

Scoil Mhuire NS 19554B Swimming Policy

The school has regard to both the physical and mental development of each of its pupils. Believing that a healthy body promotes a healthy mind, the school arranges for an eight day course of swimming instruction in the Longford swimming pool for each of its students from First to Sixth Classes during the school year.

Attendance at this course fulfils the Aquatics Module of the PE Curriculum as laid down by the Department of Education and parents contribute to defray the cost of the course and also that of the transport to and from the pool. The rate of payment for the lesson is currently set at €3.50 per pupil which is paid for in advance. The cost of transport will be divided equally among the participating pupils.

Should a child be unable to attend the course, due to ill health or any other reason, he/she will remain in the school under the supervision of another class teacher.

Pupils attending the course at any given time will be from a combination of Third to Sixth Classes in October to December and First to Third Classes in April/June, depending on the class groupings in any given year. A minimum of 2 adults from school staff will accompany the pupils to the pool. In accordance with the school's **Child Safeguarding Statement** and **Written Assessment of Risk**, while parents are welcome to attend to cater for the dressing needs of their children, they must only attend to their own child and in an individual cubicle with no access granted to communal areas.

All children attending the course should wear their tracksuit. (Swimming togs may be worn under tracksuits coming to school). Each child must have a suitable bag to carry his/her swimming gear (Sports bag or similar with secure zip or other fastening).

All items brought to the pool must be clearly labelled with the child's name. This includes the bag, tracksuit, socks, underwear and shoes.

Each child must have their own togs (without pockets), towel, hair brush and swim cap, all of which must also be marked.

While in the pool, pupils must endeavour to obey the instructor's orders at all times and comply with the School Code of Conduct. Teachers of all classes should remain on the viewing deck during the lesson in order to supervise the overall group and pupils who may need to use the toilets during the lesson.

The permission from parents to the school to let children go swimming is covered in the Annual Consent Form.

This Swimming Policy was reviewed and adapted by the Board of Management on April 30th 2018

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management