

**Scoil Mhuire na Dea Chomhairle**  
**Policy on Distributing Birthday Invitations**

**Rationale:**

This policy is guided by the principle of meeting the needs of children first and of protecting their wellbeing in so far as possible in the school setting.

**Content:**

1. In instances where all children in the class are being invited to a party, the class teacher will assist in distribution of invitations, on request from parents.
2. Invitations should be given to teacher for distribution at a suitable time or opportunity and should not be distributed by the children either in the yard or in the classroom.
3. In instances where some children from a class group are being invited and others are not, then the invitations should not be distributed on school grounds and teachers cannot facilitate their distribution within the classroom.
4. It is not the business of the school who is invited to a birthday party. This is purely and solely the decision of each parent/family. This policy is not a guide for party etiquette. It is simply a policy on the distribution of invitations based on our experience of children's emotional reactions and interpersonal relationships in school.

Signed Joan Connolly (Chairperson)

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