

# St. Mochtas National School



## Board of Management

Agreed Report – June 2016

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The Board of Management hope that this finds all members of our school community well. This is the final Agreed Report for the Academic Year 2015/2016 to update you on matters relating to St. Mochta's National School.

#### **1. Thank You and Best Wishes**

The Board of Management would like to thank the staff of St. Mochta's for all of their hard work and commitment throughout the year. We have celebrated many achievements and successes during the year, thanks to the great efforts and dedication of our staff. We would like to thank our parents for all of your support and for working with us as partners in your child's education. We have a great school in St. Mochta's thanks to our parents, staff and above all our wonderful children.

The Board of Management would like to thank the PA for all of their work and support throughout the year. Fiona Dunne and Aine Keenan have done a wonderful job in leading the PA. We are very grateful to all of the PA members and volunteers who are always so generous with their time. St. Mochta's National School would not be the wonderful school it is today without the great work of our PA.

One valued member of our staff is retiring this summer. The Board of Management would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to our SNA, Rosemary Maxwell, for her service to our school. We are most grateful for her dedication and commitment to our school. She will be greatly missed and we wish her every joy, health and happiness in her retirement.

#### **2. School Building Update**

We are currently in the process of finalising Stage 2b of our new school build with the Major Projects Team of the Department of Education & Skills. Clarifications to our Stage 2b submission have now been made and resubmitted. We hope to be in a position to go to tender over the summer. Realistically, we believe construction to commence early in 2017. However, to ensure minimal disruption during the next academic year, we are preparing for the build. Many thanks to our staff and parents who helped with the move of 22 classrooms on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

#### **3. Finances**

##### **Voluntary Contribution**

The school budget was set in September with yet further cost saving measures included. We are constantly reviewing all expenditure with a view to getting the best value for money while trying to maintain a safe and caring environment for our children to learn and our staff to provide the best education possible.

A letter was sent home to all families in November and February seeking a voluntary contribution from each family. Thank you to those who have already made a contribution. As always, we are extremely grateful for whatever contribution you can make. We have received €10,375.00 to-date. Thank you for your generosity.

##### **On-Line Payments**

On a trial basis, the school introduced a facility for on-line payments through our Aladdin system. This has been a tremendous success. We have received very encouraging feedback from parents who find it so much easier to make payments to the school. Going forward, we will encourage all parents to use this system when making payments to the school.

#### **4. Achievements**

We are very proud of all our achievements, successes and school events over the last academic year – Maths Week, Science Week, Santry Sports, Seachtain Na Gaeilge, World Book Day, Sports Day, Oliver! and School Tours. It has been a very busy and enjoyable year for everyone. Well done to all.

#### **5. Traffic/Parking**

This continues to be a serious issue for our school and as the school population has grown the issue has become even more serious for us and OUR CHILDREN. Mindful and respectful driving and parking practices lead to the safe arrival of our children to the school and their safety when leaving the school each day. To ensure that the children are safe, everyone must make an effort to help. There are still too many unsafe practices and dangerous incidents in and around the school each day. With our new school build, we are even more conscious of this issue.

**PLEASE, PLEASE BE SAFE AND RESPECTFUL BEFORE A CHILD GETS HURT.**

We ask all members of our school community to respect and have consideration for our neighbours when parking on the Porterstown Road and in the local estates. Please do not obstruct local residents' driveways. The Clonsilla Inn has given us the use of their rear car park during collection times, so please avail of it. Unfortunately, this facility is not available at drop off time in the morning. Please note that parents are not permitted to park in the Staff Car Parks when dropping or collecting children. We thank you for your continued understanding and support.

#### **6. Some Reminders for the next academic year**

Kindly note:

- Smoking is strictly prohibited on the school premises and grounds.
- Dogs are not permitted on the school premises and in any yards.
- All children in the care of their parents while on the school property are the sole responsibility of their parents.
- Parents are not permitted to park in the Staff Car Parks when dropping or collecting children under any circumstances.

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We hope every member of St. Mochta's National School community enjoys a happy, restful and, of course, sunny summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back in September.

With warmest regards,

#### **The Board of Management**

Mr. Tony Rock, Chairperson – Patron's Nominee

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