

Admissions Policy.

We as the Board of Management (B.O.M.) S.N. Naomh Pádraig An Chlochbhreac are setting out this policy in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act 1998. We trust that by so doing parents will be assisted in relation to enrolment and admission matter.

Equality of access is the key value that determines the enrolment of children to our school. No child is refused admission for reasons of ethnicity, special educational needs, disability, language/accents, gender, traveller status, asylum-seeker/refugee status, religious/political beliefs & values, family or social circumstances.

We the contact members representing the B.O.M.

1. Seán Ó Cionnaigh, Cloughbrack, Clonbur, Co. Galway (Chairperson)
and

2. Gearóidín Uí Fhiric, Clonbur, Co. Galway (Príomh Oíde)

will be happy to clarify any further matters arising from the policy.

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The Religious Denomination of the school is Roman Catholic and our Patron is the Very Reverend Archbishop Michael Neary.

There are two classroom teachers within the school and one shared learning support teacher who is based in this school. Her job is comprised of 10 hours learning support in this school, 10 hours learning support in Scoil Bhríde Tír na Cílle and 5 hours learning support in Gaelscoil Dara, Galway. There are also two part time resource teachers who teach the children in receipt of resource hours.

There are two divisions within the school, junior and senior where the full range of subjects are taught. The school is a mixed gaeltacht school.

We open at 9.20am and close at 3.00 pm

The school depends on the grants and teacher resources provided by the Department of Education and Science. It operates within the guidelines and regulations laid down by the Department.

We follow the curricular programmes prescribed by the Department of Education and Science while taking into account the resources and

funding available. The curriculum can be amended from time to time in accordance with sections 9 and 30 of the 1988 Education Act.

The school supports the principle of inclusiveness particularly the enrolment of children with special educational needs. We support their right to equality of access and participation in the school. We acknowledge parental choice in relation to enrolment and we strive to promote respect for diversity of values, beliefs, traditions, languages and ways of life in society. This can only be achieved within the context and parameters of Department regulations and programmes, the funding and resources available, and the right of the patron as set out in the 1988 Education Act.

Notwithstanding the availability of such resources, parents of children who are dissatisfied with the level of educational provision in our school are advised to consider a special school which is designed and resourced to specifically cater for the needs of children with special needs.

Application Procedure.

The B.O.M. would like to state that parents who wish to enrol junior infants should communicate with the principal teacher. It is our school policy that if parents wish, their child may attend school for a day in June prior to starting in September. This applies to children who have reached the age of four by that date. We consider this to be an introduction to the school and the system.

Parents who wish to enrol a child in our school can get an enrolment form of the principal or will be given a form on the open day. We advise parents to enrol their child on or shortly after the open day as the staff order the books for the following year in June every year.

All decisions in relation to applications will be made by the B.O.M. in accordance with school policy. As a General Principle, children will be enrolled on application, provided there is a space available.

We would as the B.O.M. like to clarify that we are bound by the Department – Rules for National Schools. This states that children aged 4 and upwards may only be enrolled. Six is the compulsory age for attendance at school.

The Criteria for decision making will include the following: Siblings already in the school, Parish, boundaries and Children of staff members. The main criteria will of course be based on space and the health and welfare of the children already in the school.

With regard to the enrolment of children with special needs, psychological and medical reports will be required. If there is no psychological report we will request that the child be assessed immediately. The reason for this is to assist us in establishing the educational, training and emotional needs of the child. We will then be able to put a support service in place within the resources, which are made available to us by the Department. We will then meet with the parents, remedial/resource teacher, psychologist, speech therapist etc. to discuss the child's needs and the school's suitability or capability to dealing with medical conditions, e.g. nut allergies, cystic fibrosis, asthma, etc.

Pupils Transferring.

Children may transfer from another school at any time during the school year providing we have a space available. We would request Principals reports, information concerning attendance and the child's educational progress. We would request a meeting with parents to establish any special needs and we would require that the admissions form be completed.

Children enrolled in our school are required to co-operate with and support School /Board of Management's Code of Behaviour as well as all other policies on curriculum, administration, and pastoral.

The B.O.M places parents/guardians responsible for ensuring that their Child/children co-operate with the said policies in an age appropriate way. In accordance with the Department of Education rules for National Schools a child may be suspended if needed.

These policies may be added to and revised from time to time.