

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 a seven day course of swimming instruction in the Canon Hayes swimming pool Tipperary for each of its students 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, while the Parents' Association pays for the transport to and from the pool. If a parent is unable to pay, the board may 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 travel with the class to the pool and remain under the supervision of the class teacher. The child will need to have his/her reason for not attending swimming in writing and signed by a parent or guardian.

Children from first to sixth class are encouraged to go swimming. Swimming usually occur in June and for a period of six weeks. Where there is a family with more than four children, the school may give a reduction on the overall cost.

All children attending the course should wear their tracksuit/school uniform. (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.

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. When travelling to the pool by bus, all children will sit properly in the seats with seat belt on. Teachers will bring any medicine which is deemed necessary to the pool for children with epilepsy/an inhaler/an anapen.

Teachers 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.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Management

Signed: _____

Date: _____