## St Felim's National School



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following is the agreed report of the Board of Management following a meeting on 6 November 2025.

- The Board warmly welcomes all our pupils back to school after their midterm break.
- The following reports were presented to the board:
  - o A Child Protection Oversight Report
  - A Treasurer's Report
  - A Principal's Report
  - o An Anti-bullying Report
- The Board of Management ratified the following policies:
  - Critical Incidents Policy
  - Visual Arts School Policy
- Admissions for 2026.2027 will commence in St Felim's, The Vale, on Monday, 1 December 2025. Further information
  is available here: Admissions Notice 2026/2027
- The board approved a staff meeting for Wednesday, 26 November. Further details will be communicated through Aladdin.
- The Board wishes to inform parents that we have been notified of an NCSE review of our SNA allocation, which will
  take place in the coming weeks. There are three possible outcomes to an SNA review: the current allocation may
  remain the same, the school may receive additional SNA support, or the review may find that the school has more
  SNA support than is needed for the current students.
- The Board noted the launch of the Department of Education and Youth's *Primary School Patronage Survey Have Your Say*. The survey invites parents, prospective parents, staff, and Board members to share their views on school patronage. Further information on how to participate in the survey will be shared with parents through Aladdin. The Board strongly encourages all members of the school community to take part in the survey.
- The Board noted the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Boards of Management and expressed its gratitude to all who have served our school over the years. The board will mark the occasion at a later date.
- The board wishes the recently elected officers of the Parents' Association well and looks forward to working with them. The board are grateful to the PA for funding the gymnastics classes this term and their continued support of music education in the school.
- The Board wishes to inform parents that First Communion will take place on Saturday, 25 April, and Confirmation will be held on Saturday, 21 March, with both ceremonies taking place in St. Anne's Church. The Confirmation

enrolment mass will be held on Saturday, 29 November, and the Communion enrolment mass on Saturday, 6 December.

- The Board acknowledges Deputy Niamh Smyth for her support in connecting us with Amazon for our Think Big Day
  on Monday, 20 October. The children really enjoyed the STEM activities.
- The board extends its thanks to David Gorham for giving his time to help our caretaker, Willie, improve the area around the flagpoles. We are grateful for his support and community spirit.
- The Board also wishes to thank Fr. Ultan McGoohan for his generous donation of the icon of St. Carlo Acutis to our school, which is now on display in our sacred space.
- The Board offers its sympathies to teacher Tomás Cooney on the bereavement of his father, Owen. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.
- The next meeting of the board will take place in December.

Yours sincerely,

Eilís Keegan

Secretary to B.O.M