

ST CLARE'S COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
POLICY ON EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Mission: To create a caring, disciplined and Christian environment where students and staff can reach their potential.

Aims:

- To educate for life.
- To promote tolerance, justice and respect for all.
- To encourage Teamwork and respect individuality.
- To nurture ambition and leadership
- To promote pride and confidence in one own ability (self esteem).
- To motivate our students in the pursuit of a high standard of academic achievement and critical thinking by providing a varied range of learning experiences and a varied range of teaching excellence.
- To help all students do their best.
- To work in partnership with parents in the promotion of the overall good of the student, acknowledging the role of parents as the primary educators of the child.

Extra Curricular Policy Statement:

With this holistic approach we recognise that the provision of extra curricular activity is paramount. We will strive to provide a wide range of activities including sporting, leisure, cultural, literary and spiritual. These will help us to fulfil our mission. We recognise that Extra Curricular Activity is an important aspect of the learning process.

Goals:

- ❑ Planning will be co-ordinated by a Post Holder with whole school support
- ❑ The importance and benefits of Extra Curricular Activity will be communicated to and demonstrated to students and parents.
- ❑ Students will be given every opportunity to partake in whatever activity that they wish
- ❑ A wide selection of activities will exist
- ❑ Resources will be allocated to extra curricular activities on an annual basis
- ❑ Success and participation will be communicated to the wider community by the school's P.R.O.

Parental Consent:

In August of each year a circular will be sent to parents explaining the following

- ❑ The Extra Curricular Activities on offer
- ❑ The times/ days for training etc
- ❑ The cost to parents of running so many activities.
- ❑ Teacher supervision

On occasions parental consent for various activities will be obtained

Health and Safety:

- ❑ Parents will be asked to indicate on the school enrolment form if their child has a medical condition
- ❑ First Aid boxes will be made available at all games and activities*
- ❑ Training in first aid will be available for all staff
- ❑ All equipment and venues will be inspected on a continuous basis.
- ❑ The school's Health and Safety document will be reviewed and updated regularly.
- ❑ Each student will be assigned a seat when travelling to and from activities in buses etc.
- ❑ A teacher will always supervise students who are partaking in any activity.

*** Teachers travelling to games must collect a first aid kit from Ailish and sign for it.**

Discipline:

Students are asked to behave as per the school's Discipline Code when partaking in any activity whether home or away. A copy of the Code will be sent to the parents of all students in August.

Extra curricular Activity in St. Clare's

Activity	Boys	Girls
Gaelic	√	√
Soccer	√	√
Basketball	√	√
Volleyball	√	√
Athletics	√	√
Hurling	√	
Debating	√	√
Quizzes	√	√
Young Scientist	√	√
Board Games	√	√
House competition	√	√
Girls Active		√
Bandminton	√	√
Table Tennis	√	√

Curriculum Statement:

The Curriculum offered in St. Clare's is wide and varied and is designed to give each student the opportunity to realise their full potential and to develop their interests and talents.

We encourage our students to take responsibility for their own decisions, to develop independent learning strategies and to show a commitment to their studies.

We recognise the wide range of intelligences amongst our students and we strive to meet their individual needs.

Pastoral Curriculum Statement:

The pastoral care and curriculum in St. Clare's is designed to help the students feel safe and secure in the school environment, to assist them take full advantage of the range of opportunities available and to prepare them for adult life.

On entering St. Clare's each group is assigned mentors and class teachers who develop a close relationship with each student. (**See role of Class Teacher**). Their progress during their school life is continually monitored so that they can reach their potential. The Pastoral Care Co-ordinator develops strategies that seek to protect, inform and develop our students in a holistic way. She is assisted on a daily basis by the whole staff.