



Our Lady of Lourdes Secondary School

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Board Of Management Agreed Report for Meeting on Thursday 12th March 2026 at 6:45pm

Present: Mr Pat Rossiter (Chairperson), Ms Sharon Byrne, Mr Rodney Beckley, Ms Geraldine Cooper, Ms Kerry Sweeney, Ms Daphne Kennington, Ms Sinéad Stafford, Mr Finbar Laffan (Principal).

Apologies: Ms Fiona McDonald.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Wednesday 28th January 2026 minutes were proposed by Ms Sinéad Stafford and seconded by Ms Sharon Byrne.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was received by the Board of Management in relation to the following:

1. The TY Evaluation Final Report was shared, with the school's response attached as an appendix.
2. Awaiting for an update in relation to previous employee's contract of employment.
3. The school has been accepted into the Active School Flag Post-Primary Programme for the 2026/2027 academic year.
4. Health & Safety statement for the school issued from 'sensible safety'.

Finance:

An update on the Financial position was issued by the Principal.

Finance Sub-Committee:

- This committee meets on a regular basis. Planning for the school budget for the 2026/2027 academic year has now commenced and will be presented to the Board of Management in May/June for approval ahead of September 2026.
- The external bookkeeper has confirmed their willingness to remain in place for the 2026/2027 academic year, subject to Board of Management approval.

Child Protection Oversight Report (CPOR):

The CPOR report was presented and formally signed off.

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Appendix D was considered.

Student Updates:

An update was provided to the Board on three new international students joining the school for a short term.

ICT Updates:

A report on the recent ICT audit was presented to the Board.

Teaching & Learning:

- Results of the November Assessments surveys from students, parents and staff was presented to the Board.
- Exam Revision Online Training for 3rd, 5th and 6th years happened on 10/03/2026. Staff input on the initiative will be sought after Easter.
- The introduction of one-to-one devices for 5th year students in 2026/2027 information night was held for parents. 18 out of 21 households in TY were happy with the proposal.

Special Classes Update:

- Reduced Timetables for students currently on reduced timetables are being processed to comply with circular 0047/2021.
- NCSE training application made for the Related Sustained Support Programme was made on 09/03/2026. If we get accepted it will be a two year cycle of regular support for our classes.
- NCSE whole-school CPD day for all staff is taking place next week.

Teacher's Report:

- A summary of student activities was presented by a teacher representative.
- The Board expressed its gratitude to all members of staff and students. A special thanks was made to acknowledge the great work that is done during lunchtimes too with the different clubs and societies that are available to students.

Principal's Report:

A summary of the works carried out in the school was presented.

AOB:

- Autism Awareness Day is approaching. The school may wish to explore ways to further recognise this day and enhance understanding among both students and staff.
- The introduction of additional guest speakers could be beneficial in helping to broaden students' awareness and understanding of various aspects of life.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday 7th May 2026 at 6:30pm.

The Board of Management approved an agreed report which will be posted in the staffroom and on the school website.

Signed:

Date: 16/03/2026.

Mr Finbar Laffan,
Secretary to the Board of Management