

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



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RE: Board of Management 2023-2027 & By-election of Parent Nominee (Mother)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Due to a parent nominee vacancy (mother) on the school's Board of Management (2023-2027), and in accordance with the *Constitution of Boards & Rules of Procedure for Boards of Management*, the parents of current pupils at the school may nominate to the Patron, Bishop Fintan Gavin, a parent nominee (mother) for him to appoint to the Board. To secure nominations, a meeting will be held in the main school hall on **Thursday, 24 September 2026 at 8.20pm.**

Please note the following:

- At the meeting, nominations will be sought from parents for persons to stand for election as parent nominee (mother) on the Board and there will be a ballot at the meeting to elect the nominees
- Nominations will be invited for a mothers' panel. Each nominee must be seconded by a person in attendance at the meeting
- If there is only one nominee, the nominee(s) shall be deemed to be elected
- If more than one nomination is received, a secret ballot shall be held at the meeting
- Each person voting shall have one, non-transferable vote
- 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 parent nominee (mother) has been selected.

As a Parent Nominee (mother) on the Board of Management, Claire Horan is to be congratulated for her unwavering commitment and generous support to school life at Scoil Mhuire na nGrást over the years. The school community is deeply appreciative of Mrs Horan's significant contribution.

I also wish to avail of this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the current board members and to congratulate them on their many achievements over the past three 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 on **Thursday, 24 September at 8.20pm** and welcome your possible contribution to the school's future journey.

Yours faithfully,

James O'Mahony, Chairman, BoM