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Board of Management 2023-2027

Dear Parents,

In the coming weeks all primary schools in the country will be going through the process of electing new boards of management for the next four years. (1st December 2023 - 30th November 2027)

Boards of Management are comprised of eight people as follows:

- Two patron nominees
- Two parent nominees - one mother and one father
- Two teacher nominees - the principal and one other teacher
- Two community nominees

We now need to begin the process of electing two parent nominees to the board.

The first step is to establish your willingness to stand for nomination and election to the board of management.

To this end, I ask those of you who are interested in allowing your name to go forward for nomination and election, to please complete and sign the form which has been sent home with your child today. Please return the form by Friday 13th October.

Following this, a list of all parents who have indicated a willingness to take part will be circulated to all households inviting parents to nominate candidates from this list for election to the new board.

Below are some frequently asked questions about boards of management which hopefully will give you a better understanding of what boards of management do.

What does a Board of Management Do?

The board manages the school on behalf of the patron. The patron of our school and of all Catholic schools in the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin is Bishop Denis Nulty. The board is accountable to the patron and the Minister.

Is the board responsible for the day to day running of the school?

No. The principal is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school, including guidance and direction of the teachers and other staff of the school. The principal is accountable to the board for that management.

How many times does the board of management meet?

All boards of management of primary schools assuming office from 1 December 2023 onwards are required to meet at least five times per year.

Does the board of management have rules to follow?

Yes. The board must adhere to the provisions of the Governance Manual for Primary Schools 2023 – 2027. You can read this governance manual if you wish [here](#).

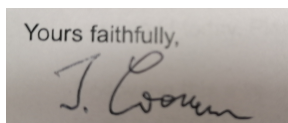
What role do the parent nominees have on the board of management?

Parent nominees bring a mother's and father's view to board of management discussions and decisions and play an important role on the board. Board meetings are confidential to board members, but all members of the board work together to make decisions in the best interest of the children and the school.

Where can I find out more information about the current board of management of the school?

You can see information about the current board and reports of some meetings [here](#).

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Hyland who will be happy to speak with you.



Yours faithfully,
T. Coonan

Msgr Thomas Coonan

Chairperson, Board of Management.