

POLICY ON SWIMMING

Aims/Purposes

- To enable pupils to acquire basic swimming skills while they are at Muire na Dea Chomhairle N.S
- To comply with the requirements of the Revised Curriculum in aquatics.

Procedures Guidelines

- Each pupil will attend a 5/6 week session in a swimming pool annually from 2nd – 6th class
- The swimming pool at Tuam Coral Leisure Centre has been reserved for six weeks on Fridays from 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m
- Costs incurred by hiring of pool, and payment of instructors necessitate a charge of €55 being imposed on each pupil. Inability to pay will not preclude a pupil from participating fully in swimming classes.

Instructional Arrangements

- Class teachers in conjunction with swimming instructors, will organize the swimming programme for all classes from third to sixth
- Instruction in the pool will be provided by swimming coaches

Travel and Supervision Arrangements

Pupils will be accompanied by and supervised by class teachers on the way to the pool from the school.

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 at all times in a manner that ensures 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.

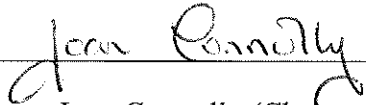
Where a parent/guardian has a health concern regarding their child's participation in swimming, professional advice must be sought before the child participates in the swimming lesson.


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.

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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.

This policy was ratified by the B.o.M of Muire na Dea Chomhairle N.S on the 10th November 2021.


Joan Connolly (Chairperson)


Date

Monitoring / Evaluation / Review:

Policy is revised annually or at other times if deemed necessary.