

## **Newpark Comprehensive School Board of Management Agreed Report for School Community September 2025**

### **Admission Policy, 2025**

The Admission Policy required review in light of Circular Letter 0039/2025 *Approach and key measures to support the Forward Planning for Special Education Provision for the 2026/2027 school year and beyond*. Along with the mandated change, the Board sought some minor administrative updates, to include the addition of Sallynoggin/Killiney Educate Together National School to Appendix 2. After a consultation period, the policy was approved by the Patron on 15 September 2025 and will be published on the school website accordingly.

### **Admission to First Year 2026/2027**

The *Annual Admission Notice in respect of admissions to the 2026/2027 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 2026/2027 on 1 October 2025 and cease accepting applications on 24 October 2025.

### **Child Safeguarding, 2025/2026**

The Board conducted its annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment and adopted a revised document for the academic year 2025/2026. 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 (revised 2023)*. The Board notes the publication of Circular Letter 0041/2025 in relation to *The Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025* and its obligations under same.

### **State Examinations, 2025**

The Board acknowledged the success and achievement of students in the Leaving Certificate 2025. The Board noted a significant increase in students achieving high grades, equivalent to 500 to 625 range of CAO points. The Board also noted the significant number of distinction grades achieved in Leaving Certificate Applied. The Board acknowledges teachers for their contribution to the achievements of students in the Leaving Certificate examinations 2025.

### **Transition Year Curriculum, 2025/2026**

The Transition Year curriculum has been improved in response to recommendations from the *Transition Year Programme Evaluation* in December 2024. Amongst the changes implemented, Mathematics, English and Gaeilge have been reduced to two hours per week with the addition of one hour of an adjacent modularized learning experience in each area. Students also now have the opportunity to study two option subjects over the course of the year for four hours per week.

### **Co-Curricular Activities**

Initial schedules for the forthcoming academic year for both ECA (Sports) and ECA (Clubs and Societies) are published on the school website. The Board compliments all students and teachers involved in coordination and participation both on the variety of activities available and the speed at which these activities have been initiated.

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

0047/2025

Home Tuition Grant Scheme 2025/2026 Special Education Component

<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/circulars/home-tuition-grant-scheme-2025-2026-special-education-component/>

0054/2025

Revision of Salaries of School Secretaries and School Maintenance Staff in Community and Comprehensive Schools under the Public Service Agreement 2024 – 2026

<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/circulars/revision-of-salaries-of-school-secretaries-and-school-maintenance-staff-in-community-and-comprehensive-schools-effective-from-1-august-2025/>

0055/2025

Revision of Salaries for School Secretaries and Bus Escorts Previously Funded Under Ancillary Grant Funding Application of pay adjustments with effect from 1 August 2025

[Revision of Salaries for School Secretaries Previously Grant Funded and Bus Escorts Effective from 01 August 2025](#)

0056/2025

Revision of Salaries for Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) under the Public Service Agreement 2024-2026 Application of pay adjustments with effect from 1 August 2025

[Revision of Salaries for Special Needs Assistants \(SNAs\) under The Public Service Agreement 2024 - 2026 effective from 01 August 2025](#)

0057/2025

Home Tuition Grant Scheme for Children with No School Place (NSP)

[Home Tuition Grant Scheme for Children with No School Place \(NSP\) 2025/2026](#)

0058/2025

Grant Scheme in respect of Maternity Related Absences

[Grant Scheme in respect of Maternity Related Absences 2025/2026](#)

0061/2025

Senior Cycle Redevelopment – Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate Drama, Film and Theatre Studies Examination 2027, 2028, 2029 (For student cohort commencing 5th year in Sept 2025, 2026 & 2027)

[Senior Cycle Redevelopment – Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate Drama, Film and Theatre Studies Examination 2027, 2028, 2029 \(For student cohort commencing 5th year in Sept 2025, 2026 & 2027\)](#)

0063/2025

Senior Cycle Redevelopment – Supports for Selected Phase One Schools Introducing Climate Action and Sustainable Development in the 2025/26 School Year

[Senior Cycle Redevelopment – Supports for Selected Phase One Schools Introducing Climate Action and Sustainable Development in the 2025/26 School Year](#)

0064/2025

Senior Cycle Redevelopment – Supports for Selected Phase One Schools Introducing Drama, Film and Theatre Studies in the 2025/26 School Year

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