



Ahane N.S

Board of Management – Annual Report 2020



Board of Management Members 2020

Chairperson: Tony Harnett.
Patron's Nominee: Aisling O'Brien.
Treasurer: Niamh Madden.
Principal/ Secretary: Siobhán Kennedy.
Teacher Nominee: Therese Tuohey.
Parent Nominee: Mary Cusack
Oliver Donnelly
Community Nominee: Gearoid Hussey.

School Ethos

Sr. Essie, the Diocesan Advisor visited all the classes in the school in February prior to the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Fintan Monahan visited the parish on March 1st to confirm 27 pupils in Ahane NS. The sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion were postponed due to Covid – 19.

Summer Works/Buildings

A Summer Works Application submitted in June 2019 to develop the back yard play area is still pending with the Department of Education and Skills. The Board has secured the use of additional field space at the rear of the school. The development and use of this space was delayed due to Covid - 19.

Staffing

The teaching staff for 2019 -2020 included an Administrative Principal, 7 mainstream class teachers, 3 fulltime Special Education Teachers based in Ahane NS and 1 shared Special Education Teacher. The school has 3 full time Special Needs Assistants and 2 part time Special Needs Assistants.

School reopens on September 1st 2020. School Calendar for 2020 -2021 will be available on the school website at www.ahanens.ie.

Policy Development

Ahane N.S. reviewed and ratified the new English Plan which reflects the new Primary Language Curriculum. The annual reviews on the Code of Behaviour and Anti - Bullying Policy and the review of the Child Protection Policy were completed. The Board reviewed and ratified the Internet Acceptable Use Policy which had been up dated to reflect Distance Learning due to Covid 19. All policies are available in the school office and on the school website at www.ahanens.ie

School Inspection

Our School Inspector Ms. Anne Fitzpatrick was in contact to acknowledge the work of staff and to offer support during the school closure due to Covid - 19.

Curricular Development

The school continued with the implementation of the Primary Language Curriculum. The implementation was extended from Third to Sixth Classes. Teachers attended in service in Term 1. Additional scheduled in service was cancelled due to school closure on March 12th due to Covid 19. Digital Literacy was the focus of our School Self Evaluation and School Improvement Plan. The Board purchased a set of 15 ipads for use by the pupils in all classes.

Parents' Association

Thanks to our Parents Association for all their support and fundraising during the School Year. The Parents Association organised the School Book Fair in Term 1 and a number of fun events for the pupils including Hot Chocolate at Christmas and a very successful Film Night in January. Their fundraising helped to fund Guided Reading materials purchased for Third and Fourth Classes. *Ar scath a cheile a mhaireann na daoine.* We all depend on each other.