

## **Report to Staff and Parents following Board of Management Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

### **Incidental Inspection**

We had an incidental inspection on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. The inspector arrived at 9:00 and told us he wanted to see 4 classes and he was focusing on third years. We gave him the master timetable for third years and he randomly picked a different teacher for four periods. He did the Child Protection checks which is checking to see if the Safeguarding statement etc. is at the door. He then checked the Bi Cinealta report to the Board. All of these checks were fine.

He visited four classrooms and afterwards met me for a quick 10 minute feedback. The feedback is oral and there is no written report on an incidental inspection. The feedback was that there was a very good standard over all – a mix of good and very good practice. All lessons were well prepared and had a clear structure. Learning intentions were used and used effectively. He said there was an exceptional learning environment in rooms and this extended out to the corridors. There were very good relationships in the classrooms, students were diligent and on task. Group and pair work worked well. He was very pleased. The feedback was really good and he commended the teachers.

### **Teaching and Learning**

Our teaching and learning group is focusing on Independent Learning, the use of AI to support teaching and learning and peer and self-assessment this year. They have planned a series of presentations to staff in these areas.

### **Junior Cycle Results**

We were exceptionally pleased with the Junior Cycle results this year. One of our students achieved 9 Distinctions which is an incredible feat.

### **Policies currently being worked on**

The Board was informed that we are currently working on a number of policies including:

1. Intimate Care Policy
2. SNA Policy
3. Assessment Policy

We are also focusing on the following initiatives/policies for the coming year.

1. Provision Mapping – Planning for SET
2. Sustainability
3. Digital Learning Plan
4. New Code of Behaviour to be prepared for 2027

### **Mobile Phone Pouches Policy**

It was noted that the mobile phone pouches are up and running. All is going well. We have had a few teething problems with some of the pouches but in general they are working.

### **Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment**

A draft Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment has been prepared and the Board was asked to look over it. The Board went through the various risks identified in the risk assessment. It was noted that the school must now engage in a consultation process with staff, parents and before we return it to the Board for further consideration. The Board suggested preparing the statement in different languages for parents and students.

### **Child Protection Training**

The entire staff received a full days training on the new Child Protection Guidelines. This day was facilitated by Oide.

### **Visitor Management**

We have strengthened our sign in system for visitors to the school following our Child Protection Review.

### **Admissions/Enrolment**

Following on from our lottery for places we now have 160 mainstream students who have accepted the offer of a place and 4 additional students to join our moderate general learning class.

### **School Uniform Supplier**

Kevin Bowens will be our new uniform supplier. They won't have any stock until June/July of next year which is unfortunate however it cannot be helped.

### **Buildings**

1. The shed to hold the gym is now ready and we are just waiting on delivery of the gym equipment. Thanks were given to Tony and Billy for all the work in getting it ready.
2. We still don't have any update on the next phase of our building.