

Parents Association of St. Mary's Boys National School, Lucan.

**The Constitution of the Parents Association of
St. Marys Boys National School, Lucan.**

**Constitution as agreed at the General Meeting of 15 January 1975 and amended at
subsequent Annual General Meetings.**

- 1. Name:** The Association shall be called the St. Mary's Boys National School, Lucan (vii) National School Parents' Association.
- 2. Objectives:** The objectives of the Association shall be:
- 2.1 To provide opportunities for parents and teachers to meet to exchange ideas and inform on the education of children at the school, at home and in the community and to discuss problems of mutual interest.
 - 2.2 Possible areas of involvement would be for parents to assist in extra-curricular activities, use of children's leisure time, provision of extra equipment of teaching aids and fundraising for the school. (viii)
 - 2.3 The essential aim is to promote a spirit of co-operation and good will between school management, staff and parents where the education and welfare of school children is concerned.
 - 2.4 The Association is not a forum for complaints against either teachers or parents – these will be dealt with in the ordinary way by private discussion between parents and teachers.
 - 2.5 The Association will not interfere in the administration of the school. Parents and teachers must respect the responsibilities of each other and not encroach upon them.
- 3. Membership:** Membership shall be confined to parents or guardians (ix) of children who are attending the school at the time of the AGM. and to school teaching staff and management.
- 4. Management:**
- 4.1 A general meeting of members shall be held each year. (AGM) Ten days written notification of this meeting will be sent to all parents or guardians of children in the school. At the AGM the Chairperson will invite any interested members to join the committee. An Executive Committee will be elected from the committee members to include a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chairperson, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. No executive committee member shall hold the same officer position for more than three consecutive years unless agreed at the AGM. (x). All members of the Committee will retire each year but shall be eligible for re-election.
 - 4.2 An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called on presentation of a demand signed by 25 or more members – 30 days notice shall be given to members to advise of an EGM.

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- 4.3 In the event of vacancies arising in the Executive Committee during the year, the Committee will have the power to co-opt an Executive Committee Member from the Committee. (xi)
- 4.4 The Committee shall be allowed to have teacher representatives present at their meetings.
- 4.5 The Committee shall meet at least eight times in any one year. A quorum shall consist of 33% of the committee + 1 of the Executive Committee for a Committee meeting to take place. (xii)
- 4.6 The Committee shall be allowed to have the parents/guardians representatives on the Board of Management present at their meetings and these parents are automatically members of the committee, but will not hold an officer position on the Parent Association executive committee. (xiii)
- 4.7 The Committee may hold fundraising events throughout the year. (xiv)
- 4.8 Sub Committees shall be formed when required for particular tasks. (xv)
- 4.9 The Parents Association will maintain the option of membership of the National Parents Council Primary, by annual subscription.(xvi)
- 4.10 Proposals to change the constitution must be submitted in writing to the Parent Association committee. The Parents Association committee will then circulate these proposals to all parents before the AGM. All parents of children in the school at the meeting are eligible to vote on the proposals. (xvii)

5. Finance:

- 5.1 Members shall be asked for a voluntary contribution (xviii) per family and this proposed sum may be decided from time to time by the Executive Committee subject to the approval of members at the AGM.
- 5.2 All resources shall be used for the furtherance of the objectives of the Association.
- 5.3 The Treasurer will give a statement of the income and expenditure at each committee meeting. (xix)
- 5.4. Accounts shall be prepared annually for submission to the AGM.
- 5.5 The Parents Association will keep a bank account in its name. Each cheque issued requires two signatures. The Treasurer and at least one other assigned member of the committee must sign all cheques drawn on the account. (xx)
- 5.6. In the event of the Association's dissolution, Power of Attorney shall pass to the Board of Management.

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Appendix 1.

Amendments:

- (i) As amended by A.G.M. 27.1.94
- (ii) As amended by A.G.M. 27.1.94
- (iii) As amended by A.G.M. 24.1.91
- (iv) As amended by A.G.M. 23.1.96
- (v) As amended by A.G.M. 19.1.99
- (vi) As amended by A.G.M. 08.10.02
- (vii) As amended by A.G.M. 18.10.12
- (viii) As amended by A.G.M. 18.10.12
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