



# Scoil Naomh Feichín

## Board of Management – Annual Report 2023/24

The purpose of this Board of Management Annual Report of Scoil Naomh Feichín is to provide a summary of information on the operation of the school in line with the requirements of the Education Act 1998. This report serves as an addition to the information provided on the school's website [www.scoilnaomhfeichin.ie](http://www.scoilnaomhfeichin.ie) and the various newsletters issued by the school and information provided to school families via email and Seesaw.

### ❖ **Board of Management 2023/24**

The term of the new Board of Management commenced on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

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| Chairperson / Patron's Representative | Fr Paul Byrne PP       |
| Secretary / Principal                 | Mr Bryan Collins       |
| Treasurer / Community Representative  | Mrs Katherine Rice     |
| Teachers' Representative              | Mrs Lauraine Collins   |
| Parents' Representative               | Mrs Deirdre Murphy     |
| Parents' Representative               | Mr Shane Grennan       |
| Patron's Representative               | Mrs Catherine Campbell |
| Community Representative              | Mrs Marie Saurin       |

### ❖ **School Ethos**

- ✓ School Community Mass at the start of the school year - September 2023
- ✓ Regular visits by Fr Paul to various classes in the school with more frequent visits to speak to the pupils involved in sacramental preparation.
- ✓ The school community engaged with activities associated with Catholic Schools Week 2024 (Jan 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>). The theme this year was "Catholic Schools – Communities of Service".
- ✓ First Penance – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 2024
- ✓ First Holy Communion – May 11<sup>th</sup> 2024
- ✓ Sacrament of Confirmation – May 25<sup>th</sup> 2024
- ✓ End of School Year Mass – June 2024
- ✓ A Christmas Carol Service took place in the church in mid-December 2023.

### ❖ **Enrolment & Staffing**

- ✓ Total enrolment on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 was 297 pupils.
- ✓ 11 Mainstream Classes.
- ✓ 2 Special Classes for children with autism.
- ✓ 11 Mainstream Class Teachers
- ✓ 3 Special Education Teachers
- ✓ 2 Special Class Teachers
- ✓ 7 Supply Panel Teachers
- ✓ 6 Special Needs Assistants
- ✓ Secretary / Caretaker / Cleaners x 2 (part-time)
- ✓ Bus Escort

### ❖ **Leadership & Management Team**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Principal              | Mr Bryan Collins  |
| Deputy Principal       | Mrs Margaret Hurley   |
| Assistant Principal I  | Mrs Claire McCluskey  |
| Assistant Principal II | Mrs Anne Marie Cassidy, Mrs Gemma Ryan, Mrs Fiona Fahy, Mrs Geraldine McManus |

## ❖ **Parents Association**

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| Chairperson | Mrs Amanda Duggan       |
| Secretary   | Ms Sarah Anne McCormack |
| Treasurer   | Ms Linda Fallon         |

The Board wishes to express its thanks to the members of the Parents' Association for the valuable work that they do every year. Their support for the school is very much appreciated.

## ❖ **Child Safeguarding, Anti-Bullying & School Attendance**

- ✓ DLP – Mr Bryan Collins
- ✓ DDLP – Mrs Margaret Hurley

The Board of Management confirms that it has met its obligations in respect of Department of Education Child Safeguarding and Anti-Bullying Procedures. Annual reviews were carried out on the school's Child Safeguarding Policy & Risk Assessment (Nov. 2023) and the Anti-Bullying Policy & Procedures were also reviewed by the board (Jan. 2024). The board published notifications on the school website that these annual reviews had been carried out.

The school completed all mandatory reports relating to school attendance, suspensions, expulsions and child protection for Tusla. A Principal's Oversight Report was provided at each Board of Management meeting.

## ❖ **Teaching & Learning**

- ✓ The school is actively engaged in the School Self Evaluation (SSE) process with a particular focus on improving whole school wellbeing and school attendance.
- ✓ The teachers are now implementing the New Language Curriculum (English & Gaeilge) and this new curriculum will become embedded over the coming years.
- ✓ The teachers are also engaging in the introduction of a new Mathematics Curriculum.
- ✓ School policies for the SESE subjects of History, Geography and Science have been revised and updated.
- ✓ The school policy for Gaeilge has also been reviewed and revised.
- ✓ The Board of Management has ratified the policies mentioned above and has also amended and updated the school's Admissions Policy.
- ✓ Standardised testing was carried out in all classes except for Junior Infants, Senior Infants and both Special Classes. Aggregate scores for pupils in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes were reported to the Department of Education.
- ✓ Parent Teacher Meetings took place in October 2023 and January 2024.
- ✓ Annual School Reports were prepared by class teachers and special education teachers and these were forwarded to parents in June 2024.

## ❖ **Other School Activities**

- ✓ Pupils participated in Gaelic Football, Hurling, Soccer and Basketball competitions in 2023/24.
- ✓ The school's Chess Club team participated in the local primary schools chess league.
- ✓ A large variety of extra-curricular classes were available throughout the year – guitar, tin whistle, Irish dancing, coding, LEGO club, Spanish language, skipping workshops, Little Music Makers, etc.
- ✓ A Summer Programme was organised for two weeks after classes finished for the summer break in 2024.
- ✓ A 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation Ceremony was organised at the end of June 2024.
- ✓ Fundraising events for St Vincent de Paul, the Irish Cancer Society and Tredagh Lodge were well supported.
- ✓ The Annual Parents Association Sponsored Walk took place on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2024.
- ✓ A new Student Council has been established in the school this year.
- ✓ The annual Grandparents Day took place in April 2024.
- ✓ The school continues to work closely with Periwinkles Childcare.

*The Board of Management wishes to acknowledge the outstanding dedication and commitment of all teachers, SNAs and ancillary staff at Scoil Naomh Feichín. The board would also like to very highly commend the pupils and parents for the contribution that they make to help us build a strong and vibrant school community.*