

## **Newpark Comprehensive School Board of Management Agreed Report for School Community September 2022**

### **Leaving Certificate**

The Board acknowledges the considerable success and achievement of students in the Leaving Certificate 2022. The percentage of candidates falling into each CAO points band compares favourably with previous years and with national percentages. The Board acknowledges and thanks teachers for their contribution to the achievements of students in the Leaving Certificate examinations 2022 and all those involved in the facilitation of the examinations this year.

### **Child Safeguarding**

The Board conducted its annual review of the School's Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment and adopted a revised document for the academic year 2022/2023. This document is published on the School website and on the noticeboard in the School lobby. All members of the School community are hereby notified of the updated document. Both the Student Council and the Parent Teacher Association are invited to submit feedback in relation to the School's compliance with 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017'.

### **Admission to First Year 2023/2024**

The Annual Admission Notice in respect of admissions to the 2023/2024 school year is published on the School website, along with application information for the forthcoming school year. The School will commence accepting applications for admission to first year 2022/2023 on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 and cease accepting applications on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

### **Covid-19 Response**

While most remaining Covid-19 risk mitigation measures have been wound down, the requirement to implement good infection prevention and control measures such as hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and cleaning currently remains in place. Likewise in relation to good classroom ventilation practice. Parents are advised that if their child has symptoms of Covid-19, the [up-to-date advice provided by the HSE](#) must be followed. In line with public health advice, no person (student, staff member, parent/guardian or visitor) should attend the school if they are unwell with symptoms consistent with Covid-19.

### **Hockey Pitch Redevelopment**

Formal approval was received in July 2022 from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media for the Sports Capital Programme grant (2018/2019 application), with works mooted to begin in September 2022. Unfortunately, due to supply chain issues the installation works are currently delayed.

### **School Self-Evaluation**

As 2022/2023 has been designated a review year in light of the impact of Covid-19, the focus for SSE for this year is *Consideration and Planning for the Introduction of One-to-One Devices* and *Managing Student Anxiety within the School Community*.

### **Adjustment to State Examination Assessment Procedures, 2022/2023**

The Minister for Education recently announced the continuation of adjustments to assessment arrangements for students due to sit state examinations in 2023, to take account of the disruption to their learning during the Covid-19 pandemic. This document is published on the School website.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

The appointment of ECA coordinators for both sports and arts/culture is a positive development. Strong numbers of boys and girls are participating in rugby, hockey and basketball at the start of this year. This includes first-year students, which is to be welcomed. The presentation of the Erasmus+ Project of the European CNC-Network's *Magical Moving Machine for Europe* in the Lexicon Library, Dun Laoghaire on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 is the culmination of a project involving Newpark and schools from Germany, Croatia, Portugal, Italy and Slovenia. Senior drama auditions for *Romeo and Juliet* are ongoing. The outdoor table tennis table is a pleasing addition to the campus. The contribution of the PTA in hosting the annual Debs reception is to be acknowledged and the return of this event for the Class of 2022 is welcomed.

### **Department of Education circular letters since the last meeting of the Board:**

220608 Circular 0038/2022

[COVID-19: Updated Working Arrangements for Teachers and SNAs in recognised Post Primary schools](#)

220613 Circular 0036/2022

[Revision of Salaries and Annual Leave for School Secretaries employed in recognised post primary schools](#)

220613 Circular 0040/2022

[COVID-19: Working Arrangements for Certain Higher Risk employees of Recognised Post Primary schools in the Free Education Scheme using Grant Funding for 2022/23](#)

220624 Circular 0045/2022

[Revision of Working Hours: Imp of the Independent Hours Body Recommendations in relation to Haddington Road Agreement Hours for secretaries and caretakers employed in Dept-approved posts in C+C Schools](#)

220811 Circular 0048/2022

[gov.ie - Home Tuition – No School Place \(www.gov.ie\)](#)

220811 Circular 0049/2022

[gov.ie - Grant Scheme in respect of Maternity Related Absences \(www.gov.ie\)](#)

220817 Circular 0050/2022

[gov.ie - Parent's Leave Scheme For Registered Teachers employed In Recognised Post-Primary Schools](#)

220817 Circular 0051/2022

[Parent's Leave Scheme for SNAs employed in Recognised Post-Primary Schools](#)

220826 Circular 0055/2022

[gov.ie - Exemptions from the study of Irish – post primary \(www.gov.ie\)](#)

220826 Circular 0056/2022

[gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie) - [School Self-evaluation: Next Steps September 2022 – June 2026 \(www.gov.ie\)](#)

220826 Circular 0058/2022

[gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie) - [Arrangements for Inspectorate engagement with post-primary schools: Sep to Dec 2022](#)

220905 Circular 0059/2022

[Implementation of Sectoral Bargaining with effect from 1 Feb 22 for post primary teachers – Payment of PME/HDip Allowance](#)

S43/22 – Leaving Certificate 2022: Important Information in advance of the issue of the Provisional results

[https://www.examinations.ie/schools/cs\\_view.php?q=4a02474c604a70bc78a5213684c15b7bdb4216d3](https://www.examinations.ie/schools/cs_view.php?q=4a02474c604a70bc78a5213684c15b7bdb4216d3)

S47/22 – Leaving Certificate Results, Viewing and Appeals 2022

[https://www.examinations.ie/schools/cs\\_view.php?q=5d9087651308612505827646044c54429dff39a](https://www.examinations.ie/schools/cs_view.php?q=5d9087651308612505827646044c54429dff39a)

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