

## Swimming Policy

The school has regard to both the physical and mental development of each of its pupils. Scoil Naomh Lorcan arranges a seven-day course of swimming instruction in the Four Seasons Hotel swimming pool for students from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class 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 defray the cost of the course and also that of the transport to and from the pool. If a parent is unable to do this, the board will offer to defray the cost for them.

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

Pupils attending the course at any given time will be from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class. Children attending the course must be able to wash, dry and undress/dress themselves.

All children attending the course should wear their school PE 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). Swimming hats are mandatory.

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 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.

The children will be divided into two groups, 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> Class & 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Class. There will be two swimming sessions, one for each group. One group will remain in a designated room under teacher supervision. Children will be afforded the opportunity to take part in activities provided by the teacher.

One teacher should remain on the viewing deck during the lesson in order to supervise the swimming group and pupils who may need to use the toilets during the lesson.

Swimming commences at 13.00. Supervision will be provided from 12.50 inside the reception area of the swimming pool. It is the responsibility of parents/guardian to accompany their child/ren and register with the supervising teacher who will register each child as they arrive in reception. Parents are not permitted in the changing rooms.

Children must be collected by parents in the reception area. One teacher will wait at the doorway and mark each child on the register as they leave with parents.

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

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Signed on behalf of the Board of Management

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_