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Ráiteas Polasaí ar Oideachas Caidreamh & Gnéasachta (O.C.G.)

(Policy on Relationships & Sexual Education R.S.E)

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Fealsúnacht Scoile:

1. Féachfaidh an scoil chuige go ndéanfar fis spioradálta den saol daonna agus den chaidrimh a chothú.
2. Ar an ábhar Oideachas Caidrimh agus Gnéasachta ach go h-áirithe aithníonn an scoil gur ról tacúla agus cúnta a bheidh á thabhairt do thuismitheoirí.
3. Léireoidh sé fealsúnacht na scoile. Is é sin omós agus foighneacht do gach páiste, ar bhealach atá iomlán agus Críostúil.
4. Beidh meas ar an dignit, ar an bpríomhoideachas agus ar an gcúlántacht i gcás gach páiste agus a m(h)uintir.

Sainmhíniú

Tá Oideachas Caidrimh agus Gnéasachta (O.C.G.) mar chuid den chlár forleathan a bhaineann le riachtanaisí an pháiste. Cuimsíonn an clár Oideachas Caidrimh agus Gnéasachta eolas agus tuiscint a ghnóthú, agus dearcadh, tuairimí agus luachanna a fhorbairt faoi chaidrimh, féiniúlach ghnéasach agus dlúthchaidreamh, agus na scileanna sóisialta a bhaineann leis. Tá cothú féinmheas lárnach sa chlár seo.

Oideachas Sóisialta, Pearsanta & Sláinte (OSPS)

Cabhraíonn O.S.P.S le forbairt obair na scoile chun sláinte agus folláine leanaí agus daoine óga a chothú. Tá O.S.P.S. ábhar ar churaclam na bunscoile. Cuimseoídh clár scoile O.S.P.S. ábhair mar bia sláintiúil, alcól, drugaí, saincheisteanna imshaoil, sábháilteacht freagracht shóisialta agus O.C.G.

A bhfuil á sholáthar ag an scoil faoi láthair

Soláthraíonn an scoil ar O.S.P.S. go foirmiúil 'sna cláracha seo leanas.

- Beo go Deo, Clár Teagasc Críostaí,
- Bord Sláinte an Iar-Thuaiscirt, Clár Oideachais Sláinte do Bhunscoileanna (Naíonáin—R.6),
- Clár O.C.G.
- Bí Sábháilte,
- Misneach,

Tá na cláracha seo ar fáil ar scoil.

Aidhmeanna ár gclár O.C.G.
Tá sé mar aidhm ag O.C.G. sa bhunscoil cabhrú le leanaí sa bhaile agus an scoil, a fhorbairt féin a thabhairt chun cinn agus a fhorleathnú i Leith cairdeas agus caidrimh le daoine eile.

Beidh an obair seo bunaithe ar mheas an dhaonnacht agus ar spioradáltacht an pháiste. Beidh sé dírithe go h-áirithe ar;
(a) Forbairt ar féin samhlaoíde den scoth.
(b) Meas a chothú iontu féin agus i ngach éinne eile.
(c) Dearcadh dearfach a chothú i leith ghnéasacht an duine.
(d) Eolas oiriúnach a thabhairt do pháistí ag tógaint aois an pháiste san áireamh.

Beidh luachanna agus ethos na scoile go rí-shoiléir sa pholasaí seo i gcónaí.

Bainistíocht agus Eagrú O.C.G. inár scoil
Cuirtear síos i gcuraclam agus i dtreoirlínte an CNCM ar an ábhar agus modheoloaíocht atá le húsáid i múineadh na gclár O.C.G. Beidh an clár ar fail sa scoil. Leanfaidh an scoil na treoracha seo. Moltar go láidir go mbeadh gach páiste rannpháirteach ann. B'fhéidir go mbeadh gá le cainteoir neamhspleách chun ábhar ar leith a mhúineadh.

Soláthar á dhéanamh do thacaíocht, forbairt & athbreithniú leanúnach
Tá súil ag an scoil go gcuirfear áiseanna scoile ábhartha ar fail chun cuidiú le tuismitheoirí agus múinteoirí. Déanfaidh an scoil iarracht deimhin a dhéanamh de go mbíonn deiseanna forbartha ionghairme ag múinteoirí agus an coiste polasaí, agus tacaíocht a thabhairt do thuismitheoirí chun deiseanna oideachais a sholáthar do thuismitheoirí eile.

Conas ar dréachtaíodh an ráiteas polasaí O.C.G.
Cuireadh an dréacht polasaí le chéile ag an gCoiste Polasaí O.C.G. (Beirt ón mBord Bainistíochta, beirt thuismitheoir, beirt mhúinteoir). Cuireadh scéal chuig tuismitheoirí (Nuachtlitir 3/02/98) maidir le cruinnithe poiblí a bhí ar siúl i gCo. Chorcaí i Mí Feabhra 1998 (9ú-19ú) agus cuireadh an leabhrán "Oideachas Caidrimh & Gnéasachta—Ag dul ar aghaidh le chéile" chucu chomh maith.

D'fhreastail an coiste ar chúrsa oiliúna san Ostán Doughcloyne (23/09/98) agus 'san Ostán Westpark (17/11/98). Tháinig said le chéile arís ar 19ú Mí na Samhna 1998 nuair a cuireadh an chéad dréacht le chéile.

Cuireadh an dréacht polasaí chuig na húdaráis scoile chun gur féidir le múinteoirí agus tuismitheoirí glacadh leis agus é a chraobhscaoileadh.

Dul i gComhairle le Tuismitheoirí & Múinteoirí
Cuirfear cóip den dréacht polasaí abhaile agus lorgófar tuairimí pearsanta tuismitheoirí i scríbhneoireacht.
Lorgófar tuairimí múinteoirí trí chruinniú ginearálta leis na múinteoirí ar fad.
Dhein an coiste díospóireacht ar gach tuairim agus dearcadh a tháinig ar ais agus níor athraíodh an dréacht den ráiteas polasaí.
Cuireadh an dréacht den polasaí chuig na húdarais scoile chun glacadh leis.

<u>Cuir timpeall an ráiteas polasaí O.C.G.</u>
Ghlac na húdaráis scoile leis an dréacht den doiciméad, ciallaíonn sé sin gurb é sin Ráiteas Polasaí O.C.G. na scoile, agus seoltar é chuig ma dtuismitheoirí agus múinteoirí.

<u>AGUISIN 1</u>
Tagairtí,
An Roinn Oideachais, Rialtas na hÉireann (1997) Oideachas Caidrimh & Gnéasachta, Comhphairtíocht idir an Baile agus an scoil.
CNCM (1996), Oideachas Caidrimh & Gnéasachta(An Rionn Oideachais) Curaclam & Treoirlínte idirlinne do Bhunscoileanna, Naíonáin go Rang 6.
An Roinn Oideachais, Rialtas na hÉireann (1997) (Leabhrán Eolais),
An Roinn Oideachais, Rialtas na hÉireann (1997) (Treoirlínte Polasaí)

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Our School Philosophy

1. The school will seek to communicate the Christian vision of human life and human relationships.
2. The school will recognise that, in the area of R.S.E. above all, its role is subsidiary to that of parents.
3. It will reflect the school's spirit of respect and tolerance of all families and children in an inclusive and Christian manner.
4. The dignity, privacy and modesty of each individual child and family will always be respected.

Definition

R.S.E. is part of a cross-curricular programme which addresses the needs of the whole child. It specifically addresses growth, development, relationships, the meaning of human sexuality, and relevant personal and social skills. (Central to R.S.E. is the fostering of self-esteem).

Relationship of R.S.E. to S.P.H.E.

What is Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE)?
Social, Personal & Health Education (SPHE) contributes to developing the work of the school in promoting the health and well-being of children and young people. The content of a school's SPHE programme will include a wide range of topics such as healthy eating, alcohol, drugs, environmental issues, safety and social responsibility, as well as R.S.E.

What the school currently provides

The school provides for S.P.H.E formally as follows;
The Alive O Religion Programme,
The Stay Safe Programme,
The R.S.E. Programme,
The North Western Health Board Primary Health Education Programme (Infants—R.6),
Walk Tall,

These programmes are available for those who wish to read them.

Aims of our R.S.E. Programme

At primary level, R.S.E. aims to help children learn, at home and in school, about their own development and about their friendships and relationships with others.
This work will be based on a respect for the humanity and spirituality of the child and will focus on;

(a) Developing a good self-image,
(b) Promoting respect for themselves and others,
(c) Fostering a healthy attitude to human sexuality,
(d) Providing the children with age-appropriate information,

At all times, this policy will reflect the value and ethos of the school.

The Management & Organisation of R.S.E. in this School
The school will deliver the curriculum as outlined in the NCCA R.S.E. document. This is available for those who wish to read them. Participation by all children is strongly recommended. The school may invite speakers from outside agencies to teach certain aspects of the curriculum.

Provision for ongoing support, development and review
It is hoped that resources such as videos and books will be provided to support parents and teachers with this programme. The school will aim to ensure access to in-career development opportunities for other parents.

How the R.S.E. policy was drafted
The draft was drawn up by the R.S.E. School Policy Committee (two members of the Board of Management, two parents and two teachers). Parents were informed by newsletter (3/02/98) of public meetings which were held in Co.Cork (February 9th—19th 1998) and were circularized with a booklet entitled "Relationships and Sexuality".
The Committee attended a Training Session on 23/09/98, Doughcloyne Hotel and 17/11/98 in the Westpark Hotel. It met again on 19/11/98 when the policy was drafted.
The drawn up policy was sent to the Board of Management for approval and dissemination among staff and parents.

Consulting Staff and Parents
A copy of the draft policy was sent to parents, giving them the opportunity to respond in writing. A general meeting of all the teachers was arranged to discuss their views on the draft policy. All comments, opinions and suggestions received were examined by the examined by the committee and amendments to the draft policy were deemed unnecessary. The policy was sent to the Board of Management for approval.

Circulation of R.S.E. Policy
The approved school Relationships and Sexuality Education Policy statement, is circulated among parents and teachers.

APPENDIX 1
References;
The Department of Education, Govt. of Ireland (1997) Relationships and Sexuality. A partnership between Home and School.
NCCA (1996) Relationships and Sexuality Education Interim Curriculum and Guidelines for Primary Schools, Infants to Sixth class.
The Department of Education, Government of Ireland (1997) (Information Booklet for Parents),
The Department of Education, Government of Ireland (1997) (Policy Guidelines).