



Caheragh National School

Board of Management – Annual Report 2025



Board of Management 2024/25

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School Ethos

Caheragh NS is a rural, Catholic, co-ed primary school.

This year we celebrated the following sacraments:

March 7th : Sacrament of Penance

May 11th : Sacrament of the First Holy Communion

Summer Works/Buildings

The school will be applying for Additional Accommodations for a solid structure SET Room, Emergency Works to replace and fix the septic tank and soak away and Summer Works to replace the boiler and heating system.

Solar panels were installed on the roof at the back of the school on February 1st and we are already noticing a drop in our electricity bills.

Plumbing maintenance is ongoing in the school.

Staffing

No changes to staff for next year thankfully. SET hours will remain at 20 hours per week. We will continue to have 2 full time SNAs. There may be a change of personnel with regard to the Principal Release Day Teacher but that post is based in Castletownshend NS so they will be recruiting for that post. We also welcomed a student teacher, Miss Cronin to our school for 5 weeks.

School Initiatives

Our school garden is nearly complete. We have achieved our Active Flag, Our Green Flag and the Junior Entrepreneur Awards. We also had great success in the Maths Week Target Board Challenge.

Policy Development

The following policies were all reviewed this year by the BOM: Admissions, Anti-Bullying, Child Protection Safeguarding and Risk Assessment, Health and Safety, Substance Use, Whistleblowing/Protected Disclosures, Code of Behaviour
The Bí Cineálta, Working Together and Parental Complaints Procedures Policies were drafted and adopted.

School Inspection

No DES inspections took place in our school this year but we are up to date with our bi-annual inspections for servicing of our SET equipment.

Curricular Development

Work is ongoing for School Self Evaluation this year in the area of Drama and Oral Language. We have adopted many new initiatives to enrich the teaching and learning in these areas. Next year’s focus will be ICT. 2nd-6th Class learned French for 10 weeks as part of the Say Yes to Languages Programme. The new primary curriculum will continue to be introduced next year which will mean some more training days for the staff in all areas.

Parent Association

A big thank you to our Parent Association for all their hard work organising several fundraisers this year. They have raised and deposited €2594.88 into our account.

We are applying to be a beneficiary of the Caheragh Threshing this year so thank you to all the parents who volunteered of their time to collect for those flag days.

Sporting Achievements

Our girls made it to the Sciath na Scol Finals and we brought home 2 3rd place trophies in Cork Primary Sports.

The school will reopen on August 27th.