

## Minutes of PA Meeting of 7 October 2024

- The meeting commenced at 5:30pm with the school principal providing an introduction. She welcomed all the parents, thanked them for their interest and spoke to the partnership between the school staff and parents and its importance for the students.
- Ms. Carty asked if any parent would be interested in serving on the PA committee, but there were no volunteers for this. Parents were happy to come to this meeting, but not to serve on a committee. While the formation of a PA committee would be preferable, Ms. Carty agreed that she would host the meetings in the interim and perhaps parents may feel comfortable at a later date.
- Ms. Carty then chaired the meeting, and a number of items were discussed. These were:
  1. The School Calendar – all parents indicated that they were happy with this
  2. Use of School App – This has been a very positive step in improving communications between school and home and it was unanimously agreed that this was the best way to continue communications
  3. Extra-Curricular Activities – All available offerings were discussed, and parents were enthusiastic about these. In addition, some mentioned that piano and EAL lessons would be welcomed
  4. Religious Ethos of the School – While our school is a catholic school, we welcome students of all faiths and none. Parents felt their children were well accommodated in terms of being comfortable during religion lessons and in terms of inclusion in our religious ceremonies
  5. Fundraising – Parents may consider some fundraising activities later in the year.
- Parents were invited to put forward their own suggestions as to what they would like to see the school offer to support them. Suggestions were
  1. A social event e.g. a coffee morning for each year group
  2. A First Aid Course
  3. An anti-bullying talk
  4. An Internet Safety talk
  5. Use of Tablets for students for whom English is an additional language.Ms. Carty agreed to inform the HSCL of these suggestions.

- The next meeting was scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm
- Meeting closed at 6:10pm