



## **Meeting of Parents Association 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

A meeting of the Parents Association took place in the school on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**Attendance:** Grace Shiels, Lorna Kemp, Noreen Mills, Fiona Herbst, Dan Loughrey, Margaret Black, Eileen Mc Ateer, Mary Johnston, Patricia Orsi, Helen Hayes Sweeney.

John Lynch-Staff Member

Margaret O Connor-Principal

**Apologies:** Mary Mc Grenra, Aoife Allison, Claire Finn, Michelle Callaghan, Emma Mc Ginley

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed. All minutes are available on the school website.

### **Matters Arising:**

-Correction - It was noted that the up-to date email address for parents wishing to email the school is [info@loretomilford.net](mailto:info@loretomilford.net)

-The Christmas Craft Fair had been very successful despite the change of time. It gave students an opportunity to buy products & engage with TY students at the stands, as well as gaining an understanding as to which stands were the most successful.

-4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Year Students had a Study Skills workshop last week. An information Evening for all parents would take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

-Cyber Safety. All 1<sup>st</sup> Year students had taken part in 'Internet Safety & Online Awareness.' A similar evening for parents was being organised in early March. The school was also linking with 4 local Primary Schools regarding Cyber Safety.

-Mobile Cardiac Screening. On consultation with Dr David, cardiologist at Letterkenny University Hospital, it was decided that this screening was inadequate re the detection of cardiac problems in teenagers and the medical advice would be that any parent with concerns should visit their GP.

### **Correspondence:**

The Gaelbhreach Committee had sent a schedule of events for the school year to the Parents Association.

Parent Hub Donegal had sent information re their 'One Small Change Can Make A Big Difference' campaign. Further information can be had from Bairbre.parenthub@gmail.com

**Enrolment Policy:**

The new Enrolment Policy was ratified by the Parents Association at the meeting. The changes included a maximum 1<sup>st</sup> Year enrolment of 144, as recommended by the Board Of Management & new criteria of admission. Proposed: Fiona Herbst. Seconded: Lorna Kemp.

**Any Other Business:** A questionnaire had been distributed re interest in Physical Education as a Leaving Cert. examination subject as it was the intention of the Department of Education & Skills to pilot the subject in 50 schools nationwide. Loreto had decided to wait & evaluate how subject worked in these schools before considering implementing PE as an exam subject.

**The next meeting of the Parents Association will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**