SPHE. It also has used funds to subsidise Music lessons for students and Swimming and Tennis lessons in P.E.

We would like to give a special thanks to Martina Fryer and Mary Fryer for all the work they have done this year in keeping our school clean and safe.

In recent years there has been an increase in our school enrolment. This year is no different. We would like to welcome all new students who came to our school this year. The Board of Management has appealed to the Department of Education for an extra mainstream class teacher on the basis of our projected enrolment for the coming school year as per Department Of Education procedures. As of yet we have yet to receive a decision regarding this appeal. If successful, the school will be able to employ a 7<sup>th</sup> mainstream class teacher for the start of the school year.

The current classroom sharing arrangement with Ardcarne Community Childcare Services will be maintained again for the coming year.

In the last 12 months the Board of Management have used school funds to improve school facilities:

- Purchase licences for using different online educational resources for students
- Purchase of a new English Language Scheme and books for our students
- Purchase more P.E. Equipment
- Refurbish the school garden
- Install bicycle rack for cycle parking
- Replace Interactive Whiteboards in a further two classrooms with latest technology
- Repurpose our G.P. hall into different learning areas.
- Painting of school toilets

This coming year the Board of Management intend to undertake the following school improvements if funding allows:

- New classroom carpet in 2 classrooms.
- Painting of classroom, entrance halls and toilets
- Purchase more outdoor furniture for our school
- Install more storage areas in classrooms.
- Repurpose our GP Hall into a main learning area and school library.
- School Playground maintenance.
- School Ground maintenance.
- Safety improvements to our school drop off and parking area.
- Purchase new equipment for Science and P.E.
- Upgrade current school stock of iPads and Chromebooks.

On behalf of the Board of Management, I would like to commend our students on their great work this year at school. To our parents and families, thank you for your help and support throughout the school year. To Ardcarne Playschool, thank you for all your help and cooperation this year. To our school staff, thank you for your continued commitment to our school and our students. Together we continue to develop our school as an integral part of our wonderful community.

Yours sincerely,

FR. BRENDAN MC DONAGH  
Rev. Chairperson, B.O.M.