

Board of Management

S.N. Naomh Treasa Cashel County Galway



Board of Management Meeting - Agreed Report

12 January 2026

As members of the Board of Management (BOM), our main function is to manage the school on behalf of the patron, for the benefit of the students and to provide an appropriate education for each student at the school. After each of our Board of Review of previous Meeting Minutes & Correspondence Management (BOM) Meetings, we share an Agreed Report that highlights the content of the meeting so that you are better informed about our work.

Welcome

Review of previous Meeting Minutes & Correspondence

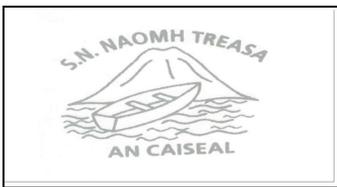
No updates to report.

School Priorities Updates

During the BOM Planning Meeting on 22 August, we agreed to seven (7) priority areas for development, progress and reporting for the 2025-26 school year. These Focus Areas are now the structure for reporting during our BOM meetings. Each BOM member is a liaison to one or more Focus Area/School Priority for interactive leadership and hands-on participation for BOM members.

- **Teaching, Learning & Curriculum**

- Our Panto will be rescheduled at the end of Term 2. Details will be forthcoming.
- Our planned work in Literacy is in place. Team teaching has been quite successful. We have been incorporating effective spelling strategies with a deeper dive into “how words work.” Next will be a focus on comprehension. We are prepared well to be able to implement the full English/Literacy Plan during the 2026-17 school year as expected.
- The upgrading of our classroom libraries this year has already seen an increase in children choosing to sit down with a good book every day!
- Next we will focus on the SET Policy, and developing systems for inventorying our supplies.



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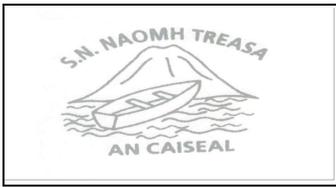
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- **Wellbeing & School Ethos**
 - Unfortunately, our Parent Meeting plans have been impacted so far this year. We are still committed to providing good information about our Code of Behaviour and Anti-Bullying information, and parent information about social media/tech. We will be rescheduling these events.
 - We are also working to schedule Restorative Practices training for staff.

- **Buildings, Facilities & Environment**
 - Our Fire Alarm and Boiler repair is now up to date, and have been funded through the Emergency Works Grant through the Department of Education. Special thanks to all the coordination, communication, application writing and efforts by Ollie, Parent Rep, Lesley, Treasurer, and Jackie to get this work efficiently done. We still need to finish some emergency lighting repairs and move/update some supply lines in coordination with ESB. In addition our generator installation is close to being complete! We are very pleased to be getting this infrastructure, safety and emergency preparedness work complete!!
 - We will be looking ahead at future building/structural needs to request Summer Works support from the Department.

- **Community & Parental Engagement**
 - We are coordinating a **Letter Writing Campaign** for our school community regarding the urgent need to grit our road due to icy conditions that impact busses running, school opening being delayed and school closure.
 - We recommend messages are sent EVERY time our school is impacted by lack of safety preparation by the Council, and/or the lack of transportation provided.
 - Template(s) of communication ideas are provided below as well as contact information for Galway County Council and School Transportation, Bus Éireann
 - **Contact Information for Roads/Grit**
 - **Roads & Transportation Unit**
Galway County Council
Second floor, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill
Galway, H91 H6KX
 - **Phone: +353(0)91 509309**
 - **Email: roads@galwaycoco.ie**



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TEMPLATE IDEA:

Subject: Request for Road Gritting Due to Icy Conditions

Dear Roads & Transportation Unit, Galway County Council,

I am writing as a concerned parent to urgently request road and pavement gritting on the R342, the only access route to SN Naomh Treasa Primary School, Cashel, Co. Galway (H91 A6C1).

During icy mornings, this road becomes impassable for buses, resulting not only in delayed start times but in full school closures. Approximately 70% of pupils rely on bus transport, and many families and staff are unable to travel safely in these conditions, particularly given the long distances involved.

The repeated loss of educational time is unacceptable, especially when a simple gritting pass would significantly improve safety and accessibility. I therefore urge Galway County Council to include the R342 in the Winter Gritting Schedule as an urgent measure.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards, [Name, Area / Postcode]

- Contact Information for School Transportation, Bus Éireann
 - Bus Éireann School Transport Office, Ceannt Station, Eyre Square, Galway.
 - Customer contact: I **0818 919 910**.
 - Assistance of School Transport team:
 - <https://www.buseireann.ie/contact-us>

TEMPLATE IDEA:

Subject: Request for Change in Bus Service Due to Icy Conditions

Dear Bus Éireann School Transport Office,

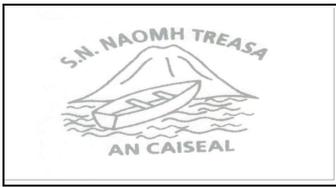
I am writing as a concerned parent to urgently request a change to school transport arrangements on icy mornings for SN Naomh Treasa Primary School, Cashel, Co. Galway (H91 A6C1).

The complete cancellation of morning bus services due to weather conditions effectively results in full school closure. Approximately 70% of pupils depend on school transport, and when a delayed service is not provided, so many students are unable to attend school at all, leading to the loss of an entire school day.

The repeated loss of educational time for our children is unacceptable. I therefore strongly urge the Bus Éireann School Transport Office to reinstate delayed bus services, where feasible, on mornings with adverse weather conditions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards, [Name, Area / Postcode]



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- Thanks again to our wonderful **Parent Association** and the efforts in the bottle return, card games and the 50/50.
- **Finance & Fundraising**
 - We are looking at the Creative Schools Grant for our school. This grant application opens later in February. The Creative Schools Grant for 2026 in Ireland allows primary/post-primary schools and Youthreach centres to apply to integrate arts and creativity into learning, funded by The Arts Council and Creative Ireland Programme, with details available on the [Creative Ireland Programme website](#) and [The Arts Council website](#).
- **Governance & Compliance**
 - Oversight Report and Anti Bullying report was presented.
 - We continue our review school policies and have developed additional subcommittees within the BOM for review and development of needed policy creation/updating.
- **Agreed Report** was discussed.