

St. Enda's National School



Annual Report of the Board of Management

School Year: 2025/26

School Information & Governance

- **School Name:** St. Enda's National School
- **Roll Number:** 15420G
- **Patron:** Bishop of Ferns
- **Chairperson of the Board:** Celestine Swords
- **Principal / Secretary to the Board:** Séamus Dempsey

Board of Management Membership

Role	Nominee Name(s)
Patron's Nominees	Celestine Swords, Fr. Tomás Kehoe
Principal & Teacher Nominee	Séamus Dempsey, Mary Kirwan Doyle
Parents' Nominees	Fiona Maguire, Bernard Concannon
Community Nominees	Peter Roche, Mary Carroll

The Board met on **5** occasions during the 2025/26 school year.

- October 13th
- February 10th
- April 21st
- May 25th
- August 26th

Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment:

The Board of Management confirms that the annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment was completed on **13/10/2025**

Anti-Bullying Policy Review:

The Board of Management confirms that an annual review of the school's Anti-Bullying Policy and its implementation was completed on **01/07/2025** in accordance with the procedures outlined in the DE Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools.

School Self-Evaluation (SSE) & Curriculum Development

As a DEIS School, our DEIS plan was reviewed over the course of the school year. Our school also was selected for a subject specific inspection in the area of Science and STEM. This was a positive experience which embraced the good practices and learning experiences our pupils have in Ballycanew NS. Full report available online.

Policy Development & Review

The Board formally reviewed, updated, or ratified the following policies during the year:

- Critical Incident
- Phone Policy
- Parental Complaints
- Job Sharing
- School Tours Policies
- Child Safeguarding

Staffing, HR & Professional Development

- **Staff Allocation:** The school was staffed by **9** mainstream teachers, **6** SETs, **14** SNAs, and 3 ancillary staff (Secretary, Caretaker, Cleaners).
- **Staff Changes:** We welcomed Mr. John Redmond to the teaching staff for this year. Our long-standing SNA colleague, Eleanor Hore retired at the end of the

school year. We would like to wish Eleanor all the very best on her retirement and thank her for her years of dedicated work with the pupils and staff here in Ballycanew NS.

- **Continuous Professional Development (CPD):** Staff participated in a broad range of training module such as Autism specific training, OT regulation activities, RELATE Model, First Aid, New Primary Curriculum workshops, Universal Design for Learning, Child Safeguarding.

Finance & School Premises

- **Financial Management:** The Board's accounts were prepared, certified, and submitted to the Financial Support Services for Schools (FSSU) in accordance with national guidelines.
- **Fundraising & Grants:** Funds raised through various events contributed toward playground equipment and games. The Parents Association very kindly sponsored a new set of jerseys for school events and games also.
- **Maintenance & Capital Works:** Our minor works grant was used to upgrade elements of our lighting system over the school year. Other maintenance tasks were completed as needs arose, including plumbing and general fabric defects. The school also completed an emergency works project to upgrade our heating and hot water system for our ASD classes.

School Ethos, Events & Community Links

- **Ethos & Sacraments:** Communion and Penance were both celebrated this year.
- **Co-Curricular & Sport:** Our school engaged in a number of extra-curricular or outside agency based events and competitions. These included:
 - Lego First League
 - Scór
 - Credit Union Quiz
 - Rackard League Camogie, Hurling, and Football.
 - Tag Rugby
 - Ficheall Chess

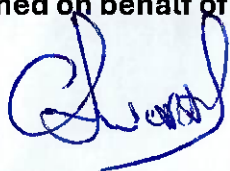
Our Green Schools Committee continued with highlighting traffic and road safety issues locally. Funding was announced in June for upgrade works, thanks in no small way to the efforts of our successive committees.

Special Educational Needs (SEN) & Inclusion: Our school completed an SNA review in term 2 this year. Significant time and energy was invested in this process, which was then paused by the department. However, the process enabled a full scale internal review and refocussed time available to ensure needs were met as fully as possible with allocated resources.

Parents' Association: The Board extends its sincere thanks to the Parents' Association for their continued work, fundraising, and support during events throughout the year.

Student Council: Ms. Donna Hayden again facilitated our Students Council who met regularly and organised fundraisers to purchase yard games and toys. They were consulted on a range of school matters and met with the principal frequently to discuss their priorities and ideas.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Management:

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Chairperson, Board of Management

Date: 25-08-2026