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Admission Policy of S.N an tSratha Mhóir
Gleann Domhain
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Roll number: 15208i

School Patron; Bishop Niall Ó Colla

1. Introduction

This Admission Policy complies with the requirements of the Education Act 1998, the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 and the Equal Status Act 2000. In drafting this policy, the board of management of the school has consulted with school staff, the school patron and with parents of children attending the school.

The policy was approved by the school patron on 28/09/26. It is published on the school's website and will be made available in hardcopy, on request, to any person who requests it.

The relevant dates and timelines for Scoil an tSratha Mhóir admission process are set out in the school's annual admission notice which is published annually on the school's website at least one week before the commencement of the admission process for the school year concerned.
This policy must be read in conjunction with the annual admission notice for the school year concerned.
The application form for admission is published on the school's website and will be made available in hardcopy on request to any person who requests it.

2. Characteristic spirit and general objectives of the school

Is bunscoil chomhoideachais Chaitliceach í Scoil Náisiúnta an tSratha Mhóir. Tá iarracht mhór á déanamh aici le timpeallacht a chur ar fáil atá eagraithe go maith, tuisceanach, sásta agus slán. Déantar riachtanais intleachtúla, spioradálta, fisiciúla agus chultúrtha na ndaltaí a aithint agus a láimhseáil inti. Cé gur scoil Chaitliceach í Scoil an tSratha Mhóir, tugtar aitheantas do chreidimh eile fosta. Déanfaidh Scoil an tSratha Mhóir a dícheall le forbairt

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ghairmiúil agus phearsanta na múinteoirí a chur chun tosaigh, leo féin agus i gcuideachta a chéile, frí chláir forbartha foirne. Spreagfaidh Scoil an tSratha Mhóir na tuismitheoirí a bheith gníomhach frí theagmhálacha baile/scoile. Déanfaidh Scoil an tSratha Mhóir obair chrua lena chinntiú go mbeidh féinmhuinín níos fearr ag achan duine i bpobal na scoile, go mbeidh meas ag na daltaí ar dhaoine agus ar mhaoin agus go spreagfar freagracht iontu. Cuirfidh Scoil an tSratha Mhóir comhionannas inscne chun tosaigh i measc na múinteoirí agus na ndaltaí.

S.N an tSratha Mhoir is a Gaeltacht,Deis,Coeducational Primary School,with a Catholic Ethos,under the patronage of the Bishop of Raphoe,Bishop Niall Coll.
Catholic "Ethos",in the context of a Catholic primary school means the ethos and characteristic spirit of the Roman Catholic Church,which aims at promoting:
a)the full and harmonious development of all aspects of the person of the pupil,including the intellectual physical,cultural,moral and spiritual aspects;
b)a living relationship with God and other people
c)a philosophy of life inspired by belief in God and in the life death and resurrection of Jesus and…
d)the formation of the pupils in the Catholic faith.
And which school provides religious education for the pupils in accordance with the doctrines,practices and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church,and/or such ethos and/or characteristic spirit as may be determined or interpreted from time to time by the Irish Episcopal Conference.

In accordance with S 15(2) (b) of the Education Act,1998,the Board of Management of S.N an tSratha Mhóir,shall uphold,and be accountable to the patron for so upholding,the characteristic spirit of the school determined by the cultural,educational,moral,religious,social,linguistic and spiritual values and traditions which inform and are characteristic of the objectives and conduct of the school.

Mission Statement;
Our School aims to cherish all pupils equally,and every effort is made to aid and support children in achieving their true potential,without prejudice or barriers to social or physical background,ethnicity,religious/political beliefs and values.

Staff,parents and community members share in the educational development of the pupils,in ways which are both stimulating and appropriate to the needs of the pupils in our school.

We strive to cherish and challenge our pupils in a safe secure and stimulating learning environment.

As a Christian community,we aim to be a warm welcoming place,respectful and accommodating of diversity in race,culture,religion,gender and ability.

We aim to promote equality and support and resource pupils with special needs

Parents are the child's primary educators,and we strive to empower,support and encourage them to be actively involved in their child's education and the life of the school.

We value our relationship with our local community and the role our school plays in contributing to the spirit and unity.

We strive to provide a nurturing,positive,holistic learning experience for every pupil and commit to supporting, challenging and empowering each other.

3. Admission Statement

S.N an tSratha Mhoir will not discriminate in its admission of a student to the school on any of the following:

a. the gender ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
b. the civil status ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
c. the family status ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
d. the sexual orientation ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
e. the religion ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
f. the disability ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
g. the ground of race of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
h. the Traveller community ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned, or
i. the ground that the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned has special educational needs

As per section 61 (3) of the Education Act 1998, 'civil status ground', 'disability ground', 'discriminate', 'family status ground', 'gender ground', 'ground of race', 'religion ground', 'sexual orientation ground' and 'Traveller community ground' shall be construed in accordance with section 3 of the Equal Status Act 2000.

All denominational schools
S.N an tSratha Mhóir is a school whose objective is to provide education in an environment which promotes certain religious values and does not discriminate where it refuses to admit as a student a person who is not (insert details of particular religious denomination concerned) and it is proved that the refusal is essential to maintain the ethos of the school.

4. Categories of Special Educational Needs catered in the school/specialclass

In the case of special schools and schools with a special class or unit attached, the category/categories of SEN catered for by the school/special class/unit must be set out here.

THIS IS NOT APPLICABLE TO OUR SCHOOL.

5. Admission of Students

This school shall admit each student seeking admission except where –

a. the school is oversubscribed (please see section 6 below for further details)

b. a parent of a student, when required by the principal in accordance with section 23(4) of the Education (Welfare) Act 2000, fails to confirm in writing that the code of behaviour of the school is acceptable to him or her and that he or she shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with such code by the student

All denominational schools
S.N an tSratha Mhoir is a Catholic School, and may refuse to admit as a student a person who is not of Catholic denomination, where it is proved that the refusal is essential to maintain the ethos of the school.

6. Oversubscription (this section must be completed by all schools including schools that do not anticipate being oversubscribed)

In the event that the school is oversubscribed, the school will, when deciding on applications for admission, apply the following selection criteria in the order listed below to those

applications that are received within the timeline for receipt of applications as set out in the school's annual admission notice:

Siblings: Preference will be given to siblings of children who are already in school.
Naíonra: Priority will be given to children attending the naíonra on school grounds.
Distance from school; Children from within the catchment area.

Pupils connection to school;Whether sibling(s) are currently attending the school.

Note: Other pupils may be enrolled during the year.Pupils wishing to transfer from other schools are enrolled subject to the rules of National Schools Education Welfare Act and Admissions Policy.

In the event that there are two or more students tied for a place or places in any of the selection criteria categories above (the number of applicants exceeds the number of remaining places), the following arrangements will apply:

The place will be allocated according to age. The older child will receive the place.

7. What will not be considered or taken into account

In accordance with section 62(7)(e) of the Education Act, the school will not consider or take into account any of the following in deciding on applications for admission or when placing a student on a waiting list for admission to the school:

Points (a) to (g) must be included here by all schools. There are limited exceptions to some of these (highlighted in red below) and schools must retain the exceptions that apply to them and delete those that do not:

a. a student's prior attendance at a pre-school or pre-school service, including naíonraí, **However** preference will be given to children attending the naíonra on the school ground of Scoil an tSratha Mhóir.

b. the payment of fees or contributions (howsoever described) to the school;

c. a student's academic ability, skills or aptitude;

d. the occupation, financial status, academic ability, skills or aptitude of a student's parents;

e. a requirement that a student, or his or her parents, attend an interview, open day or other meeting as a condition of admission;

f. a student's connection to the school by virtue of a member of his or her family attending or having previously attended the school i.e parents or grandparents.

   In relation to parents and grandparents having attended, a school may only apply this criteria to a maximum of 25% of the available spaces as set out in the school's annual admission notice).

g. the date and time on which an application for admission was received by the school,

   This is subject to the application being received at any time during the period specified for receiving applications set out in the annual admission notice of the school for the school year concerned.
   This is also subject to the school making offers based on existing waiting lists.

8. Decisions on applications

All decisions on applications for admission to S.N an tSratha Mhóir will be based on the following:

- Our school's admission policy
- The school's annual admission notice (where applicable)
- The information provided by the applicant in the school's official application form received during the period specified in our annual admission notice for receiving applications

  (Please see section 14 below in relation to applications received outside of the admissions period and section 15 below in relation to applications for places in years other than the intake group.)

Selection criteria that are not included in our school admission policy will not be used to make a decision on an application for a place in our school.

9. Notifying applicants of decisions

Applicants will be informed in writing as to the decision of the school, within the timeline outlined in the annual admissions notice.

If a student is not offered a place in our school, the reasons why they were not offered a place will be communicated in writing to the applicant, including, where applicable, details of the student's ranking against the selection criteria and details of the student's place on the waiting list for the school year concerned.

Applicants will be informed of the right to seek a review/right of appeal of the school's decision (see section 18 below for further details).

10. Acceptance of an offer of a place by an applicant

In accepting an offer of admission from S.N an tSratha Mhóir, you must indicate—

(i) whether or not you have accepted an offer of admission for another school or schools. If you have accepted such an offer, you must also provide details of the offer or offers concerned and

(ii) whether or not you have applied for and awaiting confirmation of an offer of admission from another school or schools, and if so, you must provide details of the other school or schools concerned.

11. Circumstances in which offers may not be made or may be withdrawn

An offer of admission may not be made or may be withdrawn by S.N an tSratha Mhóir,where—

i. it is established that information contained in the application is false or misleading.
ii. an applicant fails to confirm acceptance of an offer of admission on or before the date set out in the annual admission notice of the school.
iii. the parent of a student, when required by the principal in accordance with section 23(4) of the Education (Welfare) Act 2000, fails to confirm in writing that the code of behaviour of the school is acceptable to him or her and that he or she shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with such code by the student; or
iv. an applicant has failed to comply with the requirements of 'acceptance of an offer' as set out in section 10 above.

12. Sharing of Data with other schools

Applicants should be aware that section 66(6) of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 allows for the sharing of certain information between schools in order to facilitate the efficient admission of students.

13. Waiting list in the event of oversubscription

In the event of there being more applications to the school year concerned than places available, a waiting list of students whose applications for admission to Scoil an tStratha Mhóir were unsuccessful due to the school being oversubscribed will be compiled and will remain valid for the school year in which admission is being sought.

Placement on the waiting list of S.N an tSratha Mhóir is in the order of priority assigned to the students' applications after the school has applied the selection criteria in accordance with this admission policy.

Offers of any subsequent places that become available for and during the school year in relation to which admission is being sought will be made to those students on the waiting list, in accordance with the order of priority in relation to which the students have been placed on the list.

14. Late Applications

All applications for admission received after the closing date as outlined in the annual admission notice will be considered and decided upon in accordance with our school's admissions policy, the Education Admissions to School Act 2018 and any regulations made under that Act.-

15. Procedures for admission of students to other years and during the school year

The procedures of the school in relation to the admission of students who are not already admitted to the school to classes or years other than the school's intake group are as follows:

The parent will apply in writing for a place in the requested class.

The enrolment form must be completed and returned with a copy of the Birth Certificate.

The school will require a Certificate of Transfer from the child's previous school, providing relevant information on child

The child will be enrolled during the school year if the parents sign up to the Code of Behaviour and the child agrees to adhere to it.

The Board of Management will make the final decision..

16. Declaration in relation to the non-charging of fees

This rule applies to all schools.

The board of S.N an tSratha Mhóir or any persons acting on its behalf will not charge fees for or seek payment or contributions (howsoever described) as a condition of-

a. an application for admission of a student to the school, or
b. the admission or continued enrolment of a student in the school.

17. Arrangements regarding students not attending religious instruction

This section must be completed by schools that provide religious instruction to students.

The following are the school's arrangements for students, where the parents or in the case of a student who has reached the age of 18 years, the student, who has requested that the student attend the school without attending religious instruction in the school. These arrangements will not result in a reduction in the school day of such students:

A written request will be made to the principal of the school. A meeting will subsequently be held with the parent(s) of the student(s),to discuss how the request may be best accommodated by the school.

18. Reviews/appeals

Review of decisions by the board of Management

The parent of the student, or in the case of a student who has reached the age of 18 years, the student, may request the board to review a decision to refuse admission. Such requests must be made in accordance with Section 29C of the Education Act 1998.
The timeline within which such a review must be requested and the other requirements applicable to such reviews are set out in the procedures determined by the Minister under section 29B of the Education Act 1998 which are published on the website of the Department of Education and Skills.
The board will conduct such reviews in accordance with the requirements of the procedures determined under Section 29B and with section 29C of the Education Act 1998.

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Note: Where an applicant has been refused admission due to the school being oversubscribed, the applicant **must request a review** of that decision by the board of management prior to making an appeal under section 29 of the Education Act 1998.
Where an applicant has been refused admission due to a reason other than the school being oversubscribed, the applicant **may request a review** of that decision by the board of management prior to making an appeal under section 29 of the Education Act 1998.

Right of appeal
Under Section 29 of the Education Act 1998, the parent of the student, or in the case of a student who has reached the age of 18 years, the student, may appeal a decision of this school to refuse admission.
An appeal may be made under Section 29 (1)(c)(i) of the Education Act 1998 where the refusal to admit was due to the school being oversubscribed.
An appeal may be made under Section 29 (1)(c)(ii) of the Education Act 1998 where the refusal to admit was due a reason other than the school being oversubscribed.
Where an applicant has been refused admission due to the school being oversubscribed, the applicant **must request a review** of that decision by the board of management **prior to making an appeal** under section 29 of the Education Act 1998. (see Review of decisions by the Board of Management)

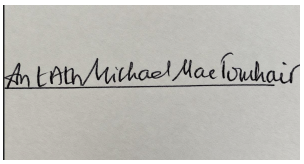
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Appeals under Section 29 of the Education Act 1998 will be considered and determined by an independent appeals committee appointed by the Minister for Education and Skills.

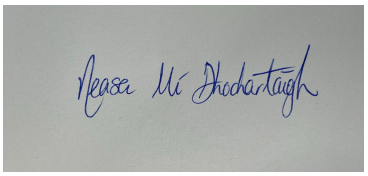
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Date ratified by BOM:

Signed: 
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