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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following is the agreed report of the Board of Management following a meeting on 26 February 2025.

- The following reports were presented to the board:
 - A Child Protection Oversight Report
 - A Treasurers Report
 - A Principal's Report
- The Board approved the annual accounts for the financial year ending 31 August 2024. The accounts reflect an overall deficit of €6,855.38. This highlights the significant challenges schools face in managing their budgets given the current government funding. A summary copy of the annual accounts will be made available to parents as part of this report.
- The Board of Management conducted a review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement. A notification of the board's annual review is published on the school's website [here](#) and a copy has been provided to officers of the Parents Association and the Patron.
- The Board ratified the following policy documents:
 - Child Safeguarding Statement- published on the website
 - School Accident & Injury Policy – published on the website
 - School Tours & Excursions Policy- published on the website
 - Irish Exemption Policy – available on request
 - History Policy
 - Science Policy
 - Geography Policy
- The board is finalising the Admissions Process for the school year 25.26.
- The Board received notice that Mrs Valerie Donohoe will retire at the end of this school year after dedicating 35 years of service to our school community.
- The board will continue with the Special Education Teacher cluster arrangement with The Model NS in 2025/2026.
- Following the publication of the staffing circular, the Board regrets to inform parents that we will not have the required number of pupils to retain eight mainstream teachers for the upcoming school year 2025/2026. Next year our staffing profile will consist of seven mainstream class teachers and three special education teachers. Further information will follow in due course.

- The board congratulates the pupils who took part recently in the Cumann na mBunscól and Credit Union Quiz competitions.
- The board extends its congratulations to Sinéad Farrelly on the birth of her baby boy and to Lisa Sharkey on the birth of her baby girl.
- The board extends its sympathies to both Eilís Keegan and Francis Tierney on the recent death of their mother.
- The school will be close early on Friday 11 April 2025 for Easter. The school will also be closed on Monday 17 March for St Patrick's Day.
- The next meeting of the board will take place in April.

Yours sincerely,

Eilís Keegan

Secretary to B.O.M