



Annual Report of the Board of Management **Scoil Mhuire, Horeswood 2020-2021**

The Board of Management of the school is pleased to publish the annual report for the 2020/2021 school year. The members of the Board are Fr. Gerald O'Leary P.P. (Chairperson), Dermot O'Neill (Patrons nominee), Brian Flood (Principal) Louise Cosgrove (Teachers nominee), Stella Stafford and Denis Cadogan (Community nominees), Leigh O'Brien and Mary Dempsey (Parents nominees). The Board of Management is responsible for the management of the school and to provide an appropriate education for all pupils in the school.

During the 2020-2021 school year the Board of Management of the school has undertaken its duties in a number of areas. The Board has made funds available to the Principal teacher and staff to enhance and improve the resources in the school across a variety of subject areas. During the COVID-19 school closure period the Board of Management supported teaching and learning through the provision of an online learning platform and the licenses associated with these.

The Board of Management will undertake a comprehensive range of works during summer 2021 under the Summer Works Programme 2021. The works will include the upgrade of toilets in the school, new flooring and associated works. The Board of Management will also fund the extension of the staffroom.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Board of Management was faced with the enormous task of reopening the school last September. The Board of Management fully implemented the school COVID-19 Response Plan. It provided appropriate PPE for staff and also engaged additional cleaning support. Sanitiser points and relevant signage were also erected by the Board of Management

The Board acknowledges the achievements of the school during the past year despite the absence of many activities that our school normally participated in due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board supported the work of the school through achieving our Active School Flag. The Board commends the committee and Ms. O'Connor for their work. The Green Schools Committee is also working very hard this year.

The Board has supported ongoing professional development of teachers. All teachers in the school have undertaken professional development in a wide variety of areas. These include ICT, Special Educational Needs, Pupil Wellbeing and Literacy and Numeracy. The Board of Management has also made specific provision for CPD for the school leadership team.

The Board has met regularly during the last school year to discuss the School Plan and the review of policies is a very important aspect of the work of the Board of Management. During this school year the Board has ratified a number of important policies such as the schools' Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment. It has also ratified the reviewed Arts Education policies in the school.

The Board of Management would like to acknowledge the various groups within our local community who have supported the work of the school throughout the year. In particular it acknowledges Horeswood GAA Club and thanks them for the use of their grounds and facilities.

The Board of Management also wish to thank our parents for their support of our school. In particular it would like to thank the Parents Association for their work and to acknowledge the fundraising efforts which will add significantly to the teaching and learning in the school.

The Board of Management thank the Principal, teaching staff and ancillary staff for their commitment to the school during the last school year. The Board of Management looks forward to the continued success of Scoil Mhuire in the coming school year.

***Very Rev. Gerald O'Leary, P.P.
Chairperson, Board of Management.***