



Board of Management 2019/20

Chairperson:	Lilian Daly
Patron's Nominee:	Fr. Colin Doocey
Treasurer:	Sylvia Coakley
Secretary (Principal):	Ciara Bowe
Teachers' Nominee:	Jacinta McCarthy
Parents' Nominees:	Jillian O' Donovan & Ken Gough
Community Rep:	Patricia O' Sullivan

Many thanks to our board members, as well as outgoing members Paddy O'Neill, Tom Redmond & Rachel O'Leary for their voluntary hard work & dedication.

Five meetings of the Board of Management were held during 2019/20. All meetings adhered to standard agenda, were minuted & opportunities for discussion provided. Child Safeguarding Oversight Report and report on Bullying presented at every meeting.

School Ethos

We are an inclusive Catholic school, in the Diocese of Cork. In co-operation with the clergy & parents, Catholic children were prepared for Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion & Confirmation. However, due to Covid-19, these ceremonies could not take place during 2019/20. Sacramental classes regularly attended mass. Whole school mass at Christmas. Regular visits of local clergy to school.

Department of Education SEN Evaluation

The DES Inspectorate report on the Evaluation of Provision for Pupils with Special Educational Needs carried out in October 2019 was warmly welcomed. This report affirms, recognizes and acknowledges the excellence of the work carried out by the entire school community in the area of SEN. The full report is available on www.education.ie

School Achievements, Activities & Events

These include: Vex Robotics-3 National awards, 2 regional awards & qualification for World Robotics Final; TV, Radio & print media coverage; 5th Green Flag awarded (Biodiversity); Formation of School Choir; Participation in Sciath na Scol Football; Indoor GAA Blitz; Maths Week; Engineer's Week; Seachtain na Gaeilge; Swimming; GAA Coaching (Blackrock GAA & St Michael's GAA); Science/ Biodiversity Workshops; Gaeilge workshop (Paddy O'Brien); Christmas Concert; Weekly Assemblies with class performances; CIT/Music Generation; Happy Talk; Aistear visits of Emergency Services & others.

Policy Review & Development

Policies worked on and reviewed by the BoM during this year include: Child Safeguarding, Anti-Bullying, Stay Safe, Admissions, SEN & Assessment. In-School procedures

reviewed regularly throughout year. Safety Statement to be reviewed ahead of re-opening in September 2020.

Curricular Development / School Self Evaluation

See SIPs: Literacy, Numeracy, Gaeilge (ó Bhéal) initiatives continued. Digital Learning Plan ongoing. Aistear ongoing in Infants Classes & Station Teaching in Juniors-6th Class. Staff CPD ongoing regarding New Language Curriculum. Science and SPHE school subject plans fully reviewed. Wellbeing- new topic for SSE.

Parental Involvement

Thank you to all parents who were involved in the many initiatives across the year: One Book, One Community; Maths for Fun; Gaeilge for Fun, Science for Fun, Write a Book Project, Happy Talk, Relaxation Classes for Parents etc. ATP meetings were held to discuss the targets in SIP (Gaeilge). Thank you to HSCL Mrs Dorothy Keane for her role in organising & facilitating many of these initiatives.

Staffing 2020/21

Administrative Principal, 8 class teachers, 8 SEN Teachers, Early Start Teacher & Early Start Childcare worker, 5.87 SNAs, school secretary, caretaker and cleaners. New HSCL to be appointed. The Board of Management would like to acknowledge and thank all of our staff for their tireless hard work and dedication to the school, providing a happy & welcoming learning environment, where children are given every opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Particular & sincerest thanks to Mrs Dorothy Keane & Mr. Dave Keane for their long and dedicated service to the school & the Mahon community. We wish them a happy & healthy retirement. Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh!

Finance

Financial report presented at every BOM meeting & proposed expenditure discussed. School accounts certified annually & submitted to DES & FSSU (Feb '20). Christmas raffle sponsorship & donations to Vex Robotics fundraising were much appreciated. Purchase & provision of essential Health & Safety equipment is a priority for summer 2020.

Communication

Class Meetings with all parents in September; Parent Teacher Meetings (November); Annual Reports (June '20); Particular/ Incidental communication through text, school website, Twitter, Facebook, telephone calls & individual meetings. Additional email/postal communication following Covid-19 closure in March. Positive communication with HSCL & SCP, including home visits. **The BoM would like to thank local schools, organisations & companies for their valuable support!**

2019/20 was no ordinary school year! Since March 12th 2020, we all faced many challenges. We would like to thank our staff, pupils, parents, BoM members & everyone who worked so hard & worked together following the government directed closure of the school. We hope that everyone in our school community is well & we look forward to a safe return to school in September 2020. Stay Safe & enjoy your summer!

