

DROM NATIONAL SCHOOL
SCHOOL POLICY PLANNING

COPYRIGHT / LICENCING POLICY

PHOTOCOPYING, COPYRIGHT, MOTION PICTURE LICENSING AND TELEVISION LICENCES

INTRODUCTION

This policy was formulated by the Board of Management of Drom National School to ensure that the school is aware of copyright and licensing issues pertaining to the school and meets its statutory requirements under Irish law.

AIMS

- To clarify the obligations of the school in terms of copyright and licensing issues.
- To ensure the school meets with its legal obligations in terms of copying and licensing issues.

SECTION ONE: COPYRIGHT AND PHOTOCOPYING IN SCHOOLS

Copyright is the legal term, which describes the rights given to authors/creators of certain categories of work. These rights include the right of the owner of the work to control the use of the work, subject to certain exceptions. The owner has the exclusive right to prohibit or authorise others to copy the work, perform the work, make the work available to the public through broadcasting or recordings, or make an adaptation of the work.

In Ireland, copyright protects original literary, dramatic, musical and artistic works, film, sound recordings, broadcasts and the typographical arrangement of published editions, computer software and non-original databases and performances. Protection is automatic – there is no system of registration for copyright protection in Ireland. A copyright notice does not need to be placed on a work before it is protected.

The school will purchase a 3 year photocopying licence from the *Irish Copyright Licensing Agency (ICLA)*. The terms of this licence are as follows:

It permits photocopying of single or multiple copies of extracts from literary works solely for educational purposes

The number of copies permitted is limited to the number of pupils in a class plus two copies for each teacher

No copy shall exceed one chapter or 5% of the work, whichever is greater
In the case of a short story or a poem of not more than 10 pages, the whole work may be copied.

Where it is claimed that the licensee (the school), acting under the permission granted by the licence, has infringed copyright, the Irish Copyright Licensing Agency (ICLA) shall indemnify the licensee in respect of all reasonable costs. In the event of a copyright infringement claim being made, licensees should immediately make contact with ICLA (01- 6624211, 25 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2 www.icla.ie)

(The full terms of the licence are set out in Statutory Instrument 514/2002-Copyright and Related Rights (Certification of Licensing Scheme For Reprographic Copying by Educational Establishments) (The Irish Copyright Licensing Agency Limited) Order 2002)

SECTION 2: MOTION PICTURE LICENSING

When a motion picture (including videos, DVDs, downloads from the internet etc.) is shown in a school for entertainment purposes it is necessary to obtain a public performance licence from the Motion Picture Licensing Company who operate a licensing scheme certified under the Copyright and Related Rights Act, 2000. The school uses motion pictures for educational or instructional purposes and is therefore exempt from this obligation and no licence is required.

SECTION 3: TELEVISION LICENCES

The school does not require a television license as there are no television sets in operation in the school.

An interactive white board, on its own, is not capable of broadcasting television programmes, hence no licence is required. In addition, SI 319 of 2009, Television Licence (Exemption of Classes of Television Set) Order 2009, provides an exemption for mobile phones, personal digital assistants, and personal computers or laptops.

SUCCESS CRITERIA:

- Awareness of copyright and licensing obligations.
- Compliance with copyright and licensing requirements under Irish law.

RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION:

This policy was discussed and ratified by the Board of Management and communicated to the school community in March 2015. It will also be made available on the school website.

REVIEW:

The policy will be reviewed in September 2017 or following changes to copyright or licensing regulations as they pertain to primary schools in Ireland.

References

1. CPSMA Board of Management Handbook, 2012
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3. Dept. of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Broadcasting Act, 2009, Part 9 (Television Licence) [SI 463/2002](#) (Copyright and Related Rights (Register of Copyright Licensing Bodies) Regulations, 2002)
4. Licensing schemes and other information concerning the photocopying [licence](#) (Source: Irish Patents Office)
5. Motion picture licensing schemes (Source: Irish Patents Office)
6. SI 319 of 2009, Television Licence (Exemption of Classes of Television Set) [Order 2009](#)
Copy of the licence for Primary schools together with tariff sheet

