

Agreed Report from Steering Committee 01/12/2021

Operations Committee re structure, location and rollout of co-education

1. The Operations sub group made a recommendation which was unanimously endorsed by the Steering Committee to locate the Junior Classes (Junior Infants to 2nd) including the Speech & Language Class on the Lawn Campus and to locate the senior classes (3rd to 6th) on the Chapel St. Campus.
2. The school will be fully co-educational from September 2022 – from Junior Infants to 6th class, with all classes merging.

Careful consideration was given to this decision with many models being examined in detail. Similar consideration will be given to the rollout and impact of this plan on all members of the school community.

Improved connectivity between the two campuses is currently being examined.

School Name, Motto, Uniform & Crest

School Name

A list of names in preferential order are being submitted to the Patron for approval.

School Motto

Many thoughtful suggestions were received and considered. The motto of the new school has been decided as 'Together We Achieve.'

School Crest

Wonderful suggestions had been put forward with some particularly outstanding and creative designs. Tribute was paid to the children, families and classes. There was a commonality of elements. It is proposed to explain this to a graphic designer who will craft a design which can be used across all media. It is hoped that the new crest can be unveiled after the next Steering Committee meeting.

School Uniform

It has been decided to have both a formal and informal uniform. The colour scheme will be as follows:

Informal Uniform

- Half zip top, red & navy with crest
- Navy tracksuit bottoms
- White polo shirt

Formal Uniform

- Vibrant red jumper with school name embroidered
- White shirt
- Navy trousers/skirt (Girls have option of either/or)
- Black footwear
- Navy tights

This is still a work in progress. Extensive work has been done by the sub-committee but we await further recommendations from them before a final decision around supply and other issues can be made.

Existing & Additional Facilities Group

This group has met and has shared a comprehensive overview of the resources currently available on both campuses. The group will be able to proceed with its work now that key decisions have been made.

Enrolment & Admissions Group

It was agreed that it is timely to share our vision and excitement around our new school with the wider public. Information will be posted on the respective school websites and shared with parents and staff. It was noted that it is equally important to think of our existing pupils as well as newcomers to the school both in Junior Infants and other classes. A common approach to enrolment procedure is being developed between the two schools.

Thanks

Finally, sincere thanks were expressed to all the members of the subcommittees for their time, input and dedication. The Steering Committee paid tribute to the meticulous efforts of all involved in the process thus far.

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