



Star of the Sea Primary School

Policy on Exemption from the Study of Irish

Introduction:

This policy was drafted by staff and Board of Management (BoM) in response to recent changes in obtaining an Exemption from the Study of Irish

Rationale:

The study of Irish is compulsory for children attending primary school in the Republic of Ireland. However, The Dept of Education acknowledges that there are certain circumstances whereby in the best interests of the pupil, he/she obtains an exemption from the study of Irish.

Relationship to the school Ethos:

This policy is in keeping with the mission statement of the school, which strives to enhance the self esteem of all through providing for the intellectual, physical, moral and cultural needs of all.

Aims and Objectives:

- To allow for pupils of differing abilities, interests and circumstances
- To enhance inclusivity within the school
- To enable children of all abilities to access the curriculum in a learner friendly manner

Policy Content:

Granting an exemption from the study of Irish is governed by Circular 0054/2022. Star of the Sea Primary School has adopted this Circular and follows procedures outlined in the Circular accordingly (See Circular 54/2022)

School Requirements

The school requires that pupils complete second class and/or have as a minimum, scores from two school administered Standardised tests before an application is processed. If not supplied in an external report, the school will administer discrete test to applicants. Samples of these discrete tests are WIAT 3, YARC, Drumcondra Spellings.

Roles and Responsibilities:

In-school Management, class teachers, SEYs, BoM will contribute to the implementation of school procedures.

Parents and pupils are advised that pupils will, if granted an exemption, be expected to participate in cultural aspects of the learning of Irish.

Success Criteria:

- Seamless integration of pupils with learning difficulties
- Happy school learning environment
- Positive teacher/parental feedback

Review:

This policy was ratified by the BoM on _____.

Signed: _____, Chairperson

This policy will be reviewed should any changes in procedure be initiated by the DES



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