

Newpark Comprehensive School Board of Management Agreed Report for School Community May 2024

Anti-Bullying Policy review

In line with Department of Education guidelines and with best practice, the annual review of the *Anti-Bullying Policy & Procedure* has concluded. The new policy is published on the School website and posted on the noticeboard in the School reception area. Written notification of the review has been sent to School personnel and to the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). A record of the review and its outcome will be made available, if requested, to the Patron and to the Department of Education.

Teacher Collaboration for TLAR

The Board notes the work in the school this academic year in relation to professional collaboration to consolidate and improve practices in teaching, learning, assessment and reporting (TLAR). The Board acknowledges and congratulates the *Community of Practice* on its coordination and progress this academic year on its two focuses, a) sharing and assessing learning intentions and success criteria and b) assessment strategies. On the latter focus, the Board is pleased to learn of the success of the recent *Teach Meet* held in 'marketplace' style. The Board wishes the *Community of Practice* well in its planning for the forthcoming academic year, 2024/2025.

Junior Certificate 2023

The Board acknowledges and congratulates Fia Scally (4LRG) and Kate Glanville (4AFX) who recently received awards from the technical teachers' association for their outstanding performance in Junior Cycle 2023. Fia came tenth nationally in Wood Technology and Kate came first nationally in Graphics.

Oral Language and Music Practical examinations

Leaving Certificate oral language examinations in Irish and modern foreign languages took place successfully in the School during the Easter break, from Saturday 23 March to Thursday 28 March 2024. Music practical examinations took place after the Easter break. There will be a small number of follow-up examinations conducted for students who were unable to attend due to illness, as per SEC provision. Further practical examinations, LCA task assessments and LCVP examinations are due to take place in the School during May 2024. The Board acknowledges all involved in the successful facilitation of these exams.

Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate examinations, June 2024

The Board wishes all students well in their forthcoming state examinations and hopes that all students who have prepared for examinations will be deservedly rewarded for their hard work.

Co-curricular Activities

The Board acknowledges the participants in the successful girls' and boys' teams in hockey and basketball and the boys' teams in rugby and all student athletes in the recent East Leinster Track and Field event. The Board wishes all those who qualified for the Leinster athletic schools' championships

well in Santry later this month. The Board wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to all the coaches and coordinators of the various co-curricular activities over the course of the academic year 2023/2024.

Department of Education circular letters since the last meeting of the Board:

0018/2024

Graduate Certificate in Autism Education for teachers working with Autistic Pupils in Special Schools, Special Classes or as Special Education Teachers in mainstream Primary and Post-Primary Schools, 2024/2025
<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/5d988-graduate-certificate-in-autism-education-for-teachers-working-with-autistic-pupils-in-special-schools-special-classes-or-as-special-education-teachers-in-mainstream-primary-and-post-primary-schools-20242025/>

0019/2024

Post-Graduate Diploma Programme of Teacher Professional Learning for Special Education Teachers, 2024/2025
<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/ee0af-post-graduate-diploma-programme-of-teacher-professional-learning-for-special-education-teachers-20242025/>

0023/2024

The Education Sponsor Referral Agreement and the Responsibilities of Data Controllers of the Education Sponsor Agreement
<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/7b324-the-education-sponsor-referral-agreement-and-responsibilities-of-data-controllers/>

0025/2024

Report of Education Needs for the Purpose of the Assessment of Need Disability Act 2005
<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/16c72-report-of-education-need-for-the-purpose-of-the-assessment-of-need-disability-act-2005/>

0026/2024

Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate Examinations in 2026
<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/2cab2-prescribed-material-for-the-leaving-certificate-examinations-in-2026/>

0031/2024

Allocation of Assistant Principal Posts 2024/2025
<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/217e2-allocation-of-assistant-principal-posts-20242025/>

0033/2024

Revision of Teacher Salaries under Public Service Agreement 2024-2026
<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/a3444-revision-of-teacher-salaries-under-the-public-service-agreement-2024-2026-effective-from-01-january-2024/>

0034/2024

Revision of Salaries for Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) under the Public Service Agreement 2024-2026
<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/51f09-revision-of-salaries-for-special-needs-assistants-snas-under-the-public-service-agreement-2024-2026-effective-from-01-january-2024/>

0036/2024

Revision of salaries for Clerical Officers and Caretakers employed in National Schools under the 1978/79 Scheme and Clerical Officers employed in Post Primary Schools under the Public Service Agreement 2024 - 2026

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/f644e-revision-of-salaries-of-clerical-officers-and-caretakers-employed-under-the-19781979-scheme-under-the-public-service-agreement-2024-2026-effective-from-01-january-2024/>

0037/2024

Revision of Salaries of School Secretaries and School Maintenance Staff in Community and Comprehensive Schools under the Public Service Agreement 2024 - 2026

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/8771c-revision-of-salaries-of-school-secretaries-and-school-maintenance-staff-in-community-and-comprehensive-schools-under-the-public-service-agreement-2024-2026/>

0038/2024

Revision of Salaries for School Secretaries Previously Funded Under Ancillary Grant Funding

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/cff29-revision-of-salaries-for-school-secretaries-previously-grant-funded-effective-from-01-january-2024/>

0039/2024

Grant Scheme for ICT Infrastructure

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/0b493-grant-scheme-for-ict-infrastructure/>

0041/2024

Guidance in Post-Primary Schools

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/3bb05-circular-00412024-guidance-in-post-primary-schools/>

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