

Scoil Mhuire na nGrást,  
Béal Guala,  
Co. Chorcaí.



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**RE: Board of Management 2023-2027 & Election of Parent Nominees**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school's new Board of Management will need to be in place by the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. The parents of current pupils at the school may nominate to the Patron, Bishop Fintan Gavin, two parents for him to appoint to the Board. To secure these nominations, a meeting will be held in the main school hall on **Wednesday, 25 October 2023 at 8pm.**

Please note the following:

- At the meeting, nominations will be sought from parents for persons to stand for election as parent nominees on the Board and there will be a ballot at the meeting to elect the nominees
- Nominations will be invited for both a mothers' panel and a fathers' panel. Each nominee must be seconded by a person in attendance at the meeting
- If there is only one nominee for either panel, the nominee(s) shall be deemed to be elected
- If more than one nomination is received for either of the panels, a secret ballot shall be held at the meeting
- Each person voting shall have one, non-transferable vote for each panel
- The votes shall be counted in public
- The election shall be determined on a plurality of votes (i.e. the first past the post system)
- In the event of a tied vote between nominees, the election of the nominee(s) shall be determined by a further vote at the meeting. Such a vote shall be confined to the tied nominees
- The result of the ballot shall be notified to the parents and to the Patron's representative.
- The voting returns from the ballot will be retained for the purposes of co-option in order to fill vacancies occurring during the life of the Board

Following the conclusion of the above process, I shall inform the Patron that the parents' nominees have been selected.

As this Board draws to a close next month, I wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the current and board and to congratulate them on their many achievements over the past four years. A generous, collaborative and supportive working manner among the board and, indeed, the entire school community, has yielded much success in terms of the school's development and progress. I look forward to meeting with you later in the month and welcome your possible contribution to the school's future journey.

Yours faithfully,

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Seán Scully  
Chairman, BoM