



Scoil Náisiúnta An Spioraid Naoimh - Buachaillí
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Swimming Policy

Rationale:

The Board of Management of Holy Spirit BNS recognise the priority given to the strand of Aquatics in the Physical Education curriculum and, believing that a healthy body promotes a healthy mind, the school arranges for the pupils, swimming instruction in the Ballymun swimming pool during the school year.

Aims/Purposes:

- To enable pupils to acquire basic swimming skills, while they are at Holy Spirit BNS.
- To fulfil the requirements of the Physical Education Curriculum in Aquatics.
- To ensure 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.

Procedures Guidelines:

- The swimming pool in Ballymun is reserved for one hour per week.
- All children are encouraged to participate in the swimming lessons, as part of the Physical Education Curriculum in Aquatics.
- Qualified instructors provide instruction at the pool.
- Pupils will be accompanied to and from the swimming pool by their class teacher and a member from the SEN team.
- Each child must have his own togs, towel and swim cap.

Health and Safety:

- Parents/guardians will receive a standard letter providing information on the swimming time, the procedures and the cost of each lesson. A consent note, granting permission for a child to participate in swimming will be included with the letter and must be returned to the class teacher, prior to the start of the swimming term.
- 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. Staff will follow the guidelines of our own Health & Safety and Child Protection policies.

- Pupils are required to behave at all times in a manner that ensures the safety of all involved in school swimming and to comply with the School Code of Behaviour.
- Teachers and SNA's of all classes should remain on the viewing deck during the lesson in order to supervise the overall group.
- The Health and Safety Guidelines outlined by the pool authorities will be strictly adhered to.
- The children change in the cubicles. They place their belongings into a basket and store them in the lockers provided.
- The pool will be provided with information regarding any child with a special education need, physical disability or medical diagnosis that may compromise their safety at swimming.
- Children with special needs and who have been granted access to a Special Needs Assistant (SNA) will be assisted by the SNA.

Communication of Policy:

A copy of this policy will be provided upon request from the secretary's office. It will also be published on the school's website.

Ratification of Policy:

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management of Holy Spirit Boys' National School on 8th February 2022

Review Date: 5 years time