



Gorey Educate Together National School

Scoil Náisiúnta Foghlaim le Chéile, Guaire

Principal's Newsletter

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*Educate Together -
Equality-Based Schools*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may know, our school has a system of Voluntary Contributions in place.

All contributions are used to enhance the school lives of our pupils - music programmes, classroom equipment, sports coaching, specialist learning resources, etc.

The school's Board of Management wishes to thank the families who have made voluntary contributions thus far. The Board also requests that all other families consider joining the scheme.

The options through which parents can contribute are outlined overleaf. Please remember that all contributions remain voluntary and confidential.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

*Raymond Swan
Principal*

It all adds up...

The Board of Management kindly asks each family to give between €15 and €21 per month during 2019-2020.

Such contributions during the 2017-2018 school year totalled €7,838.

Thank you!

'At the meeting nominations should be invited for both a mothers' panel and a fathers' panel. Each nominee must be seconded by a person in attendance at the meeting.'

ELECTION OF PARENT NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2019-2023

The term of the school's Board of Management will expire on 30/11/2019 and a new Board will take up office on 01/12/2019.

Two parents of children enrolled in the school (one being a mother and the other a father) will be elected by the general body of parents of children enrolled in the school.

A meeting will be held at the school at 7.30pm on Monday 11th November 2019.

At this meeting:-

Nominations will be sought from parents for persons to stand for election as parent nominees on the Board and a ballot will be held at the meeting to elect the nominees.

(If there is only one nominee for either panel, the nominees shall be deemed to be elected. If more than one nomination is received for either of the panels, a secret ballot shall be held at the meeting.)

A panel will also be established from which vacancies arising during the term of the Board may be filled.

See www.education.ie (search 'Governance Manual for Primary Schools 2019-2023') for further information on roles and responsibilities.

A 'Thank You' and information session was hosted by the current Board of Management on October 14th, and a very small number of parents were in attendance. A greater attendance at the meeting of 11th November would be much appreciated.

The school can claim a 31% Tax Refund on most taxpayer donations of **€250** or more (lump sum or part payments over the course of a tax year.) Total value to school: €250 + €77.50 = €327.50!

All voluntary contributions, small or large, make a difference!



No extra cost to you!



Wanted: Donation of bike and/or go-kart (in good condition) for use by our special classes for children with autism. (Bicycle to be suitable for ages 8+, perhaps with stabilisers.) Contact Patrick (special class teacher)

patrick@goreyeducatetogether.ie

Breakfast Together: €616 raised for Childline. Thank you! Thanks also to the parents who helped on the morning.



Parents and pupils are reminded to be punctual.

Lateness (after 8.50 am) significantly disrupts the classes and late collection (after 1.30pm and 2.30pm) can upset the child and interrupt the work of the staff.

All children and adults: please keep road safety in mind!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are collecting information about the use of reusable bottles in our school and trying to increase the use of them between now and the end of term. Please help us by sending reusable bottles where possible to school.

Thank you,

the children on the school's Eco Committee



Please note that the school newsletters of November 12th, 19th and 26th will only be available on the school website, on a trial basis.



Marvellous science fair by 5th and 6th classes. Breakfast Together. See school website for more photos.

