

# Board of Management of Gorey Educate Together NS, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022: report to families and staff

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

**Apologies:** Karen Loughran.

**Bereavement:** The Board noted the very sad passing of Kestar Mulholland, father of pupils of the school. Principal to arrange sympathy cards for the family.

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

*Matters arising:*

*Greenhouse now in place: minor groundworks to be completed during January/February.*

*Rainbows support programme: postponed to February/March 2022.*

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

2. **Treasurer's Reports –**

Current account:	€
School books account:	€
Savings account:	€
Credit Card:	(€ )
PayPal A/C	€

Wages Data: a cloud-based back-up is now in place.

3. **Enrolment**

Annual Admissions Notice 2022: Enrolment window: 10<sup>th</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Pre-existing pre-enrolment list: --

Recent pre-enrolments:

Junior Infants x --

Senior Infants x --

1st Class x --

2nd Class x --

3rd Class x --

4th Class x --

5th Class x --

6th Class x --

Special Classes x --

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. **Code of Behaviour**

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7. **Covid-19 Response Plan**

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**8. Reports from Assistant Principals**

Principal to relay the thanks of the Board to the Deputy Principal and Assistant Principals.

**9. ICT**

€31, 989 ICT funding recently received from the DoE, (up from €16,000 last year. Includes 'digital divide' grant of €13,360.)

Wi-Fi: upgrade is now complete. The equipment is working well.

Laptops: Board considered survey responses from teachers, before deciding to purchase laptops rather than Chromebooks.

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Replacement PCs also to be ordered. ('Replace 6 of our slowest machines every year.')

Board also agreed to fund a necessary server upgrade. --

'Digital Divide:' school to aim to increase its stock of iPads by 16 approx. (These devices could then be made available on loan to some families in case of future school closures, etc.)

**10. AOB**

New Bank Holiday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Board agreed to add the following school closure to this year's school calendar: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Date of Next Board Meeting:**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 7.30pm.**