



Fund Raising Policy

The Board of management of St. Brigid's NS, Clonegal acknowledges that it receives funding from the DES for the day to day running expenses of the school. This funding is received in the form of:

- Capitation Grant – based on the number of pupils enrolled on the previous 30th September – to cover heating, cleaning, lighting, insurance, teaching resources, general maintenance, Continuing Professional Development for staff etc
- Ancillary Grant – calculated as above – to pay secretarial and caretaker wages.
- Book Grant – calculated as above – to cover book expenses for necessitous pupils and to add to book rental scheme.
- Small Works grant – to assist with maintenance costs.
- Summer Works Scheme – for specific projects ie replacement windows etc

The Board of Management also acknowledges that due to increasing costs and reducing Grant levels it is very beneficial to the school if Parents and the school are involved in Fund raising. This fund raising is always on a voluntary basis and the BoM acknowledges and appreciates the efforts of all those who are involved in fund raising for the school.

What is included in Fund raising?

Fund raising is considered to be any activity that involves raising funds for the school, raising funds for any specific purpose related to the school, the donation of money or resources (including books, furniture or any other objects) to the school and the provision of any of the above through sponsorship. Generally fund raising is organised by the Parents Council and by the school staff – though in certain circumstances individual parents or groups of parents may wish to fund raise for a specific purpose. Occasionally, an outside group volunteers to raise funds for the school.

Fund Raising Guidelines

Fund raising is always welcome and appreciated. However, to ensure the best use of funds raised through any means, the following guidelines need to be followed.

- Suggestions for fund raising should always be discussed with the Principal who will discuss it with the Chairperson of the BoM, and, if necessary it will be discussed at a Board of Management meeting.
- Decisions on what should be purchased with funds raised must be taken by the Principal and/or BoM.



- The Parents Council may request a “wish list” from the Principal at the beginning of the school year and funds raised may be used to provide any of the items on the list for the school.
- Funds raised should be for a specific purpose and used for that purpose as soon as possible after the event.
- Any individual, group of individuals or family, who wishes to make a donation of money or other objects/resources to the school, must discuss this with the Principal beforehand.

Any funds raised/donated, or resources provided will be used in the best interest of the pupils.