

# Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020: report to families and staff

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**Attendees:** Karen Loughran (Chairperson,) Colin Webb (Treasurer,) Raymond Swan (Secretary,) Olive Doherty, David O'Shea, David Bolger, Angie Dooley, Sarah Anderson

**Apologies:** -

*This essential end-of-year meeting was held in the school's PE Hall, with more than 2m physical distance between all Board members.*

1. **Minutes from previous meeting adopted** (David Bolger, David O' Shea)

*Matters arising:* -

"Aladdin Connect" rollout: "65% of families have used Connect in the last month." "74% of families have validated mobile numbers on the App." School Reports will be released via Aladdin Connect later this month.

Admission Policy: draft is now with Educate Together National Office, for approval.

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Report to families and staff was agreed. Board Secretary to post on school website.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

Current account: €

School books account: €

Savings account: €

Credit Card: (€)

PayPal A/C €

3. **Recruitment update**

Interviews re: fixed-term SNA Vacancies and Assistant Principal II acting vacancy will take place on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Interviews re: fixed-term and maternity leave cover Teacher Vacancies will take place in early July.

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4. **Child Protection**

**The Principal reported to the Board in accordance with sections 9.4 to 9.8 of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017.**

5. **Anti-Bullying**

**The Principal reported to the Board in accordance with Department of Education and Skills Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, 2013.**

6. **Principal's Report**

**School Closure March 13<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>**

The school had success in maintaining some connection with all families, and in helping them feel supported. A steady/regular approach was employed, using mixed methods (meaning that no family could feel left out entirely because of individual circumstances or preferences.) The school took feedback on board at two key points along the way (March and late April) - this enabled success and maintained momentum.

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**July Programme 2020**

The school hopes to again offer a programme for pupils in our special classes (and some other children with significant additional needs.) However, details are not yet available from the DES.

### **Reopening of the school to pupils, late August 2020**

The school is preparing for a full return of pupils for the new school year. However, details are not yet available from the DES.

#### **7. School Closure/School Calendar**

The Board agreed to change the 'last day of school' to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020, rather than Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. (The school's July Programme, if confirmed, would commence on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020.)

#### **8. AOB:**

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Farewell event for 6<sup>th</sup> class is planned for August, (Phase 5 of 'reopening of the country.')

Orientation visit for new Junior Infants is also planned for the summer months.

Sarah Anderson appointed to the Board of Management of Creagh College (Educate Together Nominee.)

### **Date of Next Board Meeting:**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 8pm at the school**