

Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 17th October 2016: report to families and staff

Attendees: Karen Loughran (Chairperson,) Raymond Swan (Secretary,) Louise Redmond, Olive Doherty, Allen Holman, Angie Dooley, Colin Webb (Treasurer)

Apologies: Sarah Anderson

(A separate PTA AGM preceded this Board Meeting, and it was also attended by the above Board members.)

1. Minutes from last meeting: *this agenda item was deferred.*

2. **Treasurer's Report** *Reconciled 30th September 2016*

Current account:	€
School books account:	€
Savings account:	€
Credit Card:	(€-)

Accounts 2015-2016: A representative from the Accountant's office is due to visit the school Wednesday 26th October 2016.

3. **I.C.T.**

The Board considered queries regarding the school's approach to using the 'Class DoJo' app. Principal to arrange for review by school staff of existing use of Class DoJo, (there is no 'agreed school approach' at present.)

The Board will return to the issue in due course, with a view to ensuring that adequate safeguards are in place. (Ref also: expansion of 'Media Education' within the school's SPHE curriculum.)

4. **Nut Allergies**

Principal informed the Board of a small number of significant cases within the school at present, (as is the case in most school years.) Emergency Anapens in place.

Nut shells recently found on school hallways and on special class playground. (Young special class pupil particularly at risk.)

Board agreed that school staff should continue to raise awareness of the issue amongst pupils and families (including via the school newsletter.) The ban on nuts in the Infant classrooms and in the Pre-School Special Class (and in the mainstream class where there is a pupil with a significant allergy) will remain in place. However, this ban will not be extended to all classrooms.

Date of Next Board Meeting:

Thursday 24th November, 8pm at the school