

## Swimming Policy

### Aims

- To comply with the requirements of the P.E. Curriculum aquatics strand.
- To ensure adequate Child Protection safeguards are adhered to and to maintain the dignity of the child in a potentially vulnerable situation.
- To enable pupils to acquire basic swimming skills while they are at Scoil na mBuachaillí Ardacha.

### Procedures Guidelines

- All pupils will attend 8 weekly sessions in The Celtic Ross Hotel
- The swimming pool at the Leisure Centre of the Celtic Ross Hotel will be reserved for the use of the school for three 30 min sessions.
- The Board of Management subsidises the overall cost to the school – this amount may vary from year to year depending on the number of pupils attending swimming lessons.
- Should a child be unable to attend one lesson due to ill health or any other reason, a note must be given to the class teacher and he will travel with the class to the pool and remain under the supervision of the class teacher for the duration of the lesson.
- Each child must have a suitable bag to carry his swimming gear (Sports bag or similar with secure zip or other fastening).
- Time is limited so children are not to bring shampoo and shower gel to the pool and to quickly rinse after their lessons.
- All items brought to the pool should be clearly labeled with the child's name.

### Instructional Arrangements

- Fiona Keohane, Deputy Principal, will organise the swimming programme for all classes by being the liaison with the staff of the Leisure Centre.
- Instruction in the pool will be provided by the Leisure Centre Staff.

### Travel and Supervision Arrangements

The children will walk to the Celtic Ross with their class teacher and another adult. Each classroom will have their own changing room.

Parents are asked to ensure their child is independent with regard to showering and changing their own clothes.

There are 2 doors on the way into each changing room – a teacher will stand outside the inner door and be available if a problem arises. Two adults will enter the dressing room area only if the need arises and will not do so without prior notice being given to the children so they can cover up. Once they have changed and showered, children

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.

As per school policy, pupils are not permitted to carry mobile phones / cameras / tablets / or other electronic personal devices etc.

**Monitoring / Evaluation / Review:**

This policy will be implemented during the school year 2021-22.

It will be made available to school personnel, published on the school website and will be readily accessible to parents and pupils on request. A copy of this policy will also be made available to the Department and the Patron if requested.

This policy and its implementation will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year prior to the commencement of lessons or in light of experience.

Signed:   
(Chairperson of Board of Management)

Signed:   
(Principal)

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