

Supervision / Extra curricular Activities / Sporting Activities

Supervision Policy

Introduction

This policy applies to all staff and children during school hours, break times, and on all school related activities.

Rationale

The rules for National Schools obliges teachers to take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of pupils and to participate in supervising pupils during school time and during all school related activities.

Relationship to the Characteristic Ethos of the School

This policy is in keeping with the school ethos of providing a safe and secure environment for learning for all pupils and the wider school community.

Aims and Objectives

- To develop a framework that effectively ensures, as far as is practicable, the safety of children while at play on the yard or while engaged in school related activities
- To observe and monitor behavioral patterns outside the confines of the classroom
- To contribute to effective school management and comply with relevant legislation.

School Procedures

- Children are supervised during the school day by teachers and special needs assistants.
- Children are supervised by teachers and special needs assistants while entering and exiting the school building in the mornings, breaktimes and at hometime.

- Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children until they are handed over to the care of their teacher at 8.30am.
- The play areas have been divided into zones and are supervised by teachers and special needs assistants.
- On wet days each classroom block is supervised by teachers and special needs assistants at breaktimes.
- Rules of the school yard are reviewed and revised continually and communicated to children regularly
- All Special Needs Assistants are on duty during lunch breaks. While these Assistants provide individual supervision for designated Special Needs children, they can act in an observing and reporting capacity, bringing instances of misbehaviour to the attention of the teacher on yard duty. The schools anti-bullying policy / code of conduct and discipline covers incidents of misbehaviour.
- Children with injuries/complaints are dealt with directly by the teacher on yard duty and may be sent in to the designated first aid area.
- All accidents where there is injury involved are noted in the Yard Accident Book and later on the school administration system if relevant.

Extra-Curricular Activities / Sporting Activities / School Tours – (refer to School Tours policy and Extra Curricular Activities/Sporting Activities Policy)

- a) Out of school activities such as games, tours, visit to Church, are supervised by school staff. The level of supervision is usually at least one adult per 15 children.
- b) If a teacher needs to leave his/her classroom a teacher in an adjacent room will supervise both rooms. It is school policy to request parents to make appointments to meet with teachers outside of school hours.