

St. Mochta's National School



Board of Management

Agreed Report – March 2015

The Board of Management hope that this finds all members of our school community well. As you are aware, we issue this Agreed Report each term to update you on matters relating to St. Mochta's National School.

1. New School Building

Our planning application has been submitted and it is wonderful to see site notices around the school. This is a huge milestone in the history of the school and a big step towards the realisation of a new school. We look forward to very exciting times ahead in the redevelopment of our school.

2. School Finances

The Board of Management has serious concerns about the financial situation in our school. We have written to you recently outlining the €11,803 shortfall in our school accounts this year. We are working hard to address this situation with your support and help. We appreciate all voluntary contributions received to-date and thank you for your generosity.

We fully understand the current economic climate and are grateful for any and all contributions. We are also grateful to everyone who supports the Parents' Association with their fundraising events.

3. Traffic/Parking

The BOM have ongoing concerns about the safety of children and pedestrians accessing St. Mochta's National School, crossing the Clonsilla Road and the Porterstown Road.

We would like to remind all members of our school community to respect each other and our neighbours and to have consideration for all when parking outside the school. The health and safety of all members of our community is of paramount importance at all times. We need everyone's support and consideration to achieve this.

4. Child Protection

The Board of Management has reviewed the Child Protection Policy in our school. This policy is reviewed on an annual basis. Ms. Farrell is the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for all Child Protection concerns. In her absence, Ms. O'Boyce is the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP).

5. Attendance

The Board of Management has ratified our new policy on Attendance. The policy was formulated by teachers, parents and BOM members. The policy is available on our school website. Thank you for your support of this important policy.

6. School Self-Evaluation

We are currently reviewing our School Improvement Plans for Literacy and Numeracy. Our focus for Literacy is on comprehension strategies and oral language and our focus for Numeracy is problem solving. Assessments in Literacy and Numeracy were sent home with all classes last week. We will be inviting parents to participate in questionnaires during the summer term to help inform our work in these areas.

May we take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy and peaceful Easter break.

With warmest regards,

The Board of Management

Mr. Tony Rock, Chairperson

Fr. John Daly, Ms. Maria Farrell, Mr. John Cryan, Mr. Dermot Casey,

Ms. Samantha Reilly, Ms. Rita Marron and Ms. Jean McDonald