



## **Star of the Sea Primary School**

### **Board of Management Annual Report 2017-2018**

Star of the Sea PS currently has a pupil enrolment of 435. Staffing consists of 16 mainstream class teachers, 8 SET posts including 1 EAL post, 4 SNAs (one post 3.5 hours), a secretary and a caretaker. The current Board of Management began its term of office on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 and will run until November 30<sup>th</sup> 2019. The members of the BoM are:

Mr. Denis O' Byrne, Chairperson

Mrs. Elizabeth O' Regan, Patron's Representative

Mrs. Angelique Cashman, Principal, Secretary to the BOM

Mrs. Claire Lester, Teacher Representative

Ms. Nora Killen-Lehane, Parents' Representative

Mr. Ian Malone, Parents' Representative

Mr. Anthony Reidy, Community Representative, Treasurer to the BOM

Mr. Michael O' Mahony, Community Representative

The BoM held 7 meetings over the course of the year. The BoM has met its obligations in respect of Child Protection and Anti-Bullying procedures as laid down in Circular 0065/2011 Appendix 2 and Circular 0045/2013 and Circular 0081/2017

The following school procedures and policies were reviewed and ratified by the BoM during 2017/2018:

- Checklist for Annual Review of the Child Protection Policy.
- Adoption of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary School 2017
- Child Safeguarding Statement
- Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment
- Child Protection Oversight Report
- Data Protection Policy and Record and Retention Schedule
- CCTV Policy
- Policy on Exemption from Irish
- Policy on Class Allocation by the Principal
- Policy on EPV Days
- Statement of Strategy for Pupil Attendance
- Policy on Job Share
- Policy on School Placement

Members of the BOM undertook CPSMA training on the new Child Protection Procedures.

The BOM approved a Compilation of the Financial Statements of the School to year end 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 prepared by accountant Seán Walsh.

The BOM is in compliance with GDPR.

The BOM reports school attendance for 2017-2018 at 94% compliance.

The BOM sanctioned the appointment of Mrs. Maria Barrett to the AP1 post which arose in the school.

The BoM were informed of the school's re-engagement with the School Self Evaluation Process.

With BOM approval four exemptions from the study of Irish were granted since June 2017.

The BOM has supported the implementation of the new SEN model in the school and the many initiatives undertaken in this area – Team Teaching, Reading Recovery, Literacy Lift Off, CAPER.

The BOM agreed the purchase of a mobile stage for the school. Playground markings for the junior yard have been sanctioned. The BOM recognises the need to develop the STEM subjects in the school and supports the research and initiatives currently in place in the school.

The BoM is satisfied that the school has met its obligations for Standardised Testing as per Circular 0056/2011 and Circular 0034/2016. Reporting to parents is undertaken as per Circular 0056/2011

The BOM welcomes the appointments of Ms. Ruth Deane to a permanent position in Star of the Sea PS.

The BoM also supported the following initiatives undertaken by the school during 2018/2019:

\*Open Evening \*Christmas Fair \* Carol Singing for the Passage West community \* Cór Fhéile  
\* Port of Cork Competition

\* Get Active Activities – Rumba, Irish Dancing, GAA Coaching, GAA Blitzes,

\*Sports – Sciath na Scol, City Sports, Soccer, Gymnastics

\* Sacramental Celebrations \* Seachtain na Gaeilge

\* PDST led Staff CPD in Stay Safe and RSE \* Comenius Project \* London Trip.

\* Educational Initiatives – STEM, Coding, New Language Curriculum In-service, AISTEAR, CAPER,

\* Friend-Ship Events \* School Concerts \*Visiting Theatres \*Music Workshops

\*After School activities – Yoga, Irish dancing, Coding, Homework Club

The BoM wishes to thank the Parents' Association for their support and contribution to all aspects of school life. The BoM acknowledges their great efforts in fundraising for school activities and in supporting the school in its many activities – Open Night, Religious Ceremonies, School Concerts, Educational initiatives, and Gymnastics. The BOM thank them for their financial contributions to support the purchase of a stage and the development of the yard area through the purchase of picnic tables and installation of playground markings.

In addition the BOM would like to express its sincere thanks to the PA's Chairperson, Mrs. Clodagh O' Donovan who will step down this year. The Board acknowledges her commitment and dedication to the school during her long service on the PA committee.

The BoM would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of staff, the interest and co-operation of parents and guardians and the enthusiastic co-operation of pupils who all work together to make Star of the Sea PS a welcoming, orderly, safe centre of learning.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson, Board of Management