Dear parents/Guardians,

The Board of Management is made up of 8 representatives consisting of:

* **Chairperson:** Rev Jack Kinkead
* **Principal:** Lisa Ward
* **Teacher Rep:** Lorraine Gannon
* **Parent Reps:** Albert Mahon and Samantha Clements
* **Community Reps:** Tim Hicks & Ashley Glover
* **Patron Rep:** Amanda Mooney

Over the course of the year, the Board met 7 times to discuss a range of matters arising with regards to the running of Nun’s Cross-National School. The following is an agreed annual report from the Board Of Management with regards to the schools’ operations for the academic year 2022-2023.

* **Health and Safety:**
  + The Board conducted the Child Protection oversight report at each meeting.
  + Stay Safe programme covered in all classes.
  + Anti-bullying policy was discussed at each meeting. The school has adopted several programmes throughout the school to ensure that incidents of bullying are prevented.
  + Fire drills and safety audits have been completed as necessary.
  + All staff and senior classes were trained in first aid.
  + Efforts to improve the safety of the footpaths leading to the school have resulted in the grass verges being scrapped back which provides more walking space on the footpaths. A working group has been set up which will continue work on improving the footpaths leading to school.
* **Staffing:**
  + Nun’s Cross gained a new permanent teaching post this year which was filled by Mary Goode. Mrs Goode commenced maternity leave in October and has been replaced by Ms Vickers for majority of the rest of the year.
  + Mrs Jebb has been on leave this year and her position has been covered by Ms Doyle
  + Mrs Nolan commenced maternity leave in March and is due to return to work in the first term of the next academic year. This year her leave has been covered by Ms Cahier.
  + We have a shared SET position with Gaelscoil which will remain in place for the coming academic year.
  + Following an appeal, Nun’s Cross gained an increase in our Additional Need Assistance allocation which has been filled by Lena Harte.
  + Following the staffing schedule for the school year 2023-2024 issued by the Department of Education, the staffing schedule for next year remains unchanged for Nun’s Cross.
* **Policy Development:** 
  + In line with the policy review schedule the following policies were developed, reviewed, and updated, with staff and parent consultation sought where appropriate/necessary:
    - GDPR
    - Book Scheme
    - Critical Incidents
    - Job Share
* **Curricular Development:** 
  + Junior end of the school focused on phonemic awareness while the senior end focused on spellings.
  + A play-based approach has been adopted through the whole junior end of the school.
  + All staff have taken part in curricular training provided by the Department for the Primary Language Curriculum
  + School Self Evaluation has continued with focus groups, containing children from 1st-6th participating to inform progress.
* **School Inspection:**
  + Nun’s Cross had a one-day incidental inspection from the school inspector in term 2. Feedback from this saw the following:
    - School culture is very positive with positive relationships being observed between children, between children and staff and between staff.
    - School inspector that children receiving additional support from SET teachers should receive support in their classrooms as opposed to being withdrawn for support.
* **School Development:**
  + Nun’s Cross has finalised building plans to build one classroom and a special needs unit. This building project is fully funded by the Department of Education, and it is hoped that building will commence during the next academic year.
  + Nun’s Cross have been kindly gifted a piece of land to the rear of the school by Stephen Collier. This will enable an extension of our outdoor space to proceed, and we hope for it to be in use for the next academic year.
* **Parents Teacher Association:** 
  + The Board wish to thank all members of the PTA for their continued efforts to support the school by organising various events and fundraising days over the course of the year. The money raised this year will go towards the costs of transforming our new piece of land into an exciting play space for all the children in the school.