

Report to Staff and Parents following Board of Management Meeting 29th September 2026

School Opening

The Board welcomed the successful commencement of the 2026/27 school year and acknowledged the significant work undertaken by staff in relation to timetabling, student supports, policy development, school planning and the School Book Scheme.

Staffing and Leadership

The annual review of Posts of Responsibility has been completed and the Board approved the updated schedule of posts. Recruitment is under way for the Senior Cycle Redevelopment Coordinator position.

Teaching and Learning

The Board received an update on assessment practices, subject planning, units of learning, Junior Cycle implementation and Senior Cycle Redevelopment. A Senior Cycle Redevelopment planning day will take place on 9th October.

Assessment Policy

An updated Assessment Policy was approved by the Board. The policy supports consistent, fair and transparent assessment practices throughout the school.

Junior Cycle Thematic Evaluation

Preparations are under way for the Junior Cycle thematic evaluation, which will take place in October.

Student Attendance

The Board reviewed the Annual Attendance Report and discussed attendance patterns and supports available to students. Continued improvement in attendance remains a priority for the school.

Special Education and Inclusion

The Board received an update on SET deployment, ASD provision, mentoring supports and the roll-out of Senior Cycle Level 2 modules.

Admissions and Enrolment

The Board approved the Admissions Policy and Annual Admissions Notice for 2027/28. Current enrolment stands at 943 students. The Board reviewed arrangements relating to school capacity, transfer applications and waiting lists.

School Planning

The Board discussed priorities for the coming year, including Provision Mapping, Sustainability, Digital Learning, updated Child Protection procedures and development of a revised Code of Behaviour.

Health and Safety

The Board noted ongoing work including the updating of the Safety Statement, PAT testing arrangements, Fire Warden training and fire safety training for staff.

Buildings and Facilities

The Board discussed progress relating to school facilities and capital projects. Cork ETB is progressing the replacement of the school's oil boilers and advocacy for Phase 2 of the school building project continues.

Child Protection

The Board reviewed the Child Protection Oversight Report and confirmed that it continues to fulfil its oversight responsibilities in accordance with the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025.

Bí Cineálta

The Board received an update on implementation of the Bí Cineálta procedures. Implementation and monitoring will continue throughout the school year.

Open Evening

The Board noted preparations for the school's Open Evening on 8th October and thanked staff involved in supporting prospective students and families.

Finance

The Board reviewed up-to-date financial information for the school and confirmed that no additional locally held bank accounts have been opened.