Dear Parents,

The following is the agreed report of the Board of Management following a meeting on 30 September 2026.

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Pastoral & Parish:

- 1st-6th Class attended a Beginning of the School Year mass last Monday. Thank you to all involved.
- Dates have been set for celebration of the sacraments, and they will be communicated to parents/guardians by the parish.

Enrolments:

- 478 children are currently on roll. This is up by 5 pupils on last year. If the pupil-teacher ratio does not change in the upcoming budget, we will not regain our 20th permanent teaching position next year as the number to regain is 481 teachers (based on last year's Staffing Schedule). If we don't regain this teacher, we will likely have a combined class arrangement again next year. The Board will ensure that a new policy is in place to guide this process.
- The enrolment process for Junior Infants 2026 begins tomorrow, 1 October. Parents/guardians submit an application form online. The Annual Admissions Notice was approved by the Board and Archbishop's House and has been shared on our website outlining how many places are being offered and the important dates of the enrolment process. We are offering 120 places for the incoming Junior Infants. There will be one place available in our autism class.
- Our updated Admission Policy, which was ratified by the Board in September 2026, is also available online.
- Our Admission Policy and Annual Admission Notice now has the following note for parents included:
  The Autism Class is co-educational and caters for children of primary school age only – i.e. four years to thirteen years. Note, however, that mainstream classes from 1st-6th Class are girls only, which parents/guardians may wish to consider when deciding on the best placement for their (male) child (in relation to integration during the day from our autism class into the mainstream class).

School Improvement Plan, Curriculum & Professional Development:

- The Board reviewed a summary of the Drumcondra (Standardised tests) results from the assessments carried out in May 2026. The results show that our pupils' results are higher than the norm in both English Reading (comprehension and vocabulary) and Maths.
- There will be a heavy focus our newly-assigned subject specification this year: that of Wellbeing (which includes the subjects of PE and SPHE) at all class levels. We will have 2 full-day Oide training days for these subjects and we are also assigned a full day school-led day to develop our learning.
- We will also have a full-day closure for professional development with Oide in the area of Language Awareness (which relates to Modern Foreign Languages). These dates have been communicated to parents through the Nuacht Litir.
- We had an incidental inspection from a DEY Inspector on Monday 14th September. We were fully compliant with the child protection checks that were carried out and the inspector was

satisfied that she observed 'Good/Very Good' practice in the classroom/SET settings that she visited.

Events/Other:

- Accessibility of our Website & other Communication – According to the European Accessibility Act, public schools must be compliant with accessibility regulations since 2020 (according to Irish law S.I. No. 358/2020). The company who designed and now manages our website has sent a proposal to start the work needed to ensure our compliance. This would be added to the maintenance and hosting cost this coming year.
- We have registered for involvement The National Children's Choir (5th & 6th Class) which will take place later in the year. Many thanks to the staff involved. We feel that this is very worthwhile for our pupils.
- Ms. Aoife Cotter's 4th Class with join the Rathfarnham Concert Band in the National Concert Hall in November. Thanks to the staff involved.
- The Cumann na mBunscol football season has been taking place during the month of September. Many thanks to Ms. Emma Nelson, Ms. Eimear Devlin, Ms. Orla Smith and Declan (BBSE) for their commitment to this. The girls and their supporters must be commended too! They have won 2 out of 3 matches so far.
- The Student Council will continue to involve pupils from both 5th and 6th Class. Elections will be held in a few weeks for new 5th Class members. Thanks to the staff involved in this.

Primary School 'Have Your Say' Survey

The Board reviewed the data after consultation with the school community.

After lengthy discussion, the Board has decided to submit an Expression of Interest Form to the DEY to consider future change towards a co-educational arrangement. This is a clear preference of parents/guardians (as can been seen in both the DEY survey and our recent school-led survey and corresponding comments. Co-educational: 64.3% (157 people), Single-sex: 35.7% (87 people)

In the school-led survey, a majority expressed an interest in remaining under a religious patron (denominational). Denominational: 60.2% (147 people), Multi-denominational: 39.8% (97 people). It was decided not to express an interest in change at this time.

Yours Sincerely

The Board of Management