**Board of Management News September 2026**

The first meeting of the Board of Management for the school year 2026/27 took place in the school on Thursday 24th of September at 7pm. The following are updates from the meeting.

- Teaching & Learning: Focus this year is on the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Upskilling of teachers and the purchase of new materials for use in this area is ongoing. The school has booked workshops in STEM over a number of weeks for all class levels. STEM kits have also been purchased (solar cars, helicopters and rovers) as well as a variety of other science kits. The Board extended thanks to the Parents Association for their ongoing financial support to curriculum change.
- The following policies were discussed and ratified in accordance with Department circulars: (a) Electronic Banking (b) Retention of a Pupil in The Same Grade (c) Restorative Practice (d) Provision of Work Experience for Transition Year Students (e) Admissions Policy (f) Assessment Policy & Assessment Folder (g) Practices & Procedures (h) Student teacher/SNA work placement Policy (i) Internet Acceptable Usage Policy (j) Credit Card Policy. These are available from the office.
- The Board were disappointed to learn that like many schools there has been no allocation of an educational psychologist to the school for 2026/27 from NEPS (National Educational Psychological Service) NEPS have stated that this is due to vacancies, maternity leave and long-term sick leave.
- The Board reviewed and were pleased with summer work carried out in the school including roof repair, full internal light replacement, tarmac alternations, deep clean and ground maintenance. Thanks was extended to Brendan Gregory (Gregory tarmac) for the tarmac repair work. Outside the school, external groundwork is ongoing on the footpath with Safe Routes to School in association with Wicklow County Council.
- The Board welcomed our two new priests to the parish, Canon Liam Rigney and Fr Kevin Rowan and wished them well in their time ahead.
- The chairperson wished the members of the Board of Management, staff, parents and children a successful school year for 2026/2027.
- The next meeting will be Thursday December 3rd 2026.