

DROM NATIONAL SCHOOL
SCHOOL POLICY PLANNING

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INTRODUCTION:

This policy was drafted by the whole staff to clarify the arrangements and procedures in relation to the implementation of the aquatics strand of the Revised Curriculum.

AIMS/OBJECTIVES:

- To enable pupils to acquire basic swimming skills while they are at Drom National School
- To comply with the requirements of the Revised Curriculum in aquatics

RELATIONSHIP TO THE SCHOOL ETHOS

The school has regard to both the physical and mental development of each of its pupils. Believing that a healthy body promotes a healthy mind, the school arranges for instruction in swimming for pupils from 1st to 6th Class.

PROCEDURES GUIDELINES

- Swimming lessons will take place in Term 2 of the 2018 – 2019 academic year.
- Each pupil from 1st – 6th Class will attend a 6-week session in the swimming pool.
- The swimming pool at the Templemore Garda College is reserved for 12 weeks in the 2018 – 2019 academic year in Term 2.
- Costs involved, including transport to the pool and payment of instructors, necessitates the school to request a contribution of €6.00 per student per week for each lesson. Inability to pay will not preclude a pupil from participating fully in swimming classes.

INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Ms. Margaret Butler, deputy principal, will organize the swimming programme for all classes from first to sixth
- Instruction in the pool will be provided by qualified instructors.

TRAVEL AND SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENTS

Pupils will be accompanied by and supervised by their class teachers on the way to the pool from the school. Pupils will travel on the bus to and from the pool. The class teachers will provide supervision in the dressing rooms before and after the swimming lesson. The class teachers should remain on the viewing deck during the lesson in order to supervise the overall group and pupils who may need to use the toilets during the lesson. Pupils will return to the school following swimming lessons.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Best practice in relation to the supervision, instruction and child protection procedures as outlined by the Irish Sports Council, Swim Ireland and the National Safety Council will be adhered to at all times.
- Pupils are required to behave in line with the school's Code of Behaviour at all times to ensure the safety of all involved in school swimming.

- Parents/guardians will receive a standard letter providing information on school swimming before their child starts their swimming term. A consent note, granting permission for a child to participate in swimming must be returned to the class teacher prior to the start of the swimming term.
- Where a parent/guardian has a health concern regarding their child's participation in swimming, professional advice must be sought before the child participates in the swimming lesson.
- In the best interest of the child, it is the duty of parents/guardians to inform the class teacher and/ or Principal with regard to any health condition that may affect the child in the pool. This information will be held in confidence and provided on a need to know basis to the swimming instructors.
- Deodorants etc. must not be brought to the pool as the dressing rooms are confined spaces. The Health and Safety Guidelines outlined by the pool authorities will be strictly adhered to.
- Mobile Phones are strictly prohibited in the swimming pool.

RATIFICATION:

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on 6th June 2017.

The policy will be available on the school website and through the office.

It will be reviewed every 3 years and amended if necessary.

Date of next review: September 2019