



## Board of Management Report 15 January 2026

Maeve Mc Carthy, the Chairperson of the Board, thanked Ruth, our Principal, and Órla, our Deputy Principal, and all the staff for their work during the loss of heating at the start of the calendar year. She expressed her appreciation for Ruth's effective communication with both parents / guardians and the Board.

Medb Mc Kevitt, one of the two Community Nominees on the Board, has stepped down due to work commitments. The Board thanked her for her contribution during her membership of the Board.

The Board is delighted to welcome Pat Griffin to the Board as Medb's replacement. Pat has a long association with Educate Together as his three adult children attended Rathfarnham ETNS. We are confident that his professional background in building and site management will be of great benefit to the Board.

Kids Inc, our after-school care provider, applied to open a breakfast club at the school. This was approved by the Board.

The Board was updated on recent activities and events in BETNS including the Great Ballinteer Bake Off which raised a total of €1,660. Of this amount, €830 has been donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, with the remaining €830 allocated to Student Council projects. The Board would like to thank the PTA for their support of this event.

The Board had a lengthy discussion on site issues. The school currently has some issues with:

- Flooring
- Heating
- The maintenance of the sedum roof
- E-chargers

The Board commended the Principal for following up all these issues with the Department of Education and Youth.

### **Policy Ratified** - Emergency Closures

The Principal confirmed that any loss of learning in core subjects during the heating closure will be addressed during Active Schools week.

*The Board of Management also considered some routine matters, which for reasons of confidentiality are not included in this report. The next Board Meeting will be held on 11 March 2026.*