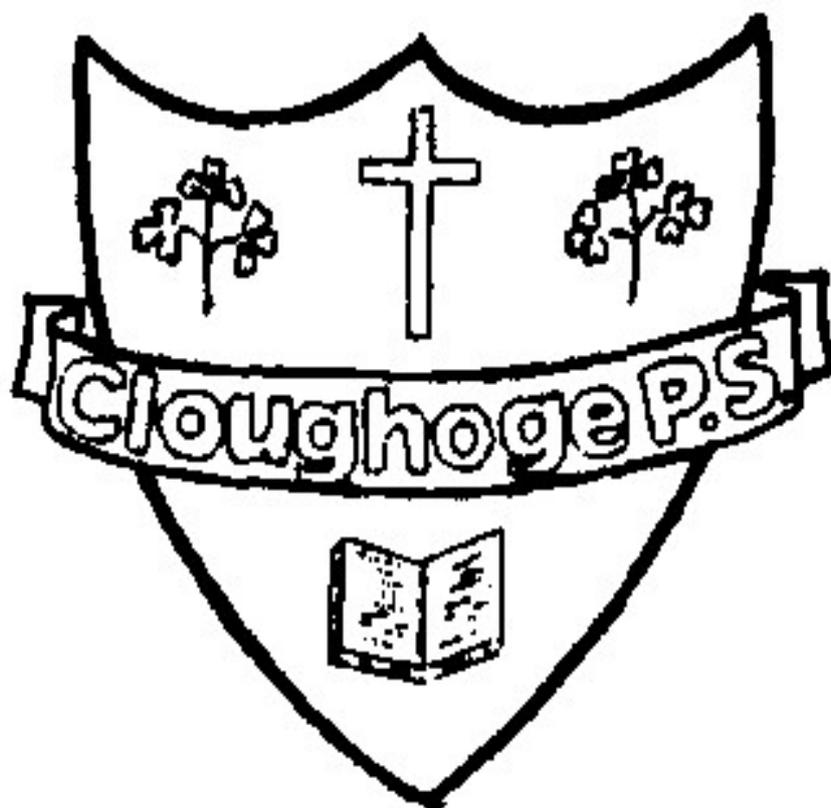


***CLOUGHOGUE
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND
NURSERY UNIT***



**GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT
2018-19**

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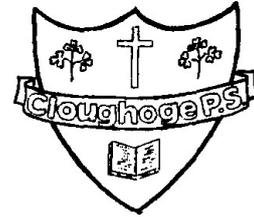
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June 2019

Dear Parents,

As the Chairman of Cloughoge Board of Governors I am proud to present to you the School's Annual Report for the year 2018/19. This was another busy year with many enriching and rewarding activities offered to the children. The school continues with its high quality teaching and learning with a wide range of opportunities provided by the staff for the development of each child.

We are fortunate in having such a hardworking and talented staff to work with our children and I thank them on behalf of the Board of Governors and Trustees for all the effort they put into providing a stable and stimulating environment in which our children may grow and develop.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I also must thank you, the parents, for your on-going and generous support for all the activities engaged in by the school.

Our school recently had an ETI Inspection and I am delighted to report that it concluded with very positive and complimentary comments from the Inspector.

On 1 September 2018 we welcomed Mr Mark Murtagh as our new Vice Principal. Mark has made a great contribution to the school in his first year.

I commend this report to you.

Yours sincerely,

John Doherty
Chairman

CLOUGHOGUE PRIMARY SCHOOL'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Governors are normally elected for a four-year period – Current term ends Autumn 2022.

Mr John Doherty:	Chairman Trustee Representative (Parent)
Mrs Roisin Lynch:	Vice-Chair DENI Representative
Rev Father Richard Naughton PP:	Trustee Representative
Mrs Alice Reilly:	Trustee Representative Designated CP Governor
Mrs Una McNulty:	Trustee Representative
Mr Ronan Haughey:	EA Representative
Mrs Noelle Magennis:	EA Representative
Mr Fergal Greene:	Elected Parent Governor
Mrs Joanne O Hagan:	Elected Teacher Governor
Mrs Isobel Temple:	Secretary Principal

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GOVERNORS' MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

The Governors are ultimately responsible for the overall management of the school. They are required to meet a minimum of three times each year but in practice meet more often than this.

Governors Main Duties include: —

1. Overseeing the curriculum
2. The control of the budget
3. The provision of information to parents
4. The selection of staff
5. The maintenance of premises (shared responsibility with EA)
6. The Admissions' Policy (Nursery and Primary)
7. Fostering links with the local and wider community

The present Board of Governors for this report replaced the former Board in 2018.

The Board of Governors is comprised of: —

- Four Governors nominated by the Trustees - one of whom must be a parent of a pupil presently in attendance at the school.
- Two Governors nominated by the EA
- One Governor nominated by the Department of Education
- One elected Parent Governor
- One elected Teacher Governor
- School Principal

STAFF INFORMATION 2018 - 2019

Teaching Staff

Mrs I Temple	Principal
Miss P Rafferty	Nursery Teacher and Music Co-ordinator SLT, DDT
Mrs S Coleman	Nursery Teacher
Mrs S Murphy (Miss S Hamill)	Primary 1 Teacher and Numeracy Co-ordinator
Mrs K Crilly (Miss M Grimley)	Primary 1 Teacher
Mrs AM McKevitt	Primary 2 Teacher and Literacy Co-ordinator
Mrs M McEvoy (part-time)	Primary 2 Teacher and Art & Drama Co-ordinator
Mrs C Fearon (part-time)	Primary 2 Teacher
Mr M Murtagh	Vice Principal and Designated Teacher
Mrs C McNally	Primary 3 Teacher
Mrs N Mc Givern	Primary 4 Teacher
Mrs K Quinn	Primary 4 Teacher and FS/KS1 Co-ordinator SLT
Mrs A Gregory	Primary 5 Teacher and RE Co-ordinator
Mrs Carmel Keane (part-time)	Primary 5 Teacher and ICT Co-ordinator
Mr C Mc Cann (part-time)	Primary 5 Teacher
Mrs A McKevitt	Primary 6 Teacher and Head of Key Stage 2 SLT DDT
Mr D Byrne	Primary 6 Teacher and PDMU Co-ordinator
Mrs C Hicks	Primary 7 Teacher and PE Co-ordinator
Mrs M Walsh	Primary 7 The World Around Us Co-ordinator
Mrs Joanne O Hagan	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator SLT DDT

(SLT-Senior Leadership Team; DT & DDT – Designated & Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)

MISSION STATEMENT

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(Learning and growing with love)

Cloughoge School (Primary and Nursery Unit) is a Catholic School living with Christ at its heart. It is with this foundation that all adults, by example, aim to celebrate the uniqueness of every child and value all their contributions. We will ensure our children are happy, healthy, secure, respected and cared for in their learning environment.

Cloughoge Primary School community in partnership with our parents and guardians aim to:

1. Share and promote our Catholic ideals, values, and beliefs so our whole community has mutual respect.
2. Promote the spiritual, personal, social, health and academic goals desirable for all our pupils in order to mould them into caring and responsible citizens of the future.
3. Enable our children to become articulate, literate and numerate with early intervention in place as required.
4. Ensure all may become independent and confident learners in a well-resourced environment.
5. Encourage the children to develop lively, enquiring, imaginative and creative minds with the ability to question and argue rationally.
6. Highlight the dignity and worth of each individual and promote the development of the whole person to the best each can be as valuable contributors to running our school effectively.
7. Promote the multicultural nature of society and to foster respect for those with different religions, beliefs and ways of life.
8. Involve parents, local schools and the local community as active participants and mutual partners in the education of our children.
9. Ensure we deliver the Northern Ireland Curriculum to the highest standard and include a broad range of rich and meaningful experiences as part of their development in school time or as extra-curricular activities.
10. Foster children's awareness of and a caring attitude towards their local and wider community and environment, and of the effects their actions can have on them.

CURRICULUM POLICY STATEMENTS

It is the policy of the Board of Governors of Cloughoge Primary School that all the pupils will receive their full entitlement under the Northern Ireland Curriculum and that the school will go beyond that entitlement in areas where there are abilities among the staff.

The School Development Plan is continually updated to take cognisance of changing needs, DENI, policy, etc; It is the tool for self-improvement for the whole school community where everyone has a say with an emphasis on promoting literacy and numeracy.

The curriculum shall be so designed that the desire to learn will be encouraged in pupils and that thinking and reasoning will be stimulated. It is important that children learn to independently apply themselves to the work in hand and are ready for transition at every stage.

The acquisition of knowledge and skills and understanding of what has been learned will be regarded as very important. This acquisition will, however, be placed in the context of the development of sound moral values based on our Catholic religion.

Cloughoge Nursery Unit will offer a curriculum that is balanced and broadly based and which promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual and physical development of the pupils. This curriculum will seek to prepare the pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life. It will also be the aim of the school to maximise the potential of each pupil, to develop self-confidence in the pupils and to promote a spirit of tolerance towards others. The six areas of the curriculum are covered by careful and imaginative planning by the nursery teachers. The combined expertise of all nursery staff ensure that children benefit from learning in a safe, stimulating and happy environment.

CURRICULUM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Board of Governors is responsible by law for making sure that the curriculum is being delivered to pupils throughout the school, and, in order to facilitate this, have, after consultation with the Principal, delegated shared leadership as outlined in staff responsibilities.

These arrangements fulfil the requirements of the Education Reform Order to provide a broad and balanced curriculum and ensure that all aspects of the child's development (spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual and physical) are included in classroom practice. The ethos (values, relationships and caring attitude) of Cloughoge Primary School as a committed Catholic school permeates and influences all aspects of the curriculum.

The Governors firmly believe that a school's greatest assets are a competent teaching and support staff. The Governors are pleased to have a two stream system throughout the school from Nursery to Primary Seven. In order to achieve this, the school allowance has to be carefully spent, much forward planning is needed and savings made where possible. On 1 October 2018 the enrolment (including Nursery) was 465 pupils with 17 teachers and the Principal. The pupil teacher ratio is 26:1.

In-Service Training 2018/ 2019

This was the second year of our three-year School Development Plan. Exceptional closures, Non-contact days and In-Service training were allocated in line with priorities identified on this plan. PRSD (Performance Review and Staff Development) process also continued in line with identified priorities. Industrial Action had an impact on some aspects of staff development.

Staff received training in the following areas:

Music, SEN, ICT, Play/Observations, Child Protection, Complaints Procedure, Attendance, Health Awareness, First Aid, Numicon, Beginning Teacher Programme, C2K Assessment training, Grow in Love RE training, Leadership Development Programme, SIMS training, Sensory Motor training, E Safety, Positive Playgrounds, Speech and Language training, Early Years Woodwork, Effective Pre School Provision.

Our main focus this year was on raising achievement in Numeracy therefore time was allocated to the development of this area.

Special Educational Needs

It is our aim to ensure that the Special Educational Needs of children are identified as early as possible and that the procedures for meeting these needs are effective. We have adopted the Code of Practice and SENDO (Sept 2005) which has enabled us to effectively meet the Special Educational Needs of the majority of children within the mainstream school with outside specialist help when necessary.

As a result, children with Special Educational Needs are taught the Northern Ireland Curriculum by their class teachers within the normal classroom setting.

The curriculum is seen as being a common curriculum for all the pupils of Cloughoge Primary School and no pupil will be excluded from any part of it on the grounds of sex, colour or creed. The school will consider the needs of both children with SEN and gifted children when allocating resources.

We recognise the invaluable contribution that can be made by parents/guardians to their child's progress and it is our policy to keep them informed and to invite them to work in partnership with the school at every stage. Our SENCO Mrs J O Hagan co-ordinates Special Needs Provision and also withdraws pupils as appropriate. A SPLD peripatetic teacher worked with a number of identified children for intensive, individual teaching. A number of classroom assistants receive additional training and run a sensory motor group in school as well as literacy and numeracy intervention programmes.

In October 2018 there were 51 Children Stage 1-5 on the Code of Practice (11%). Thirteen children (2.7%) held statements of Special Educational Needs. A range of intervention programmes were in place including Maths Catch –Up, Reading Partnership and Reading Buddies.

Access Arrangements

Our one-storey building is suited to wheelchair access and offers appropriate resources and changing/toileting facilities. Special parking arrangements are arranged for direct entrance to the building. We currently have two children requiring wheelchairs.

Maximum effort is made to provide access to the curriculum to children who are physically disabled and the school accepts its responsibility to develop the potential of all children.

Safeguarding

We have a Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place to meet the requirements of DENI. This policy is in place to promote and protect the welfare of our pupils and has been shared with everyone who works in our school. All staff had full training in Child Protection/Safeguarding. Appropriate background checks were carried out for all people working in school.

The Safeguarding team comprised of:

Designated Teacher for Child Protection/Pastoral Care co-ordinator – Mr M Murtagh

Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection - Mrs A McKevitt, Miss P Rafferty and Mrs J O Hagan.

Mrs A Reilly is our Designated Child Protection Governor

Mrs I Temple - Principal

Mrs I Temple is the Designated Teacher for Looked After Children.

We have a restricted access facility whereby the buildings are secure at all times.

Care and welfare of pupils continues to be paramount in Cloughoge P.S and Nursery Unit. A range of initiatives were offered to pupils to ensure safety, enhance self-confidence and resilience and increase their awareness of how to seek help. This year we offered a weekly counselling service to pupils who needed additional, professional support.

In 2018-9 we had one new referral to Social Services, that case remains open. We have no other open cases currently.

Complaints Procedure

The school values open communication and regular engagement between the school, parents/carers and other stakeholders. Therefore, we would encourage parents/carers to bring concerns to us and we will aim to resolve them. In the first instance contact should be made with the class teacher. If the matter remains unresolved then an appointment can be made to meet with the Principal and/or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. If this fails to resolve the issue, then a copy of the school's Complaints Procedure should be sought (available on school website) and followed. The Procedure is now a simplified two stage process as detailed below:

Stage One

Write to the
Principal

Stage Two

Write to the Chairperson
of Board of Governors

If the complaint is not resolved after Stage 2 it can be referred to NI Public Service Ombudsman.

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Church Events

One of the highlights of our year was a visit by Cardinal Sean Brady to our school to take part in our Catholic Schools week celebrations. This involved pupils, parents, grandparents and the wider school community. The Primary Four classes prepared for and received the Sacraments of Penance and First Communion, and the Primary Seven classes received Confirmation. Sacramental preparation took place in these classes. All classes from P1 to P6 are now using the new Grow in Love programme. The year ended with an end of year Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Cloughoge. Children from the school continue to participate in numerous ways in the Sunday liturgy in the parish. The school community would like to thank our Parish Priest and our school Chaplain, Fr Naughton for his continued support of the school.

Music

The school continued its excellent music tradition by utilizing string, brass and woodwind tutors from the EA during the school day and participation in local competitions.

We had a particularly successful year at Newry Musical Feis with many solo and group participants and winners. The Primary Four String Project, Brass and KS 2 Drumming Projects and concerts for parents/pupils are a continued success. P5 pupils attended a concert of The Ulster Orchestra.

The choir performed throughout the year at different events within the school and at Carol Services, Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies. We are thankful to Ms Paula Rafferty for the promotion of music in the school and particularly for leading our choir.

Charity Endeavours

Specific charities and events we supported were Ellen's Journey (£287), Children's Cancer Fund (£275), Diabetes (£312), Heart Foundation (£370), Lourdes Fund (£200) Tens Foundation (£438 bags sold), and Fight for Life (£50). Donations of toys and Food Hampers were made to Saint Vincent de Paul.

Parental and Community Links

We held Curriculum Evenings early in the autumn term to give parents an overview of the curriculum and expectations for the year. The Nursery participated in The Big Bedtime Read Programme and the Happy, Healthy Kids Programme. All classes held assemblies for parents. The Nursery children performed the Nativity for their families and the Primary Seven classes performed a Christmas Play. There was a wonderful turnout for our two Christmas Carol Services held in the Church. There was a Transfer overview for Primary Six parents. The Primary 4 and 7 parents attended sacramental meetings and celebrations including Holy Communion and Confirmation. There was excellent support for our Book Fairs. Annual parent teacher meetings and IEP meetings provided opportunities for teachers and parents to discuss each child's progress. RISE NI provided support and training on a range of topics. Young Enterprise provided business workshops for P4-7 classes. Primary 7 ran the Business Beginnings Programme linking up with Newry Credit Union.

Three members of the staff organised and instructed the children for the National Cycling Proficiency Test, under the auspices of the Department of the Environment. Newry Fire Station Officers visited the school (Primary Five) and spoke on the hazards of fire.

St Colman's College delivered a series of Outreach programmes with P6 and P7 classes which involved them going to the college. St Paul's High School continues to have many links with the school. Students from St Paul's assisted with PE throughout the year.

The school used and used local facilities such as Sacred Heart Church Cloughoge, Palace Stables, Bagnall's Castle, Tesco and Killeavy GAA Grounds.

Visitors to the school included a range of external support agencies such as Educational Psychologist, Occupational Therapists, Sensory Support, Counselling services, as well as Music tutors and Sports Coaches. We had volunteers in school as well as students from secondary schools, SRC and teacher training colleges.

Children from Primary One to Seven participated in Newry Feis.

A strong link continues to be developed with our cluster of Parish schools to share good practice.

The school hosted Fostering NI Summer Camp and a Drama Summer Camp.

This year a new fund raising committee was established. Parent volunteers, co-ordinated by Mr Murtagh have come together to plan and raise funds for the school.

Sporting Links

We have Fundamentals Foundation stage coaching in Gaelic (GAA) and Soccer (IFA). Cumann na mBunscoil also supports Gaelic football and hurling coaching in school. This is enhanced by the support received from Killeavy GAC who continue to provide the school with coaching and facilities throughout the year. The partnership that exists with Killeavy GAC is much appreciated by the school. As a school we were able to enhance our school sports equipment due to the excellent support of our school Jersey Day. This year we continued with the Healthy Kidz programme in Key Stage 2 and Daily Mile throughout the school.

Extended Schools and Extra Curricular Activities

This is the first year of our Morning, 2-3pm and 3-4pm Clubs. These clubs were well attended and staffed by classroom assistants. Feedback from parents and pupils has been positive. Extended Schools has enabled us to provide Numeracy and Literacy programmes targeted at specific children as well as funding Athletics and Accelerated Reader Programs. We also have introduced fruit snacks to Primary 1 & 2 pupils.

We facilitated after-schools clubs using the expertise of local providers and staff for Gaelic, Soccer, Irish, ICT, Cookery, Hip-Hop, Relaxation and Art classes.

Health and Safety

Health and safety procedures are followed in accordance with guidelines. The Principal and Building Supervisor worked on recommendations arising from an audit carried out by the nominated Health and Safety Governor. All electrical appliances were checked to ensure they were safe to use. First Aid and Health Awareness training was updated. Carpets were replaced in KS1 classrooms and other essential maintenance undertaken to ensure building was safe and secure.

Financial Statement

The Board of Governors has overall responsibility for the distribution of the finances allocated to this school, but on a day to day basis this is exercised by the Principal with the assistance of the Executive Officer. The actual budget share is calculated by the Education Authority using a standardised formula which applies to all NI schools.

The complete detailed financial statement for the financial year, April 2018 - March 2019 is available in school, and with Governors permission, may be inspected on request.

The Board of Governors continues to carefully administer and monitor the School Budget in order to maintain the existing staff levels and provide adequate resources for the school.

LMS and School Funds April 18 –March 19

The LMS delegated school budget allocation was £1,266,028 and expenditure was £1, 252,552. School funds balance at the end of the financial year was £40,622.

Pupil Attendance Statistics

2018-19	-96.0% (to date)
2017-18	- 95.6%
2016-17	- 95.7%
2015-16	- 95.1%

Academic Statistics

Due to Industrial action there are no End of Key Stage Assessment Results 2018-2019. However, all targets set at school level for Standardised Tests in Literacy and Numeracy were met. ETI visited the school in May 2019 and were satisfied with the standard achieved by pupils.

School Timetable

Primary School and Nursery Unit

Class starts at 9am

Nursery finishes at 1.30pm

P1-3 finish at 2pm (Term 3 -P3 finish at 3pm)

P4-7 finish at 3pm

CLOUGHOGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: 2018-9

School Reopens
Monday 3rd September 2018

Halloween Break
Mon 29 October to Friday 2 November 2018 (inclusive)

Christmas Break (close at 12 noon on Friday 21 December)
Monday 24 December 2018 to Friday 4th January 2019 (inclusive)

Spring Mid Term Break
Monday 18 to Friday 22 February 2019 (inclusive)

St Patrick's Day
Monday 18 March 2019

Easter Break (close at 12.00 noon on Thursday 18th April)
Reopen Monday 29th April 2019

May Bank Holiday
Monday 6th May 2019

Bank Holiday and School Development Day
Monday 27 May and Tuesday 28 May 2019

School Closes for Summer Break
Friday 28 June 2019 (close at 12 noon)

An additional ten days were worked by staff over the course of the year.

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