

# **Report to Staff and Parents following Board of Management Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

## **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. The group is preparing short videos on different aspects of AI to support teachers. We are also preparing videos on different teaching and learning strategies we've done over the years so we can support teachers to recap on ideas, but also to support our new teachers giving them information on the different teaching and learning strategies that we use in the school.

## **Pre Junior, Leaving and LCA exams**

The third years, sixth years and LCA2 students are at present completing their pre-examinations.

## **November Assessments**

We are currently reviewing our assessment structure for the coming year. At the moment, we are only discussing it at our assistant principals' meetings, and there is a lot of further consultation required. Given the changes to the Senior Cycle, with 40% coursework coming into play in three further subjects, and a very full year in sixth year with a lot of deadlines, we are considering the value of the November assessments for sixth years.

## **Policies currently being worked on**

We are currently working on a number of policies:

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

We are also focusing on:

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

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

A draft Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment has been prepared and the Board considered it. It was noted that we have engaged in a consultation process with staff, students and parents. The Board of Management adopted the new Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.

## **Assessment Policy**

We are continuing to work on the assessment policy. We have consulted with staff, with students, and with parents. However, we haven't had a formal staff meeting as of yet to agree the policy. In the meantime, the Board was asked to look carefully at it and make suggestions and/or comments.

## **Weather Conditions and late openings**

On return from the Christmas holidays we had two days of late starts due to poor weather conditions, icy roads, and the buses not running. We began school at 11 o'clock on the first two days after the holidays.

## **Standardised School Year**

A new standardised school year circular has been published for the coming three academic years, and we have prepared a draft calendar for 26/27.

## **Buildings**

1. The gym is currently ready, but we are still awaiting the delivery of the equipment. We're hoping it will be in just
2. We are currently working with the company who is arranging the upgrade of our heating system to biomass and gas. At the moment, they are preparing a planning permission document as planning permission is required for the biomass boiler.

## **Bandon AFC**

The principal recently had a meeting with representatives of the Bandon Soccer Club. The soccer club have a plan at present to make a full-size all-weather soccer pitch. The Board of Management agreed that it is important that we support the club in its endeavours.