Core Theme: Management & Leadership

Priority Area: Curriculum

Domains:

- Learner Outcomes (T&L)
- Learner experiences (T&L)
- Teacher's Individual Practice (T&L)
- Teachers' collective/collaborative practice(T&L)
- Leading Teaching & Learning(L&M)
- Managing the organisation(L&M)

Target:

- The provision of a varied curriculum that is responsive to the needs of students.
- To ensure that all subjects are allocated space on the timetable according to their curriculum recommendation.
- To provide a selection of courses to meet the needs and aptitudes of students

Action:

→ Review of timetable and subject time allocation.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
Reviewed & adjusted early 2019 for 2019/2020 timetable.	Replacement of static blocks with flexible blocks facilitates greater responsiveness to student preferences/aptitudes and interests - student attainment and participation
	should improve.

→ COVID Action: January 2021 – review curriculum provision in light of move to remote Teaching & Learning

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Review students and staff on remote 	Redrafted timetable responds to following
teaching & learning experiences from 12 th	identified challenges:
March 2020 to end May 2020	 Experience of being overwhelmed – both
 Review timetable provision in response 	students and staff
to survey feedback	 Manages the workload for both students
 Redraft timetable January 2021: 	and staff.
 Move to 1 hour classes 	 Facilities preparation, correction time for
	teachers.

- Priority scheduling for 6th, 3rd, 5th,2nd, 1st & TYs
- Schedule Independent Time for homework &/or study
- CSPE,SPHE & PE to be delivered through Teams/ school website dedicated pages – Stay Active & Stay Positive
- Redraft L2LP timetable for Inbhear students.
- Reassignment of resource classes to respond to redrafted mainstream timetable.

- Facilitates homework and study time for students.
- Manages screen time.
- Longer class period reduces the impact of technical challenges.

→ Provision of L2LP Programme.

Action to 2/3/21 Impact on T&L? Implemented for end 2018/2019 & Meets the needs of students who 2019/2020 through Inbhear struggle with mainstream Junior Cycle provides targeted, student centred Reviewed and researched by committee January 2020 to facilitate provision in programme for students with greatest mainstream. need. L2LP programme delivered both in ASD Quality and relevant in-service delivered classes and mainstream for qualifying by L2LP practitioners has alleviated students from September 2021. anxiety amongst staff and enhanced the Delivery both of external and internal provision of the programme. inservice for staff on L2LP programme. Development on internal resources for L2LP programme. Development of L2LP reporting mechanism & P/T Meeting Inclusion of L2LP information in Junior Cycle Prospectus.

→ Review of Transition Year Programme in response to TY Inspection & Follow Up Inspection.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 TY programme redesigned for 2019/2020 Students, parents & staff surveyed ahead of preparation for 2020/21. 	Provides a dynamic learning programme which will provide a good foundation for senior cycle.
 Assistant Year Head appointed to take up responsibilities in September 2021 	 senior cycle Curriculum developed which considers the cohort of student applicants.
	 Increased numbers selecting optional TY statistics show students who complete

TY score more points on average in the
LC.
 Provides greater support and mentor-
style interventions for students and
deters student behaviour that may
interfere with T&L.

 $\,\rightarrow\,$ Ongoing review and planning for LCA programmes.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
Reviewed for 2019/2020 timetable	→ Curriculum developed which considers
 Reviewed for 2020/2021 timetable 	the cohort of student applicants.
 Increased options provided for 2020/21 	ightarrow Meets the needs of students who
timetable.	struggle – provides targeted, student
 Additional resources assigned for both 	centred programme for students with
LCA2 & 1 in 2020/21 to reflect the	greatest need.
greater learning challenges experienced	→ Provides greater support and mentor-
by some students on the programme.	style interventions for students and
 Assistant Year Head appointed to take up 	deters student behaviour that may
responsibilities in September 2021.	interfere with T&L.

ightarrow Teacher Timetable Wish Lists to identify staffs' interest in programmes.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
Completed March 2019 Completed March 2020 Complete March 2021	 Teachers will be teaching subjects they are qualified to teach; delivery of quality teaching for all students and greater wellbeing for staff Teachers with a specific interest in an area eg SEN have identified that interest in their Wishlist which ensures that staff with an interest, aptitude and skillset in this important field are assigned to SEN students. Provides the opportunity for staff to extend their skills eg additional staff to deliver the LCPE programme.

 $\,\rightarrow\,$ Facilitate and encourage staff access to CPD in their subject areas.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
Action to 2/3/21	Impact on Tale

- Whole school JCT Inservice 2019, 2021
- Whole school JCT Cluster day 2020, 2021
- Dyslexia InService- whole staff
- WRAT Testing Inservice- Y. Nugent,
 M.Shannon, E.Magee, A. Schous,
 D.ODomhnaill, M.Murray
- VSware InService –whole staff
- Digital Learning Framework-visits to Dublin and Limerick schools- D. Haugh
- Management and Leadership coursevarious teachers
- Fire Safety- whole staff
- Formative Assessment Training- whole staff
- Managing Challenging Behaviour InService- whole staff
- L2LP In-service SEN Team
- Office 365 Training whole staff
- Teams Internal Inservice- whole staff
- Office 365 teacher mentors
- Internally developed Teams CPD for staff & students
- Restorative Practices InService- Edel McDonnell, David Daly
- ACCS: Middle Leaders; Building Sustainable Capacity- Phase 2: S. Brooks, C.O'Hara, S. Hickey Phase 3: Mary Costello; Jacquie Murphy; Edel McDonnell
- Bealach Committees formed
- Student Teacher Placement Programme
- Music Generation TY programme Forbairt Programme – Mary Costello, Sharon Brooks, David Daly, Edel McDonnell
- Shane Martin Staff Inservice 2019
- 2021 trying to secure Shane Martin for online inservice for students(LC) and parents – coping with stress & anxiety
- Student Support Team Project- N. Murray, A. Schous, A. Howard
- Dignity in the Workplace Inservice Sharon Brooks, Enda Garvey, Edel McDonnell

- Regular upskilling of staff will ensure highest quality teaching and learning experiences for students
- Upskilling in range and variety of teaching methodologies will enhance T&L experience for students and facilitate the different learning styles of students.
- Teacher and SNA CPD promotes and facilitates differentiation in T&L
- Develop intrinsic resources to support resilience and development.

Middletown Centre for Autism – CPD	
hosted by St Patrick's Comprehensive	
School for teachers – primary & post	
primary and parents.	

ightarrow Promotion of MFL through exchange programmes and school tours.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 German exchange September 2019 	Experience of 'real life' language use will
 Co-op student employed Jan 2020 with 	increase confidence in spoken word.
expertise an interest in linguistics.	 Enhanced preparation for orals and
 Jan 2020 exploring Foreign Language 	resource support.
Assistant Application	
• 2020/21 Successful in securing Language	
Assistants in both French and German	

→ Sourcing theatre groups, writer's in residence, guest speakers etc in all subject areas.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
Irish Department – Irish theatre group	 Brings texts 'to life'
TY first Aid- Order of Malta (in school)	 Supports understanding and recall.
 2019/2020 English Theatre trips 	 Experience 'texts' as intended.
	 Post-performance discussions broaden
	understanding and enforces personal
	interpretation.

→ Cross-curricular links with Guidance – guest speakers/visits out to explore career areas in different subjects.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Collaborate with the Comp Careers Fair 2019 Transition Year Careers Week 2021 Development of Senior & Junor Cycle Prospectus Junior and Senior Cycle sections on school website Careers page on school website Query forms to ensure dedicated and informed responses. 	 Range and variety of information available for student and parents to support decision making process. Voice of subject practitioners facilitate students/parents engaging with information. Variety of presentations supports different learning styles of students and parents. Enhanced links developing with local companies reinforces the relevance of subjects and highlights career opportunities for students & parents.

→ COVID Action: Explore how to support students and parents in the transition from primary school to secondary and from Junior Cycle to Senior Cycle

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Virtual Open Night Virtual Induction Senior Cycle Online Presentation 	 Supported potential students and parents in decision making process. Virtual Induction gives detailed subject specific information to students and parents especially when considered with new Junior Cycle Prospectus Online Senior Cycle Presentations- gives 3rd & TY students quality information to inform their choices for senior Cycle Accompanied by senior Cycle Prospectus All Virtual & Online presentation have the added advantage of being available to be reviewed as often as required by students and parents.

ightarrow Explore links with Alumni and Shannon Chamber of Commerce and other agencies.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Collaborate with the Comp Alumni Page on website. Alumni recorded interviews. Clare Youth Project Board- Sharon Brooks Safety on JC results night talk- Shannon Gardai Social Media safety- Shannon Gardai Linking in with LCAs-Shannon Gardai Road Code Road Safety programme- CYS and UPS Senior Citizen's Christmas Party (Alumni: M. Hartigan)) Intel maths mentoring programme- Community links CAMHS, NEPS, CYS ongoing visits to school re Wellbeing- Year heads, S. Brooks, N.Murray, A. Howard Note: This is outside of official visits. Traveller Health Ed. Workshop- Mary Shannon AslAm Schools Pilot Project- Mary Costello, Y. Nugent 	 CPD opportunites for students & staff Enhanced links may provide work experience/work shadowing opportunites. Engaging with expertise in the community, amongst parents and alumni can enhance T&L. Supports targeted interventions for students struggling to engage with education. Potential to expand the range & variety of extra-curricular opportunities for our students. Creates strong and binding links with our wider community – reinforces students' sense of community responsibility and empowerment. Opportunities to experience the theory of subjects in 'real life .'

•	Alumni: A. Fox, K. Barrett, L. Gough-
	Musical
•	Alumni: Elora McFall: Women In Physics
•	S.I.P. Launch: (Alumni: A. Harrison, A.
	McFall)
•	Student Council - ISSU.
•	Green Schools committee – community
	links-Town Park clean up etc.
•	School Social Media presence-
	community
•	Photograph Club - Comp Pix
•	Links with Love Shannon
•	Mary Costello - participation in Shannon
	Development Plan – strategic plan for
	Shannon 2020/21

→ Use a variety of teaching & learning methodologies to promote attainment across all curricula.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Enhanced use of Teams Active Learning Methodologies: SEN & Differentiation strategies identified in Subject Plans from Sept 2019 	 Student attainment will improve because of recognition of different learning styles and ability levels. Teams – students can follow the progress of their classes if absent. Teams – students can revisit teacher presentations and demos after class.

ightarrow Examine curriculum provision at Junior Cycle – Short Courses.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 PE JC short course timetabled 2019/2020, 2020/21 Explore curriculum provision at JC with particular focus on 400 hrs Wellbeing:SPHE; CSPE; IT; Careers scheduled for JC 2020/21 	 Improvement in participation and status of the subject which is impacting on subject demand at senior cycle – LCPE 6th year #10;LCPE 5th year #16 2019/2020

ightarrow Poll student preferences in 1st & 5th year every year to ensure curriculum development that maximizes preferences.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
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Student preferences polled April 2019; March 2020; March/April2021	 Students are happier and more successful studying subjects they have a genuine interest and aptitude – small percentage of students who changed subjects in Sept 2019 -20% in 5th year; 11% in 1st year. Refined teacher resource allocation to reflect subject demand and student preferences. Elimination of 'subject trial period' in 1st year and removed the necessity for static blocks and has resulted in a more flexible and responsive timetable; has increased the relevant tuition time for all students and teachers.

 $\,\rightarrow\,$ Review the range of subjects on offer.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Subjects scheduled in response to preferences 2019/2020; 2020/2021 and subject to teacher allocation. Decision to change Science from compulsory at JC and MFL from compulsory at LC to ensure correct assignment of resource allocation. 	 Option blocks are responsive to student preferences which reflects their interests and aptitudes – creates greater opportunities for students to be assigned subjects where they have the greatest potential to be successful. Students with a language exemption at senior cycle effectively gained a subject option once compulsory MFL was changed. Science is strongly recommended at Junior Cycle and has significant uptake – the optional nature allows those students without a strong aptitude to experience success in another option subject.

ightarrow Review current staff in areas of interest, professional development opportunities.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Approximately 25% staff engaged in CPD outside of school. Promotion of internal staff led CPD as a feature of staff meetings. 	 T&L enhanced within individual classrooms and sharing of expertise within subject departments and whole school. Staff led CPD ensures CPD is context relevant and therefore very effective; it also allows for follow up.

→ Create links with other schools.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Timetable Review - questionnaire and interviews with management, staff, parents and pupils in exploring the structure of the timetable – 1 hour classes/ Friday half-day. IT coordinator visit to secondary schools in Limerick and Dublin April/May 2019. ASD/SEN Team visits to other schools in researching L2LP programme Primary schools' visits- M. Costello, S. Brooks ASD/SEN Admissions Liaison works with Primary Schools along with Year Head to support students transition to the Comp Local Primary School Principals 'meeting-hub'- facilitated at St Patrick's Comprehensive School. Middletown Centre for Autism – CPD hosted by St Patrick's Comprehensive School for teachers – primary & post primary and parents. 	 Development of whole school digital strategy to enhance T&L – visits to other school to identify best practice. Strengthens the relationships with National School; facilitates positive transition experiences for students and sharing of information for the benefit of students. Supports the transition of students into 1st year. Strengthens good communication between schools – shared resources, supporting students.

→ COVID Action: Explore potential cooperation and mutual support relationship between St Patrick's Comprehensive School & St Caimin's Community School.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 St Caimin's & COVID - management teams worked closely in a supportive way – developed a joint presentation for students and parents of both schools to alleviate anxiety and any confusion regarding different logistics in both schools. Logistics support – Titan Storage; Sanitizer 	 Joint presentation eliminated any confusion/debate as to how one school's response may be different to the other depending on context. Unprecedented times – mutual management support facilitated management leading and supporting staff and students.

Priority Area: School Policies

Domains:

- Learner Outcomes (T&L)
- Learner Experiences (T&L)
- Leading Teaching & Learning (L&M)
- Managing the Organisation (L&M)
- Leading School Development(L&M)

Target:

- To ensure that all mandated school policies are in place.
- To ensure a schedule of review and ratification of existing policies.
- To engage with all school partners in the development & review of school policies.

Action:

→ Appointment of AP I Post Hoder with responsibility for School Policies.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
2019 Anne Howard appointed.	
 November 2020 – secondment 	
appointment – post vacant	

→ Establishment of School Policy Calendar for review and ratification.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Drafted May 2019 COVID school closures have mitigated against proactive engagement with school policies – activity is predominantly reactive and focused on priority/time bound policies. 	Having correct and up-to-date policies will ensure the efficient operation of school and will scaffold T&L.

→ All school policies to be available on the school website.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Policy documents updated on school website as reviewed and ratified. 	Students, parents & staff have all relevant information available to them.

→ School Policy for review on the agenda for Board Meetings.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?

- Ongoing as required.
- COVID majority of BoM meetings have moved online; all staff meetings have moved online; challenges and workload of remote T&L have mitigated against the viability of a more robust approach to policy development &/or review.
- Opportunities for forward planning and employing policy review & development for proactive action are currently minimized & as a consequence potential positive impacts on T&L are reduced.
- → Student Council coordinator to facilitate engagement by Student Council in policy review and development.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Clodagh O'Hara appointed January 2019 	Student Voice reflected in school policies
 Student Council Elections for 2019/2020 	will impact on student satisfaction
& 2020/2021 academic years.	(happiness quotient) and should impact
 Ms O'Hara facilitates meetings between 	positively on T&L.
school management & student council.	 Election process has elevated the status
Bealach distributed to Student Council.	of the student council.
COVID policy and response plan shared	
with student council for input.	

→ Explore opportunities for Student Council to feedback to the student body:

Intercom access

Suggestion box

SC Noticeboard

Liaise with Year heads for assemblies.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Student Council Office identified in Dec 2019 – work to establish Jan 2020 COVID – lockdown hindered progress on student council office; on return to 	 Student Council will host clinics and opportunities and challenges can be identified earlier. Greater communication to the student
school social distancing requirements hindered progress. • Student Council notice board identified.	body should result in greater engagement, ownership and participation which should result in happier students who will engage and achieve better.

→ Parents' Association coordinator to facilitate engagement by Parents' Association in policy review and development.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
Pauline Gallery appointed January 2019.	 Enhanced partnership between home and school will result in improved learning outcomes for students.

→ Agreed template for school policies with printed version available in front office and principal's office; digital version on school website and for staff through Share Point.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
Currently adopting DES templates.	 Ensures policies reflect DES requirements while also edited to reflect our school context.

→ COVID Action: Prepare and keep updated COVID Response Plan & COVID Policy

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 School COVID Response Plan – Ar Ais developed and realeased on school website. Ar Ais updated in response to changing conditions and requireemnts. COVID Policy drafted, reviewed and ratified by Board of MAnageemnt. 	 School community as a whole are fully informed as to school's response to CVOID requirements. Ar Ais gave clarity and as a result reduced anxiety.

Priority Area: Parent Teacher Meetings

Domains:

- Learner Outcomes (T&L)
- Learner experiences (T&L)
- Teacher's Individual Practice(T&L)
- Teachers' collective/collaborative practice(T&L)
- Leading Teaching & Learning(L&M)
- Managing the organisation (L&M)

Target:

• That P/T Meetings provide an opportunity for meaningful engagement between home and school for the benefit of students.

Action:

→ Schedule of meetings to be determined in advance and notified to parents.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 2019/2020 schedule decided in May 2019 	 Teachers can schedule assessments in
and notified to parents through Buíochas	advance of p/t meetings. Parents &
• 2020/2021 schedule drafted in June 2020	students are aware of schedule and can
with the caveat of COVID 19 restrictions	be prepared.

→ Schedule of P/T meetings to follow release of internal school reports.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 AFL Reports in October ahead of 3rd, 6th, 	Parents and students are better informed
LCA & TY p/t meeting.	in advance of meetings;
 Christmas Reports available ahead of 1st, 2nd & 5th year p/t meetings. 	 AFL reports help teachers prep for meetings, facilitates more constructive discussions.

→ Reminder text to parents in advance of meetings to remind of meeting and to check VSware for the most up-to-date information regarding their student.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
Text sent day before and day of meeting.	 Greater likelihood of parental attendance which is critical in the partnership between home and school.

→ Review the location of P/T Meetings to facilitate efficient and comfortable engagement.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Reviewed following feedback from staff 	Better arrangements will facilitate better
and parents in 3 rd term 2018/2019 -	discussion.
moved to R22/23 & library.	

 \rightarrow Sign in book for parents.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 In place for all meetings. 	Year head/ subject teacher can follow up
	with absent parent if required.

→ Explore student Council role at P/T meeting as stewards.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Trialed in November 2019 with TY 	Parents will be better able to identify
students.	staff and have more efficient meetings.

 \rightarrow If a teacher is unavoidably absent from the P/T meeting they will email parents.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
List of staff in attendance available at	Parents and students can be assured of
Sign-in book for all meetings – parents	feedback.
asked to contact front office if follow up	
need with a teacher who is unavailable.	

→ Reminder text to staff & parents that discussions time is limited.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Text sent to parents Jan 2020 reminding 	 More efficient and effective meetings.
of large numbers in attendance.	

→ Year Heads to follow up with parents who didn't attend P/T Meeting to encourage them to attend the next meeting.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Proposed strategy January 2020 meetings Year head to identify parents who didn't attend email M&L team to compare with student attainment, attendance and behavior at school. Proposed strategy was made redundant by COVID 19 lockdown and restrictions for end 2019/20 and 2020/21 academic years. 	 Explore if there is a correlation between students under achieving and parental involvement?

→ **COVID Action**: Explore the possibility of Online P/T Meetings

Action to 2/3/21 Impact on T&L?

- M&L Committee explored P/T options in December 2020 in light of COVID restrictions.
- Proposal to use a 'phonecall' request form for parents to identify the teachers they would like to engage with – trial with 6th years post Christmas 2020.
- Following a recommendation of a teacher-parent who experienced an online p/t meeting we researched the possibility of p/t meetings facilitated through Teams – trial with 6th years initially.
- Teams p/t meetings 2020/21 scheduled for 6th,3rd,5th,TYs,2nd & 1st years for 2020/21.

- Feedback from Teams p/t meeting:
- Welcomed by both parents & staff.
- Effect & efficient mechanism.
- Prebooking facilitates student specific preparation for staff.
- Booking mechanism facilitates parents.
- Online facilitates sharing and demonstrating student learning & attainment.
- Limited booking times can mean insufficient slots for class sizes.

Priority Area: Student Leadership

Domains:

- Learner Outcomes (T&L)
- Learner experiences (T&L)
- Leading Teaching & Learning(L&M)
- Managing the organisation(L&M)
- Leading School Development(L&M)
- Developing Leadership Capacity(L&M)

Target:

- To promote the student voice in our school community.
- To listen to and engage with the student body in the development of our school.

Action:

→ Assign a post holder responsible for liaising with the student council.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Clodagh O'Hara appointed January 	Student Voice reflected in school policies
2019Student Council Elections for	will impact on student satisfaction
2019/2020 & 2020/2021 academic years.	

Ms O'Hara facilitates meetings between	(happiness quotient) and should impact
school management & student council.	positively on T&L.
Bealach distributed to Student Council.	Election process has elevated the status
 COVID policy and response plan shared 	of the student council.
with student council for input.	Promotes Student Voice and partnership.

→ Examine with the student council an enhanced role for the student council.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
Student Council participation and	Addition of unique student perspective
leadership in Bealach Student Workshops	impacted on a more enhanced School
and Strategic Committee Bealach review	Improvement Plan and better School Self
2019.	Evaluation.

→ Scheduling of regular minuted meetings for the student council.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
Scheduled	 Focused and informed response to
 Student Council record books. 	student voice.

ightarrow Student Council Liaison to enhance communication between management and student council.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
Ms O'Hara facilitates meetings between school management & student council. Pagular angagement between CO'Hara	 Student Voice reflected in school policies will impact on student satisfaction (happiness quotient) and should impact
 Regular engagement between C O'Hara and Senior Management 	 positively on T&L. Senior Management are better informed of student concerns/ideas; students
	better informed – enhanced communication throughout.

→ Student Council page on school website.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 In place and updated following election 	Reinforces importance of student voice
Dec 2019 & Dec 2020	and partnership in school – greater
	collegiality and team spirit.

ightarrow Explore local & national opportunities for student council.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Meeting with Student Council in advance of Shannon Development Plan Meeting. Co-opting of 2 student council members from the Comp onto the planning group for the Shannon development Plan Engageemnt with ISSU – sharing ISSU material on school website for information and benefit of students. Student Council member participation in Clare Youth Council 	Informs student council and student body of student experiences in other schools.

 \rightarrow Student Menor Programme for incoming 1st year students by 5th year students.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Commenced September 2019 – will be reviewed in May 2020 COVID restrictions for 2020/21 academic year mitigated against operating a mentoring programme and cross group missing. 2021/2022: important to review provision of mentoring programme. 	 Ease transition of 1st year students; create a greater sense of belonging; mitigate against bullying; provide leadership opportunity for senior students. Reinforces and protects positive, caring atmosphere in the school.

ightarrow Source in-service and training for student council and student mentors.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
Student mentors trained in August 2019 with ongoing monitoring and support.	 Empowers student mentors to positively impact on 1st year students and peers – positive contagion.

→ Student Council membership or appointment as a Student Mentor to be recognized and merited on VSware.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Facility to record Student Council/Student Mentor role on Positive Behaviour section of VSware. 	 Celebrates expansive learning of students. Informs teachers of students' skills and aptitudes. Reinforces wholistic approach to T&L.

ightarrow Appointment of Student Mentor Coordinator.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Appointed May 2019 – Rachel Akers 	Co-ordination and delivery of mentoring
 Temp liaison appointed Dec 2019 – 	programme.
Yvonne Nugent	

ightarrow Students to actively engage in fundraising for the enhancement of school facilities.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Legally Blonde Cast & Crew – sponsored walk; cash for clobber and table quiz 	 Students have greater awareness of commitment to extra curricular activities and an appreciation of their financial cost.

Priority Area: Parental Leadership

Domains:

- Leading Teaching & Learning(L&M)
- Managing the organisation(L&M)
- Leading School Development(L&M)
- Developing Leadership Capacity(L&M)

Target:

- To promote the parental voice in our school community.
- To listen to and engage with parents in the development of our school.

Action:

ightarrow Appointment of Parents Association liaison.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
Pauline Gallery appointed January 2019	Facilitate partnership between school &
	home.

→ Parents association liaison to enhance communication between management and parents association.

Action	to 2/3/21	Impac	t on T&L?
•	Regular email correspondence following	•	Enhanced communication between home
	PA meetings.		& school; allows for targeted action and
•	Joint action on Car Park challenges during		feedback.
	2020/21 academic year.		

→ Parents Association page on school website.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 In place but needs updating 	

→ Review the formation and election of Parents' Association.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Parents Association elections October 2019 Challenge to get parental involvement in Parent's Association. 	 Limited parental engagement hinders the partnership between school & home. Limited mandate of Parents Association requires that queries/concerns that may be common to a lot of parents have to be dealt with on an individual basis.

→ Parents Association to provide funding for reopening of Breakfast Club.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
Breakfast club reopened November 2019.	All students will have the opportunity to
 Had to be postponed for 2020/21 	start the day with breakfast regardless of
academic year due to Covid restrictions.	their circumstances.

→ Parent role in school activities eg musical, Christmas Market etc.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Parent Association support for interval	 Reduces the burden on teaching staff
refreshments during school musical Dec	which allows them to focus on core
2019	purpose of T&L.

Priority Area: Staff Leadership

Domains:

- Teacher's Individual Practice(T&L)
- Teachers' collective/collaborative practice(T&L)
- Leading Teaching & Learning(L&M)
- Managing the organisation(L&M)
- Leading School Development(L&M)
- Developing Leadership Capacity(L&M)

Target:

• That all staff both post holders and non-post holders have the opportunity to provide leadership and direction in the development of our school.

Action:

→ Rotating Chair & Secretary of subject Departments.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
In place from September 2019	All staff have the opportunity and
	responsibility for leadership.

 \rightarrow Staff to lead sections of staff meetings.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 J Murphy presentation on House exams. D Haugh presentation on IT strategy. S Hickey presentation on programme changes in TY & LCA. D O'Domhnaill presentation on SEN & Team Teaching E Garvey presentation on Health & Safety. L Leonard presentation on L2LP programme. J Murphy presentation on Teams. Year Head presentation – E McDonnell & E Magee on amendments to discipline and referral procedures. 	Perspective of staff presentations is informed by school context, so presentations are very focused and relevant.

 CO'Hara & S Hickey presentation on ACCS
Management programme.

→ Review of Teacher Handbook.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Reviewed in June 2019; updated and published for all staff Sept 2019; available on Sharepoint. Handbook presented to all staff joining the school. 	 All staff have priority information at hand. Clear & consistent approach.

 \rightarrow Appointment of postholder responsible for easing transition of new teachers.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 R Akers AP II with responsibility for staff new to the school. 	Staff new to school have post holder and senior staff to ease transition.

→ Ongoing engagement with Droichead programme including upskilling of new members.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Droichead programme in place in school	 NQTs receive support from Droichead
and new members upskilled 2019	staff in T&L.

ightarrow Staff leadership of School Development Plan Committees.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
AP I postholders and senior management	 Focused group to ensure forward
chair & secretary to Bealach committees	momentum; leadership team can liaise to
– Sept 2019	avoid duplication and identify
	complementary actions.

→ Annual review with post holders as to their role and the evolving needs of the school.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Process started Sept 2019 – progress hindered by COVID restrictions. 	 Ensures PoR are targeted, relevant and attainable.
Process to be completed with all post	
holders before the end of the 2020/21 academic year.	

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•	Reassignment of posts in June 2019
0	Emer Magee assigned role as Timetabler
0	Alieen Dineen as Year Head
0	Siobhan Hickey took on role coordinating
	TY & LCA
•	Anne Howard secondment in November
	2020:
	Cathy Keane (Acting AP II) – TUSLA
	reporting
	Ciara Golden (Acting AP I) – assistant Year
	Head in TY & LCA in addition AP II roles &
	responsibilities
	Jacquie Murphy (Acting AP I) IT
	coordinator in addition to AP II roles &
	responsibilities
	Yvonne Nugent (Acting AP II) -
	Admissions Liaison & L2LP/ASD/SEN
	timetable liaison.
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→ Financial support from Board of Management for staff interested in upskilling.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
2 staff to date have applied & received financial support from BoM for external CPD	Important to support staff with the intrinsic motivation to improve their teaching and the learning of students.

→ Reflection Sheets to be used to ensure all staff have a voice.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
Teacher Timetable Wishlist – March	 Aims to improve 'job satisfaction,
2019; January 2020, March 2021.	wellbeing and achievement for staff.
 Integral part of SIP process 2019. 	 Identified core themes from all partners.
 Regular online surveys of staff. 	

ightarrow Leadership & management needs of the school to be identified at first staff meeting annually

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Reviewed November 2019; COVID restrictions in 2020 delayed the review 	Reflects current needs of school.
process.	

•	Concern as to the low level of
	engagement by staff in Post of
	Responsibility recruitment process –
	Acting AP II position lost to the school in
	February 2021 because there was only
	one applicant for two positions.

→ Staff to actively engage in fundraising for the enhancement of school facilities.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Staff involved in school musical led fundraising drive through a sponsored walk; cash for clobber & table quiz. Green Schools Committee secured sponsorship for water bottles and hydrating stations. Collaborate with the Comp. Astroturf Fundraising Drive. 'Gifted Funds': 	 Partnership with students. Targeted projects with focus and impact on T&L.

Priority Area: School Plan

Domains:

- Learner Outcomes (T&L)
- Learner experiences (T&L)
- Teacher's Individual Practice(T&L)
- Teachers' collective/collaborative practice(T&L)
- Leading Teaching & Learning(L&M)
- Managing the organisation(L&M)
- Leading School Development(L&M)
- Developing Leadership Capacity(L&M)

Target:

- School Development Plan will be developed every 3 years which engages with all the school partners.
- The School Development Plan will be a roadmap detailing the primary development objectives for the school.

• The School Development Plan will be a 'live' document which holds the school accountable for progress or lack thereof.

Action:

→ Identify core themes for school development.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Identified Nov 2018 – May 2019 through 	Bealach will give a clear roadmap for
reflection sheets and workshops.	school improvement for next 3 years.
 What is good about the Comp? 	
 What isn't good about the Comp? 	
The Comp in 3 years time	

→ Conduct workshops with staff, students and parents.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
• Staff – Dec 2018	Staff, Student and parent voice in Bealach
 Students – March 2019 	will broaden perspective and
 Parents – March 201 	effectiveness.
	 Cross community engagement will ensure
	relevance, diversity and connection.

→ Collate data and present draft plan to School Improvement Plan Strategic Committee.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
June/July 2019	 It will facilitate focused and coordinated action with the impact on T&L at its centre.

ightarrow Present reviewed plan to Board of Management for ratification

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 September 2019 following review and amendments by strategic Planning 	 Composition of Board ensures all community groups are reflected.
Group.	

→ Publish plan both in hard copy and as a digital version on our school website.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
January 2020	Hardcopy grounded the SIP and enforced
	the commitment to its implementation –

the relevance of strategies underpinned
by their impact on T&L.

→ School Plan core themes committees to be established to drive the plan forward – staff to self-select the committee that they are interested in supporting.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Dec 2019 – Bealach Committees 	 Whole staff responsibility and
established and inaugural meetings.	engagement – solutions focused
	approach will create forward
	momentum.

→ AP I post holders to act as Chair & Secretary to SIP Committees – responsible for scheduling of meetings and recording of minutes.

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 Appointed and schedule of meetings added to calendar from Jan – June 2020 COVID impact on 2020/21 academic year hindered prescheduling of Bealach meetings however Bealach Committees proved invaluable in providing a mechanism through which staff input could be engaged on targeted actions without the logistic challenges presented by COVID. 	 Shared responsibility and workload will mean whole school gain. Bealach Committees in the COVID era were influential and dynamic in implementing focused, researched and relevant change in the school.

ightarrow Croke Park hours to be used for scheduling of Committee Meetings

Action to 2/3/21	Impact on T&L?
 3 x 70 min meetings scheduled through Croke Park. COVID – many Bealach meetings had to be scheduled online or during tuition time/lunch or break times 	 No loss to tuition time for meetings. COVID time restraints limited the exploration possible for Bealach Committees however the commitment of staff in those committees researched and implemented change and navigated that change in very challenging times. Bealach Committees gave our school the mechanism and vehicle to respond to the challenges presented by COVID in measured, informed and creative ways that had as their focus T&L at all times.