

<p style="text-align: center;">BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AGREED REPORT OF MEETING OF 11 JANUARY 2021</p>
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There was a full attendance for the meeting held by video conference. Minutes of the previous meeting and Child Protection term meeting were approved and signed.

A letter from Minister Foley regarding school closure and return to online learning along with extensive documentation on Guidelines for Continuation of Schooling and supporting students with Special Education Needs was circulated. Discussion of the proposals followed.

The chairperson thanked staff for the huge effort going into preparing for online learning and assured staff, parents and students of the support of the board.

Tributes were paid to Gregory Tarr on his becoming BT Young Scientist and Technologist 2021 winner. Congratulations were also extended to the winners of West Cork Garda Youth Awards. Aiyana Helder won the overall individual Youth Award for her work on Social Justice and Climate Action and the group award was won by Shane Hathaway, Angus Seigne and Thomas Dodd for their fundraising project for the charity ALONE during the first lockdown.

There was detailed discussion of the plans for online learning outlined by the principal. The importance of communication, daily engagement and establishing routine were emphasized. The board heard of the meeting held with parents / students and by staff and management to roll out the procedures. Ongoing feedbacks and response between the partners will be vital to achieve success. The importance of physical and mental health was emphasized so there is a focus on balance between schoolwork, exercise, daily routine and pastoral care. The Parents Association will take a key role in collecting responses and informing the school management on student experience.

The proposal to move the Mock Examinations to March was supported.

The Sustainability / Environment Committee and Development Committee continue their work online. The Parents Association put a proposal to the board to begin work on the BGS Cookbook for possible launch in the autumn. A proposal to take up an NUIG pilot course on Sexual Consent Workshop Programme was also raised. Both projects were welcomed and the principal will set up the relevant parent committees with teaching contacts to proceed.

There were no matters of Child Protection to report. One disciplinary matter was reported and discussed.

The Enrolment Process for First Year 2021 is almost complete and progress is now starting on allocating places to fill expected vacancies to existing classes.

Grants from the Department of Education and Skills have been received and noted towards:-

- Science Laboratory Equipment
- The 2021 – 2021 ICT Grant
- Covid-19 Cleaning, Sanitisers and PPE

Temporary Staff Leave Applications were considered. Notice was approved to invite applications for Career Break and Job Share leaves for 2021 – 2022 to be received before 1st February 2021.

Letters of condolences to bereaved members of the school community were approved.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th February 2021.