

Edmund Rice Secondary School Carrick-on-Suir

Extra- Curricular and Co-Curricular Policy

School Name: Edmund Rice Secondary School, Carrick on Suir.

School Address: Mount St. Nicholas, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary.

School Details: ERSS Carrick on Suir is a Voluntary Roman Catholic Secondary School under the trusteeship and the patronage of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust. The school is grant aided by the Department of Education & Skills and is a single sex (boys) school.

School Management: The Board of Management of ERSS Carrick on Suir is a statutory Board appointed pursuant to the provisions of the Education Act 1998.

Mission Statement:

Inspired by its founder, ERSS Carrick on Suir's mission is to "To provide a caring Christian community which celebrates effort and talent in an environment of hope and happiness", with a vision to "Learn together, succeed together in a respectful environment. "

Ethos:

As an Edmund Rice School ERSS Carrick on Suir seeks to promote the five key elements of an

Edmund Rice School as espoused by the ERST Charter:

- Nurturing faith, Christian spirituality, and Gospel-based values
- Promoting partnership in the school community
- Excelling in teaching and learning
- Creating a caring school community and inspiring transformational leadership.

Please Note:

Personal data collected about prospective students/students and their parents/guardians will be retained and used strictly in accordance with the provisions of GDP R legislation as introduced 25th May 2018. Further details on data protection are set out in the school's Data Protection Policy.

- To enable student to gain maximum educational benefit and enjoyment from all extra and co-curricular activities.
- To encourage parent to take an interest in and share responsibility for their sons' overall development through support of the school's extra and co-curricular activities.
- To provide teachers and other staff members with assurance and guidelines to help them with what is effectively voluntary work for the benefit of the students and the whole school community.
- To appreciate human achievement in the creative and expressive arts, science, technology, humanities and physical pursuits and to experience a sense of personal achievement in these areas.

General Rules:

- Code of Behaviour applies at all times.
- A spirit of goodwill and cooperation should be encouraged
- Students should enquire from their subject teachers work tasks/homework they have missed and must submit assigned tasks/homework on time. Subject Teachers will make the assigned work/homework available on Microsoft Teams.
- Students are responsible for having appropriate equipment footwear and change of clothes.
- Students are responsible for having any necessary medication etc with them
- Students must wear full uniform /full school tracksuit (as appropriate).
- All trips outside school activities and itinerary must be sanctioned by the principal.

Students:

- must wear their full school uniform or P.E. tracksuit
- not smoke, vape or consume alcohol or use any banned substance
- not travel to the venue by independent means such as driving their own cars
- comply with all instructions given by bus driver and other outside school authorities/agencies.
- not leave the group for any reason without permission.
- strictly adhere to any Health and Safety precautions associated with the particular activity.
- agree to take a prescribed course of action, such as waiting at the particular location or contacting a teacher by phone if student becomes separated from the group.

- Where a student through their actions while taking part in extra-curricular activities, brings the school into disrepute it is deemed to be a breach of the school's Code of Behaviour. A report is written by the teacher overseeing the extra - curricular activities and the student will be referred to their Year Head.
- In such situations students may, alongside normal school sanctions, be withdrawn from extracurricular activities at the discretion of the Year Head.
- In the absence of the Year Head, the Principal/Deputy Principal will make this decision.

Involvement:

- Students who have not paid their insurance may not participate in any trips or tours until such money has been paid.
- The school recommends that parents/guardians consider the potential impact on academic standards if students take part in a wide range of activities

Parental Consent:

Where the school feels appropriate parents/guardians will be made fully aware of the activities involved and request permission for their students' participation in the activity.

Any relevant information to the activity would be included in correspondence to the parents/guardians.

Accompanying teachers/ staff:

Teachers supported by non-teaching staff will ensure due regard for the health and safety of students when taking boys out of the school.

To this end, Edmund Rice Secondary School, Carrick-on-Suir will:

- Set levels for teacher/student ratios. These levels will vary according to the activity being undertaken, its duration and the ages of the students taking part.
- Provide teachers and non-teaching staff with such equipment such as mobile phone, first aid equipment and emergency contact details.
- Make First Aid and Safety courses available to staff members as appropriate and where necessary. The School's Code of Behaviour applies to all extra-curricular and co-curricular activities as the student are representing the school at such events.
- Unless named on the panel, students do not have permission to attend/travel to matches.

priority when organising such matches and this should be factored in when scheduling matches in consultation with school management.

The Arts:

Edmund Rice Secondary School recognises the importance of the Arts.

Students are encouraged and invited to join the School Choir thus allowing them to develop a unique and enriching creative aspect that may not otherwise be available to them. Public performances both in and outside of school enhance and promote connection, resilience and self-confidence. Events such as Open Night, Awards Night, Graduation Mass give students the opportunity to display their talents,

This list is not exhaustive.

An Annual Awards Ceremony takes place in May. This ceremony recognises achievements in academic and non-academic pursuits. Among the extra and co-curricular activities recognised are the arts, faith development, literacy and social justice.

RE and Spiritual Activities:

A mass is held in Saint Nicholas's Church each September to mark the start of the school year for all students and staff in Edmund Rice Secondary School.

Masses and Liturgical Events including the Graduation Mass take place in May for all the 6th Year students and their parents/guardians and teachers.

A detailed outline of religious and spiritual activities in the school are made available and outlined in the school's Religious Education Department Plan.

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Social Justice:

Such committees (including Young Saint Vincent de Paul) are made up of teachers/staff and students who undertake and coordinate fundraising activities in the school for various charities during the school year to name but a few of its activities.

Guidance:

The Guidance Department:

- organises careers trips which take place during the year.
- arranges for guest speakers to speak to the students
- organises a Careers Exhibition.

- To provide any relevant information requested by the Edmund Rice Secondary School regarding their son and extra/ co-curricular activities.
- To encourage their son(s) participate in extra and co-curricular activities
- To support and applaud teachers involved in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.

Students:

- To follow and abide by all instructions given by the supervisors/teachers of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.
- To acknowledge the work being done through extra and co-curricular activities on their behalf by showing respect for and to each person they deal with or engaged in such activities.
- To always act in a safe manner when engaging in extra and co-curricular activities.
- To acknowledge the role of representing your school (Edmund Rice Secondary School) when engaging in extra and co-curricular activities.
- To gain enjoyment and fulfilment from their involvement


Child Protection:

Student safety in extracurricular and co-curricular would be in accordance with the Child Protection Guidelines.

Approval.

This policy has been distributed to staff for their approval. Amendments have been made after consultation with these stakeholders.

The Policy has been ratified by the board of Management of ERSS Carrick on Suir.

Chairperson,  _____

Date: 23/10/2024

This policy will be due for review on Oct 2027.