

Dear Parents/Guardians

Report from the Board of Management meeting on February 15th 2022

### **Covid 19**

13 HEPA filters purchased in total.

Absenteeism is at record levels as a result of Covid. The school community has been through an extremely disruptive January and February.

Below is a comparison of attendance between January 2019 and January 2022

Jan 2019	Jan 2022
93% Attendance	80% Attendance
4 children with <20 days absent	22 children with <20 days absent
8 children with <15 days absent	54 children with <15 days absent

2228 school days lost between Sept 2021 and January 2022

### **Punctuality**

Please make a concerted effort to have your child/children in school on time. The inside gate will close at 8:50a.m. when the children go to their classrooms. Children who arrive after this time will need to be buzzed in. Younger children will need to be accompanied to the inside gate to ensure they enter the school safely.

### **Retirement News**

Congratulations and best wishes to Eleanor who is due to retire on May 16th 2022. We wish Eleanor, John and Max much joy and contentment in her retirement.

### **In School Management Team**

Congratulations to Katie Hickson who was appointed Special Educational Needs and Literacy coordinator.

Congratulations to Aisling Kennedy who was appointed Digital Technology and Steam (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) coordinator.

### **School Closures**

School will close at 12pm on Tuesday 29th March to facilitate Primary Language Curriculum in-service training for staff. This has been sanctioned by the Department of Education.

School will close for the summer holidays on June 29th in lieu of the bank holiday on March 18th.

### **School Traffic Warden**

The Board of Management submitted a new application for a School Traffic Warden. Maura and Lee Doherty met with members of Cork City Council to discuss the hazardous pedestrian crossing and expressed upon them the urgency in appointing a school Traffic warden to our school.

Regards,

Anne Rogers

Chairperson of Board of Management