

Scoil an Linbh Íosa Board of Management Report 2022



Role of the Board of Management

The Board manages the school on behalf of the patron and is accountable to the patron and the Minister. The Board adopts a child-centered approach to all of its work. High-quality leadership is crucial in establishing a central purpose and vision for Scoil an Linbh Íosa and the achievement of high-quality educational outcomes for all pupils who attend Scoil an Linbh Íosa. The Board must also uphold the characteristic spirit (ethos) of the school and is accountable to the patron for so doing. The Board is required to hold not less than five meetings in the school year and at least one meeting per term.

Word of Thanks

The Board of Management, in partnership and openness with the staff and parents, strives to provide a safe, secure and supportive environment for all pupils and staff, where each individual is valued and difference is respected.

We are committed to supporting the staff and parents in encouraging and motivating our pupils to achieve their full potential: intellectually, socially, spiritually, emotionally and physically.

The Board would like to thank the Parent Teacher Association for their continuous work and commitment to organising many school events and fund raising activities throughout the school year.

The Board is committed to the continued development of the school for the benefit of our pupils, and recognises the important on-going role of parents and staff in pursuing this aim.

Thank You

Board of Management Composition

The current Board of Management was appointed for a four-year period, commencing on December 1st 2019 until November 30th 2023.

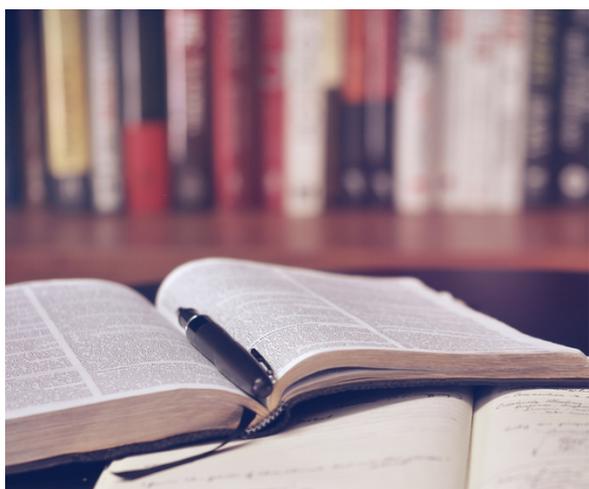
Chairperson:	Michael Moriarty
Secretary:	Irene Keogh(Principal)
Patron's Nominee:	Fr. Seán Maher
Teacher's Nominee:	Anne Heffernan
Parents' Nominees:	Mick O Toole (Treasurer) Michelle Dillon
Community Nominees:	Cairbre Finan Thomas Donohue



Policy Development

The Board has overall responsibility for school policies. Policies worked on and reviewed by the BoM during this year included:

- Annual Review of the Child Protection Policy
- Annual Review of the Anti-Bullying Policy
- Critical Incident Policy
- Admissions Policy
- Science Policy
- Homework policy
- Swimming policy
- Accidents/ First Aid policy
- Safety Statement
- EPV days
- School Reports policy
- Code of Behaviour



Staffing

As of 1st December 2022 there are 474 children enrolled in the school. There are 17 class teachers and 9 teachers on the SET.

Child Protection

The schools Designated Liason Person is Ms. Irene Keogh. The Deputy Designated Liason Person is Ms. Karol Hobbins. They are legally obliged to refer all Child Protection concerns to TUSLA.



Finances

Section 15 of the Education Act, 1998 requires the board of management, in carrying out its functions, to have regard to the efficient use of resources and, in particular, to the efficient use of State funds. Boards therefore have a statutory duty to ensure that appropriate systems and procedures are in place to ensure school resources (including grants, staffing and other resources) are managed appropriately and efficiently and in a manner that provides for appropriate accountability to the relevant parties.

Workings of the Board

2022 was a busy year for the BOM who have overseen many developments in the school including

- The installation of a new 'Netwatch' security system
- Recruitment of staff
- The first phase in the development of our new extension
- An extension to our Secretary's office
- Removal of permanent stage in hall
- A reduction in our pupil teacher ratio