



# Ahane National School

## Board of Management – Annual Report 2022



### Board of Management Members 2020

**Patron's Nominee and Chairperson:** Tony Harnett.

**Patron's Nominee:** Maureen Hartigan

**Community Nominee and Treasurer:** Niamh Madden.

**Community Nominee:** Gearoid Hussey

**Principal/ Secretary:** Siobhán Kennedy.

**Teacher Nominee:** Therese Tuohey.

**Parent Nominees:** Mary Cusack

Oliver Donnelly

### School Ethos

Ahane National School is a Catholic School under the patronage of the Bishop of Killaloe, Bishop Fintan Monahan. We aim to promote the full development of all aspects of the pupil. This includes their intellectual development, their physical development and their cultural, moral and spiritual development. Our School is a centre of teaching and learning. We strive to develop a positive learning and teaching environment. We promote the formation of pupils in the Catholic faith. The pupils of Second Class received the Sacraments of First Confession and Holy Communion from Fr. Tom Whelan in St. Patrick's Church, Ahane. The pupils of Sixth Class were confirmed in Ahane Church by Fr. Tom Whelan and Fr. Willie Teehan

### School Building and Grounds.

The Board has received grant funding to develop the school yard space at the rear of the school. This funding has been received from a Summer Works Application submitted in June 2019. The Board is adhering to DES requirements in undertaking and completing this project. Additional funding may be required on the completion of the tendering process.

### Staffing

The teaching staff for 2021 -2022 included a Teaching Principal, 6 mainstream class teachers, 3 fulltime Special Education Teachers based in Ahane NS and 1 shared Special Education Teacher. The school has 3 full time Special Needs Assistants and 2 part time Special Needs Assistants. The Board employs a Caretaker with additional cleaning duties. A new Secretary was appointed in September 2021.

### Policy Development

The Board ratified the Ahane NS Covid 19 Response Plan, Ahane NS Covid 19 Policy and Covid 19 Risk Assessment to plan for the safe return to school in September 2021.

Ahane N.S. Board of Management ratified the Assessment Policy, the Special Educational Needs Policy, Home Use of ICT, the School Tour Policy and the Safety Statement.

The annual reviews on the Code of Behaviour and Anti - Bullying Policy and the Checklist for the Review of the Anti – Bullying Policy were completed.

The Board also completed the review of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Written Assessment of Risk and the Checklist for the Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement.

All policies are available in the school office and on the school website at [www.ahanens.ie](http://www.ahanens.ie)

### School Sports

The additional field space at the rear of the school has enabled the pupils to avail of the opportunities to develop their skills in sports. Our girls and boys football teams qualified for the finals of these competitions. Our boys were successful in winning the competition for the first time since 2009.

Our boys hurling team and girls' camogie team also reached the finals of these competitions. Ahane NS was represented on the successful Mackey Cup and Sarsfield Cup teams that completed the double win this year. Ahane NS was also represented on the Primary Games hurling and camogie teams.

### Curricular Development

Guided reading was extended to all classes from Senior Infants to Sixth Class. The Board invested in additional ipads bringing the total number of ipads in the school to 30. Fifth Class pupils participated in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme and the RDS Science Blast. Third and Fourth Class pupils participated in the Fit4Life Programme. The School celebrated Maths Week, Seachtain na Gaeilge, World Book Day and a Wellness Week for pupils and staff.

### Parents' Association

Thank you to our Parents Association for all their support during the School Year. The Board appreciates the work and commitment of the Parent Association.

*Ar Scáth a cheile a mhaireann na daoine –We all depend on each other.*

### School Calendar 2022 -2023

School reopens on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2022. School Calendar for 2022 -2023 is available on the school website at [www.ahanens.ie](http://www.ahanens.ie).