

5th, October 2026

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Admissions for 2027/2028

At our Board of Management meeting last week the school's Admission's Policy and Annual Admissions Notice were reviewed and ratified by the Board. These have been uploaded to the school website and a hard copy is available on request from the office. We will be accepting applications for children starting in Junior Infants in September 2027 from this October 8th 2026. We will cease accepting applications on January 15th 2027. If your child is starting school next September please download an Enrolment Form and email it to the school (rathfeighns@outlook.com). Otherwise please call to the office if you wish to get a hardcopy there. If you know parents/guardians that have children of school-going age please get them to contact the school by phone 041-9825156 or email. If you would like to visit the school with your child to see the great facilities e.g. Sensory room, Interactive Multi-Sensory room, PE hall, classrooms, hybrid library and learning hub etc. please contact Jennifer in the office to make an appointment. We look forward to meeting you.

Parents' Association A.G.M.

The Parents' Association A.G.M. was very well attended last Wednesday. I would like to thank the outgoing Chairperson, Catherine, for all her great work along with Parents' Association members over the last few years and I wish the new Chairperson(s) the best of luck in the new role. Thanks, also, to everyone present for the great 'suggestions' for the school going forward

Furniture Grant

Mrs Kennedy successfully applied to the Department of Education for a replacement of furniture grant. Much of the furniture in the school is 20+ years old. In the next few weeks we will be receiving a delivery of all new tables and chairs for 3rd-6th class, new cupboards, teacher chairs, filing systems and whiteboards/display boards. This will really brighten up our school! Thanks Mrs Kennedy.

Child Protection

At last week's Board of Management meeting the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment Policy was reviewed and ratified by the Board. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for the school is Seamus Tansley and the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL P) is Lisa Kennedy. We also have a Child Friendly 'Child Safeguarding Statement' which will be displayed at the main entrance to the school and outside all classrooms. The Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment Policy will be uploaded to the school website and a hard copy is available on request from the office. All parents/guardians were emailed a draft copy of the Child Safeguarding Statement also last week.

Agreed Report

The Agreed Report from last week's Board of Management meeting will be emailed to all parents/guardians this week.

Swimming

Swimming continues this Wednesday for the children in 3rd-6th class. Mrs Kennedy and Ms O'Donoghue have complimented the children for their impeccable behaviour at the swimming pool over the last few weeks. Well done to them all.

Student Council

Our Student Council members Tiernan, Orla, James O'R and Rían have started their new roles as Student Council members and are doing a great job so far. Thanks.

School Website

Pictures of the 5th/6th class trip to Newgrange and pictures of the sponsorship of school jerseys have been uploaded to the school website. Thanks to Jennifer for all her great work uploading letters, policies and pictures to the website.

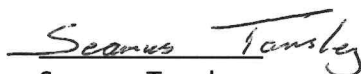
Mindfulness

Mindfulness lessons continue this Friday for the children in 1st-6th class. The final Mindfulness lesson takes place on Friday October 16th.

Credit Union

We have contacted Tara & District Credit Union regarding them visiting the school weekly to promote savings among the children in all classes. They said they don't visit schools at the start of the school year but will be in contact with us at some stage regarding visiting the school. We will update parents/guardians when we get more information.

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Seamus Tansley