**Ballintotas NS Parents Association**

**Notice of 2020 AGM**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of Ballintotas NS Parents Association (PA) committee, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our families since the return to school, with an especially warm welcome to our new families and children in the junior classes. The good news is that all parents are automatically members of the Parents Association. We look forward to the PA committee engaging with all parents throughout the 2020-2021 academic year and making it a successful year through the collaborate efforts from all of our parents.

Due to the current circumstances and challenges that we all face as a result of the Covid 19 global pandemic, it will be necessary to find alternative means to conduct PA business. As always, we welcome all ideas from our families.

This year the AGM will be conducted differently. It was agreed that we will hold the AGM in paper format due to current restrictions. What this means is that an Annual Report for the past school year 2019-2020 will be issued to all families. In advance of this report however we will be asking for nominations to elect the 2020-2021 committee members. Our current committee members are as follows: *Chairperson Trudie O’Doherty; Secretary Laoise O’Riordan; Treasurer Carol Quinn; Vice Chairperson Clare Crowley* - For this year, the current committee members have all agreed to remain in their current positions. We are inviting all parents to take the opportunity to join the PA committee, and would gladly welcome the increased support.

According to our ‘***Constitution Of The Parent Association Of Ballintotas National School’****,*

“*The members of the Parent Association will elect a committee with a maximum of 8 and a minimum of 4. This committee will have responsibility for representing the parents of Ballintotas National School and managing the activities of the Parents Association*.”

With this in mind and for the purpose of adding year to year continuity to the operations of the PA, we would like to call for nominations to fill the 8 positions: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chairperson, assistant Chairperson, assistant Secretary, assistant Treasurer, assistant Vice Chairperson. As a result of achieving this 8 committee members model, it will add benefit to the role of the PA as it will allow the assistant roles to shadow the existing roles for one year before they take up the main committee members positions. This will therefore aid in the seamless transition of committee members from year to year.

This year’s AGM will take effect Thursday 29th Oct 2020, in which the PA Annual Report will be issued to all families. This report will also include the new committee members names following your nominations and acceptance.

If you would like to become a member of the committee and would like to hear more about the roles, please feel free to talk to any of the current committee members (Trudie, Laoise, Carol, Clare).

The PA (in which all parents are automatically members) is the structure through which parents/guardians in the school can work together for the best possible education of our children. Parent’s opinions matter and your active feedback and involvement is essential for the Parents Association to strive. We therefore urge each and everyone to get involved, whether it be to join the committee, partake in a subcommittee for special projects, give a helping hand or support the fundraisers.

* You can submit nominations for the positions as listed above to the Parents Association via paballintotasns@gmail.com
* Please submit your nomination before Thursday16th Oct
* We will notify all parents of the nominations and will indicate how to vote.

We look forward to hearing from you all with any ideas and suggestions you may have for school events, activities, fundraising ideas or parents talks. As always please take the opportunity to contact a member of the PA committee directly and/or post your suggestions in the post box at the entrance gate.

Thankyou.

Yours Sincerely

Ballintotas NS PA Committee