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Tours/Excursions/Sports Events Policy

Introduction

The drafting of this policy involved parents, staff and Board of Management of Lusk National School.

Rationale

The need for this policy arises from children being exposed to a wide variety of different experiences while on school outings and sporting events and the necessity to have a framework for good practice in place to cover all eventualities.

Relationship to School Ethos

Lusk National School strives to provide a child friendly, secure environment catering for all the needs of all students as far as is practicable and where respect is fostered in a culture which values diversity and difference.

Aims and Objectives

- To ensure all practical possibilities are covered in reducing the exposure of children to risk on outings
- To provide an enjoyable educational experience for all children

Policy Content

School tours/Excursions are structured in such a way to provide an educational aspect in addition to an entertainment and recreational value. It is school policy to assign individual groups of ten children approximately to each responsible adult for Junior classes (Junior Infants to 2nd Class) and fifteen children to each adult for senior classes (3rd class to 6th class). This requires the support of parents who accompany teachers on excursions. On occasion learning support teachers may accompany mainstream classes on school outings. Visits to the parish church to prepare for sacramental events will not require additional adult supervision as the church is on the same side of the road as the school with a path between both buildings. One narrow lane must be crossed on route and teachers will be vigilant of this.

The following safety rules apply on all tours/excursions/sports trips

- Children obey their supervisors at all times both in transit and at their destination
- Children remain seated and strapped in while buses are in motion
- Children remain with their allocated group and supervisor at all times
- Roll calls/ head counts are taken when children return to the bus after each segment of the excursion
- School First Aid kits are brought by the organising teachers on all excursions
- In the event of a local excursion (generally no more than 15 kilometres) parents may be requested to convey children to the location of an excursion where deemed appropriate

Review

This policy will be reviewed during the school year 2020- 2021.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Chairperson, Board of Management.