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Review of the Bí Cineálta Policy 2026-2027

The Board of Management (the Board) must undertake an annual (calendar) review of the school's Bí Cineálta policy and its implementation in consultation with the school community. As part of the review, this document must be completed.

1. When did the Board formally adopt its Bí Cineálta policy to prevent and address bullying behaviour in accordance with the *Bí Cineálta Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*? Insert date when the *Bí Cineálta* policy was last adopted by the school. 09/04/2025

2. Where in the school is the student-friendly Bí Cineálta policy displayed?

In each classroom and at reception at the front of the school

3. What date did the Board publish the Bí Cineálta policy and the student-friendly policy on the school website? **30/09/2026**

4. How has the student-friendly policy been communicated to students?

Discussions took place at an age-appropriate level with every class.

5. How has the Bí Cineálta policy and student-friendly policy been communicated to parents

The Bí Cineálta policy and student friendly policy have been published on our website. Parents subsequently received communication from the school directing them to it.

6. Have all school staff been made aware of the, school's Bí Cineálta policy and the *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*? **Yes**

7. Does the Bí Cineálta policy document the strategies that the school uses to prevent bullying behaviour? **Yes**

8. Has the Board received and minuted the Bullying Behaviour Update presented by the principal at every ordinary board meeting over the last calendar year? **Yes**

9. Has the Board discussed how the school is addressing all reports of bullying behaviour? **Yes**

10. Is the Board satisfied that all incidents of bullying behaviour are addressed in accordance with the school's Bí Cineálta Policy? **Yes**



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11. Have the prevention strategies in the Bí Cineálta policy been implemented? **Yes**
12. Has the Board discussed the effectiveness of the strategies used to prevent bullying behaviour? **Yes**
13. How have (a) parents, (b) students and (c) school staff been consulted with as part of the review of the Bí Cineálta Policy?

(a) Communication re strategies, policy & feedback on policy via letter home to parents
(b) Discussion with pupils in each class & reminders about strategies to deal with bullying behaviour
(c) As above in B. Also discussed at staff meetings

14. Outline any aspects of the school's Bí Cineálta policy and/or its implementation that have been identified as requiring further improvement as part of this review:

Consistency of reminders to pupils about the language to use when dealing with bullying behaviour
A better understanding of the importance of the bystander or upstander

15. Where areas for improvement have been identified, outline how these will be addressed and whether an action plan with time-frames has been developed?

Discussion once a term at assembly and also in classes
Student wellbeing team presentations at assembly following surveys with pupils

16. Does the student-friendly policy need to be updated as a result of this review and if so why?

N/A

17. Does the school refer parents to the complaints procedures if they have a complaint about how the school has addressed bullying behaviour? **Yes**
18. Has a parent informed the school that a student has left the school due to reported bullying behaviour? **No**
19. Has the Office of the Ombudsman for Children initiated or completed an investigation into how the school has addressed an incident of bullying behaviour? **No**



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