



Newport NS

Board of Management Report – February 2019

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

All classes continue to participate in team teaching for literacy. In 2019 each class is focusing on Oral language, greeting and introductions both in Irish and in English

PARKING

The Board is grateful to the Clár programme for funding which has enabled the school to enhance safe parking for cars and buses. The work will finish over the mid-term break. The board has financed half of the financial outlay through fundraising.

FUNDRAISING

We will shortly begin our annual **Silver Circle** fundraiser. The monies raised will provide furniture for two new classrooms which will be completed in 2020. We also need to upgrade lavatories and provide accessible WC.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION

As a grant has been awarded to the school to provide additional accommodation, tenders will be sought from architects to draw up plans, through open competition. Building work will begin in autumn 2019 following planning permission and the appointment of contractors through the e-tendering process.

In the interim, accommodation will be required for September 2019. The Board will arrange for two resource rooms to be re-configured into a classroom in order to accommodate the smallest Explorers' class while a mainstream class will be temporarily allocated to the class currently used by the Explorers' class. The board acknowledge the disruption to service while building work is in progress. The Board is grateful for the co-operation of pupils and staff and believe that the endurance of this disturbance will be very worthwhile as our school grows and develops.

JOB SHARING

The board approved a job sharing arrangement for two teachers currently working in Newport NS.

TRANSITION YEAR PLACEMENTS

The school and Board of Management welcome applications from TY students for a one week placement in Newport NS for those students wishing to pursue a career in primary teaching. Having obtained Garda Vetting and completed junior certificate exams, students will apply by filling an application form for a placement. The school is compliant with recent legislative changes to child protection and with data protection amendments.

OPEN EVENING

The school will host an open evening for interested parents on **Wednesday February 6th**. All staff members and the parent association will attend.

SCHOOL LOGO AND SIGNAGE

The Board compliments David Moran on the creative design used on the new signage on the school. David gave very generously of his time and we are indeed fortunate to have such a talented kind person in our community.

CHILD PROTECTION

The Child safeguarding statement was read and adopted. The document was signed by chairperson and principal. Please see the school website for child protection, SPHE and Anti-bullying policy which have been updated following recent legislative changes. For all Child protection concerns the Designated liaison person is Bríd Chambers while her deputy is Bríd McAuley.

CONFIRMATION/EARLY CLOSING

The school will close for the confirmation ceremony at **11am Wednesday February 13th 2019**