

## **Agreed Report from Board of Management Meeting – May 11<sup>th</sup> 2020**

This meeting was conducted through “Zoom”.

- The school was closed by the government on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 and will not be re-opening until the start of the 2020/21 school year at the earliest. Mr Tansley informed the Board that certain school events/activities had to be cancelled and some e.g. First Confession, First Communion will be rescheduled depending on the return date to school and after consulting with Fr Thomas and teachers regarding possible alternative dates.
- Our school, like all other primary schools, will be awaiting advice from the government about when we will be returning to school and procedures to be put in place to ensure that social distancing is observed. Mr Tansley will inform parents/guardians of procedures that will be put in place prior to the school re-opening. The Board intends to start with the installation of hand sanitisers in various locations around the school as soon as possible – classrooms, corridor, reception, hall etc
- The school has been successful in achieving a Green Flag. We will be receiving the flag and certificate on returning to school. The Board thanked Mrs Campbell, the Green School Committee, staff, parents/guardians and all the children for their huge efforts in achieving the Green Flag.
- The Board thanked Ms Ward and all the children in achieving an Amber Flag for the school. We should receive the Amber Flag on returning to school. We hope to continue our efforts in promoting mental health among all the school children in the coming year.
- Mr Tansley informed the Board that seven pupils will be starting in Junior Infants in September. We have only three children starting that have siblings in the school resulting in a low enrolment figure. Our sixth class pupils are leaving at the end of June (19 pupils) and five other children will also be leaving the school. This will leave us with an enrolment of 84 pupils in September. To retain our four teachers we need 80 pupils.
- Mr Tansley informed the Board that the school’s new draft Admission’s Policy is on the school website. Parents/guardians can give feedback on this policy by e-mailing the school. This policy applies to the 2021/22 school year. Parents/guardians wishing to enrol their children for the 2021/22 school year must adhere to this policy and the Admission Notice which will be on the school website in September. The Admission Notice will give the dates that the school will commence accepting applications for the 2021/22 school year and the dates that we will cease accepting applications for the 2012/22. Schools can’t accept applications before October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 at the earliest.
- The Board approved the calendar for the 2020/21 school year. This calendar is subject to change as a result of the evolving coronavirus pandemic. This will be uploaded on the school website as soon as possible. The Board thanked Kieran Hennessy for updating the website regularly since the school closure.

- Education Passport 6<sup>th</sup> class – Mr Tansley informed the Board that information on the Education Passport for 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils on their transition to secondary school was relayed to parents/guardians by text-a-parent and information is also on the school website. Parents/guardians must return two forms to the school by Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> (“My Profile” and “My child’s Profile” forms).
- Mr Tansley informed the Board that although the school was closed we still intend to go ahead with the 6<sup>th</sup> Class End-of-year Booklet. Ms Reynolds will be in touch with parents/guardians regarding this.
- The Board thanked the teachers for their great effort in providing distance learning for the pupils. The feedback received from parents/guardians and the children has been very positive.
- The Board wishes good health and safety to everyone in the Rathfeigh community and their families.

Seamus Tansley 11/5/20