Board of Management of St. Joseph’s National School Agreed Report 10/12/’20

The following is the Agreed Report following a Board of Management meeting held on Thursday 10th December 2020

* Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.
* Principal informed Board that no meeting has taken place during Sept-Nov due to Covid Restrictions. However principal met with chairperson on 20/10 and 20/11 in the school.
* Child Safeguarding Statement checklist and Anti Bullying checklist completed and signed.
* Principal outlined the measures undertaken by the school in preparation for re opening in September and commended how successful these have been and how well the school community has adapted to the new systems.
* Principal informed Board of the Covid Grants that were issued to all schools ie Minor Works Enhanced grant, Covid 19 Cleaning Supports grant, Covid 19 Sanitiser and Ppe grant, Employing an Aide grant.
* 4 new Smartboards were purchased for the classrooms in August and training undertaken by the staff. Also 2 new teacher laptops purchased.
* 10 enrolments in Junior Infants in September and 1 enrolment in 4th class. Also 1 new enrolment in 5th class in September.
* First Holy Communion was celebrated in St. Joseph’s Church, Milltownpass on 19/9/’20.
* Last year’s 6th class celebrated Confirmation on 9/12/’20 in Mullingar Cathedral.
* Parents’ Association AGM was postponed until further notice, due to Covid restrictions.
* We have lost our 4th mainstream class teacher so the the new class configuration is; Junior/Senior Infants and First class, 2nd/3rd/4th, and 5th/6th.
* Ms. Doolin is teaching 2nd/3rd/4th until Ms. Hanevy’s return from Maternity leave.
* Ms. Bermingham resumed her role as Deputy Principal and Ms. Martin resumed her role as AP2.
* GAA coaching resumed on 23/9 outdoors in class bubbles.
* Parent/Teacher meetings were held during the week of Nov 23rd via phone.
* TY Work experience has been postponed due to Covid restrictions. We hope to accommodate our past pupils in TY later in the year.
* A Readathon in aid of MS was organised by Ms. Martin during the month of November.
* We held a ZOOM Advent Prayer service to celebrate the beginning of Advent on 30/11.
* School closes on Tues 22nd for Christmas holidays and reopens on Wed 6th Jan 2021.

Yours sincerely

Pauline O’Hara

Secretary to the Board of Management