



## **Annual Report of the Board of Management of Coachford National School**

### **School Year 2016 - 2017**

The purpose of this annual report of the Board of Management of Coachford National School is to provide a summary of information on the operation of the school in line with the requirements of the 1998 Education Act.

This report serves as an addition to the information provided on the school's website, communication to parents and information provide to Parents at the annual Parents Association Meeting, parent-teacher meetings and on Open Day.

#### **Members of the Board of Management**

The Board of Management is in its first year and consists of the following board members:

<b>Board of Management Coachford National School</b>	
Chairperson (Patrons' Representative)	Jeanette Champion-
Secretary (School Principal)	Sharon O'Driscoll
Treasurer (Parents' Representative)	Sandra Healy
Patron's Representative	Fr. Peadar Murphy
Teachers' Representative	Niamh Flaherty
Parents' Representative	Ronan Cooney
Community Representative	Marie Riordan
Community Representative	Liam Casey

The Board has met 5 times during the year and is supported by an active Parents' Association which meets approximately once a term.

#### **Overview of School Year 2016-2017**

##### **Staffing**

The school is staffed by a committed and dedicated staff of 6 full-time teachers, 3 Special Needs Assistants, part-time secretary, part-time caretaker and a part-time cleaner.

## Enrolment

The current number of pupils in the school is 99 and there are 15 new pupils due to enrol for the school year 2017/2018.

## Mission Statement

## Ethos

## Achievements/Activities

<b>Curriculum Development</b>	Whole staff Continuous Professional Development Introduction to Autism; Primary Language Curriculum; Stay Safe/Walk Tall; Management of Challenging Behaviour.
<b>Literacy</b>	Literacy Lift Off Senior Infants, First and Second Classes School Handwriting Event
<b>Science</b>	Awarded Green Flag for Biodiversity Discover Primary Science and Maths Plaque Award VEX Robotics Lismore Science Workshop
<b>Sport</b>	Sciath na Scol Camogie Champions Cycle Safety Classes Swimming Classes Indoor Camogie and Hurling Blitzes FAI 5-a-side soccer tournaments for boys and girls Activity based school tours for all classes Annual School Sports Day
<b>The Arts</b>	Whole School Christmas Show The Christmas Jigsaw Theatre Visits: Frosty the Snowman Zumba and Irish Dance Classes Sing Out Loud Concert
<b>After School Clubs</b>	Homework Science Art Cookery

## School Buildings/Grounds

Microphone system in the school hall

New stage backdrop

Children's Garden 'Tír Draíochta'

CCTV Camera System

Upkeep of school grounds

Photocopier

Upgrade of IT resources

### **Policies and Procedures**

The Board of Management reviewed and ratified the following school policies during the school year:-

1. Religious and Faith Development
2. CCTV System Data management Policy
3. Curricular Policies including Geography; History; Gaeilge.
4. Annual Update of Child Protection and Anti-Bullying Policy

These policies are available on request at the school office and some are available on the school website.

The Board of Management has met its obligations in respect of Child Protection and Anti-Bullying Procedures.

The Board has reviewed Curricular standards in Mathematics and English and Pupil Attendance records during the course of the year.

The school accounts are certified annually by Upper Third Accountants in line with DES Guidelines.

### **Conclusion**

The Board of Management wishes to express its appreciation to the hard working dedicated and committed staff of Coachford National School led by Ms. Sharon O'Driscoll as Principal and Ms. Lynn Dunlea as Deputy Principal. It also commends the involvement and hard work of the Parents' Association who have initiated fundraising activities to contribute to the school resources offered to pupils.

The pupils of the school are deserving of a special mention for their excellent behaviour, co-operation and their academic and extra-curricular achievements.

The Board is happy that the religious ethos and characteristic spirit of the school is being actively promoted and the Board continues to strive to uphold the Catholic ethos of the school and to fulfil its Mission Statement.