

Report of Board of Management Meeting 2nd April 2020

A meeting of the Board was held by video conferencing for the first time due to social distancing emergency measures. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Correspondence relating to Covid 19 emergency measures, school closure since March 12th and continuation of teaching and school administration was considered and appropriate actions taken. The possible redeployment of Special Needs Assistants during the emergency and conditions to set should the school campus be required for emergency accommodation during the Covid 19 crisis were considered.

The Chairperson and Board sent a message of thanks to management and staff for the efficient manner in which pre-closure safety measures and subsequent distance learning initiatives had been undertaken.

The Senior Boys hockey squad were congratulated on winning the Munster Cup as were past pupils, Jack and Cian Desmond on winning RTE Young Film Director Awards and Simon Jennings on becoming the first student to complete ECDL exams remotely.

The plans for teaching and learning by digital means using the Google Classroom platform and adding Study Clix were explained. Experience has shown how clearer work day timetabling, additional functions on our ICT platform and revised subject learning plans can enhance student learning for the summer term. Surveys of student and teacher experience of distance learning are conducted to help frame future improvements.

CHILD PROTECTION REPORTS are retained for the next regular meeting of the Board by regulation.

Events planned by the Parents Representative Association, including a Fundraising Dinner and Careers Fair have been postponed.

Further work on a draft policy on admission was completed and the draft is next to be legally examined.

The Board noted financial implications of the school closure and Board of Directors decisions to place some ancillary staff on temporary lay-off emergency Covid 19 payments and seeking to enter the Salary Support Emergency Scheme in May.

Leave applications and withdrawals were noted as were substitute teachers employed to date.

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 28th April 2020.