

## **Newpark Comprehensive School Board of Management Agreed Report for School Community October 2022**

### **Data Protection Policy**

The Board reviewed and approved the School's Data Protection policy. It will be posted on the School website accordingly.

### **Hockey Pitch Redevelopment**

The Board regrets that the proposed works to resurface and develop the hockey pitch continue to be delayed. Both Newpark and Avoca remain committed to the project and continue to liaise with the project managers and the contractors with the intent of progressing the project satisfactorily.

### **Parent/Guardian Teacher Meetings**

It is intended that Parent/Guardian teacher meetings will be held in-person in school this academic year. The sixth-year meeting took place successfully on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The third-year meeting takes place on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and the schedule for all other meetings is communicated to parents/guardians via email and the School website.

### **Foreign Language Assistants**

The School is pleased to have been allocated both a French and a German language assistant this academic year. The collaboration between the Department of Education, Post-Primary Languages Ireland (PPLI) and the School's Modern Foreign Language Department leading to the success of this scheme is appreciated.

### **Student Wellbeing**

Having delivered a whole staff seminar in August, Dr. Claire Hayes is returning to the School in November to hold a session with the Year Leaders, Student Support Team and AEN Team Leads. She will return for another whole staff session in March 2023 and it is hoped some student sessions in the new year. The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is engaging Dr. Hayes in the new year for a parent/guardian presentation, with a follow-up online course. *Managing Student Anxiety within the School Community* is an important initiative under the School Improvement Plan this year, in line with Circular Letter 0056/2022 *School Self-Evaluation: Next Steps September 2022 – June 2026*.

### **Junior Certificate**

It has been confirmed by the State Examinations Commission that Junior Certificate examination results will be issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022.

### **Board of Management - End of Current Term**

The Board of Management holds office for a period of five years and under the Deed of Trust for Protestant Comprehensive Schools, its membership shall be renewed or replaced for subsequent quinquennial periods. The Board acknowledges and thanks all outgoing members for their

commitment and service to the School over the last five years and looks forward to welcoming its new members at its next meeting.

**Department of Education circular letters since the last meeting of the Board:**

Circular 0063/2022

[gov.ie/Joint Data Controller Arrangement between DES Payroll and Managerial Authorities of Schools and ETBs](https://www.gov.ie/joint-data-controller-arrangement-between-des-payroll-and-managerial-authorities-of-schools-and-etbs)

Circular 0064/2022

[gov.ie/Revision of teacher salaries under building momentum a new public service agreement 2021-2022](https://www.gov.ie/revision-of-teacher-salaries-under-building-momentum-a-new-public-service-agreement-2021-2022)

Circular 0065/2022

[gov.ie/Revision of salaries for snas under building momentum pay agreement](https://www.gov.ie/revision-of-salaries-for-snas-under-building-momentum-pay-agreement)

Circular 0066/2022

[gov.ie/Revision of school secretaries and school maintenance staff salaries in C&C schools under building momentum pay agreement](https://www.gov.ie/revision-of-school-secretaries-and-school-maintenance-staff-salaries-in-c-and-c-schools-under-building-momentum-pay-agreement)

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[examinations.ie/Leaving certificate appeals results 2022](https://www.examinations.ie/leaving-certificate-appeals-results-2022)

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