

Newpark Comprehensive School Board of Management Agreed Report for School Community June 2025

Child Protection & Safeguarding Inspection

The school participated in a Child Protection and Safeguarding Inspection (CSPI) on 21 May 2025. The inspection focussed on communication, training, reporting, recording, oversight and vetting. The inspection was positive and supportive experience for those involved and the school was deemed fully compliant in all aspects of the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2025*. The report will be published on the school website in due course.

Bí Cineálta Policy to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour

The Board approved the revised document *Bí Cineálta Policy to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour, 2025*. The Board acknowledges all members of the Policy Review Group for their assistance with the consultation process for this review and for their consideration in redrafting the *Anti-Bullying Policy* in line with the *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post Primary Schools*. The Board acknowledges and thanks all school stakeholders for their engagement in the consultation process. The policy will be posted on the school website and, along with the *Bí Cineálta Student Friendly Policy*, further disseminated and promoted to students, staff and parents/guardians during the forthcoming academic year.

Healthy Eating Policy

The Board approved the revised document *Healthy Eating Policy, 2025*. The Board acknowledges all members of the Policy Review Group for their assistance with the consultation process for this review and for their consideration in redrafting the *Healthy Eating Policy* in line with changing information and feedback from school stakeholders. The policy is posted on the school website.

State Examinations, 2025

Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle examinations are underway in the school and the Board acknowledges all those involved in the successful administration of these exams. The Board wishes all students well in their examinations and hopes that all students who have prepared for examinations will be deservedly rewarded for their hard work.

Summer Examinations, 2025

Summer examinations for year groups one, two and five took place between 22 May to 30 May 2025 with corresponding reports now issued to students and their parents/guardians.

Whole School Assembly & Prize Giving, 2025

The Board acknowledged the success of the end of year Whole School Assembly and Prize Giving held on 14 May 2025. Appreciation was expressed to the Chairperson, Board of Management and to the parents of the head students for presenting the academic and extracurricular prizes on the day. It was also noted that the 4th year and 6th year graduation services were held successfully in the GPA this term on the 20 and 22 May 2025 respectively. Both events were well attended and

enjoyed by students, parents/guardians and teachers alike. The Board wishes to extend its appreciation to all members of staff involved in the organisation and support of these events.

Prefects, 2025/2026

The prefects for the forthcoming academic year were announced at the Whole School Assembly and will shortly be updated on the school website. For 2025/2026 the Head Students are Fia Scally and Gareth Nugent and the Deputy Head Students are Muireann Breen and Finley Gleich. The Board wishes the heads, deputy heads and all prefects well in their contribution to the school for the forthcoming academic year.

Retirements

The Board wishes both Ms. Rachel Plunkett and Ms. Geraldine Sheedy well in retirement and acknowledges the loyal and committed service both gave to the school over many years.

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

0032/2025

Special Needs Assistant Allocation 2025/2026.

[department-of-education/circulars/special-needs-assistant-allocation-202526](#)

0033/2025

Update to the capturing/entry of pupil ethnicity to POD and PPOD.

[update-to-the-capturingentry-of-pupil-ethnicity-to-the-pod-and-ppod](#)

0038/2025

Prescribed material for JC English (For the students commencing Junior Cycle in 2025/26/27 and presenting for examination in 2028/29/30).

[prescribed-material-for-jc-english-for-the-student-comm-jc-in-2025-26-27-for-exam-in-2028-29-30](#)

0039/2025

Approach and key measures to support the Forward Planning for Special Education Provision for the 2026/2027 school year and beyond.

[https://www.gov.ie/en/departments-of-education/circulars/approach-and-key-measures-to-support-the-forward-planning-for-special-education-provision-for-the-20262027-school-year-and-beyond/](#)

0041/2025

Publication of Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025.

[publication-of-child-protection-procedures-for-schools-2025](#)

0042/2025

Grant Scheme for ICT Infrastructure.

[grant-scheme-for-ict-infrastructure-2025](#)

0043/2025

Recruitment of SNAs - Supplementary Assignment Arrangements for the 2025/2026 school year.

[recruitment-of-snas-supplementary-assignment-arrangements-for-the-20252026-school-year](#)

0045/2025

Restricting the use of and access to personal mobile phones by students during the school day.

[restricting-the-use-of-and-access-to-personal-mobile-phones-by-students-during-the-school-day](#)

0046/2025

Funding Scheme for secure mobile phone storage solutions.

[funding-scheme-for-secure-mobile-phone-storage-solutions](#)

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