



Scoil an Tamhnaigh

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Agreed Report from Board of Management Toonagh NS – August 4th 2020

To: Patron, Parents and Staff.

The Board of Management of the school is comprised of the following personnel:

Chairperson	Marie Slattery
Secretary	Gearóid Roughan
Treasurer	Laura Cahir
Teacher Nominee	Seán Eustace
Parent Nominee	Mairéad Culliney
Parent Nominee	Brian O'Loughlin
Community Nominee	Denise Whelan
Community Nominee	Seán Ryan

Items discussed:

This meeting was called to discuss the reopening plan for Toonagh NS in line with the recently published Department of Education Guidelines.

1. Financial update was presented.
 - COVID-19 Financial Supports for the full return to School include:
 - Grant for cleaning costs.
 - Enhanced minor works grant for works which may include reconfiguration of classrooms, purchase of new furniture, altering desk layouts etc.
2. The Board are increasing the cleaning hours and the school will be cleaned every day by the school cleaner with a particular emphasis on touchpoint items such as door handles, pupil desks, taps, sinks etc.

The Board are currently drawing up a cleaning checklist to comply with the *Reopening of Schools* document. The cleaner will have to sign and date daily this important cleaning checklist.
3. The Board has purchased hand sanitiser and dispensers for the school. These were installed in the school this week. They will be available throughout the school, in every classroom,

staffroom, entry and exit doors etc. The children will be given guidelines and taught when and how to use the sanitiser.

The sanitiser we have sourced is non-flammable and it shouldn't cause skin irritation for children or adults. Therefore, it is user friendly for children. It has been extensively tested and it is certified to kill Covid-19. This sanitiser is effective for 6 hours on your hands.

4. Foam soap dispensers and paper hand towel dispensers are provided in every bathroom. The Board are organising an order of all cleaning and sanitary supplies so that there will be ample supply in Toonagh NS when school reopens on August 27th.
5. A deep clean of all the floor areas in the school is taking place this weekend August 7th/8th/9th.
An extensive clean of the whole school will take place prior to reopening on August 27th.
6. Board members are looking into purchasing some necessary Covid-19 signage. Also the option of pedal type bins for classrooms and around the school are also being looked into.
7. All staff will undertake and complete Covid-19 Induction Training prior to returning to school.
8. The children will be wearing their school uniform and tracksuit at school and Gearóid will have more details on this.
9. Gearóid will write to parents and send further details home about the reopening plan and procedures for Toonagh NS during the week of August 17th. There will be further correspondence sent home early on the week of August 24th.
10. The staff of the school are meeting to put a plan in place for reopening. The Board of Management will meet again before school reopens to further review and finalise the reopening plan and procedures.

11. Summer works project update:

The Board are delighted with the progress so far of this project which is being carried out by Cotter Plant Hire. A full resurfacing and drainage of our two school yards which were seriously in need of repair has taken place. The main yard in front of our school will also have designs and games for our younger children. Our basketball court has been fully resurfaced and will be lined. Safety padding on all the protruding and hazardous piers in our Astro Turf will be installed shortly. The children will really benefit from these summer works which will be a safe and enjoyable playing environment for them. It is great news to have been successful in securing a grant to get these works done during the summer.

The next meeting of the Board will take place in late August prior to school reopening.