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Yard Break and Supervision Policy

LINK TO MISSION STATEMENT

Coláiste Iognáid aspires to be a community wherein mutual respect, cooperation and justice are integral features. The school's ethos seeks to develop each student's religious, moral, social, intellectual and cultural sensibilities. Our Ignatian Vision guides procedures and processes within the school. Cura personalis is one of the defining features of the ethos of the college where each student will be cared for. The unique character of each person is acknowledged and valued. One of the central aspirations of the college is that we should be "people for others". All our policies are informed and guided by these principles.

INTRODUCTION BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management recognises the importance of Yard Break and Supervision and is fully committed to following the key principles of best practice in implementing this policy.

In developing this policy, we have given serious consideration to the democratic and child-centred principles of the school. The establishment of a sound learning environment at school and classroom level is critical to effective teaching and learning.

This policy document sets out procedures for yard supervision to be applied to support overall supervision of students in the school.

RATIONALE

Teachers should take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of students and should participate in supervising students when they are on the College premises during school time and during all College related activities.

Legislation such as the Child Protection, Health, Safety and Welfare at Work Act place a duty of care and accountability on schools that must be underpinned by a policy covering all possible eventualities.

INSIDE COLÁISTE IOGNÁID it is advisable to teachers on supervision to:

- Ensure students walk while on the corridors and other such places inside the College.
- Ensure order is maintained in the Hatch queue.

- Walk continuously through their designated supervision areas.
- Engage in active substitution, i.e. teacher should be fully alert and focused while on supervision.
- Ensure there is no activity taking place where there is a foreseeable risk, other than the 'normal' risks associated with 'play' in general.
- At the end of the break time encourage students to go to their next class.
- Report any potentially hazardous areas, items etc. to the Principal/Deputy Principal.
- Record all incidents/accidents etc. on incident/accident report forms. (Available in Main Office).
- Supervise any after-school study in an orderly and quiet environment.

IN THE YARD it is advisable to teachers on supervision to:

- Take their mobile phone with them while supervising.
- Locate themselves in those areas which are highly trafficked by students.
- Walk continuously through their designated supervision areas.
- Engage in active substitution, i.e. teacher should be fully alert and focused while substituting a group.
- Ensure there is no activity taking place where there is a foreseeable risk, other than the 'normal' risks associated with 'play' in general.
- At the end of the break time encourage students to go to their next class.
- Report any potentially hazardous areas, items etc. to the Principal/Deputy Principal.
- Record all incidents/accidents etc. on incident/accident report forms. (Available in Main Office).

POLICY PUBLICATION

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 24/01/2022.

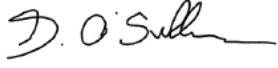
REVIEW

This policy has been made available to school personnel. The policy is published on the school website and is available to parents and pupils on hardcopy upon request. The Parents' Council have been furnished with a copy. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department and the patron if requested.

RATIFICATION

This policy and its implementation will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year. Written notification that the review has been completed will be made available to school personnel, published on the school website and will otherwise be readily accessible to

parents and pupils on request. A record of the review and its outcome will be made available, if requested, to the patron and the Department.

Signed: 

Principal

Signed: 

Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: 24 January 2022