

# Admissions Policy- reviewed 2020

Sacred Heart Primary School, Castle Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry

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## SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1) Introduction

This admissions policy is set out in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act (1998). The Board of Management trusts that by so doing parents will be assisted in relation to enrolment matters. The chairperson of the Board of Management, Sacred Heart Primary School, Castle Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry, (Cyril Gavaghan) and the principal teacher (John Hickey) will be happy to clarify any matters arising from the policy.

Sacred Heart Primary School operates under the Rules for National Schools, The Education Act (1998), The Education Welfare Act (2000), enacted sections of The Education of Persons with Special Education Needs Act (2004), the Equal Status Act 2000, the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018, and all relevant equality legislation and Department of Education and Skills (DES) Circulars.

This is a Catholic Primary School which operates under the Patronage of the Bishop of Kerry and under the Trusteeship of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The school aims to provide the best possible environment to cater for the cultural, educational, moral, physical, religious, social, linguistic and spiritual values and traditions of all its students with the resources available to us.

<b>School Name:</b>	<i>Sacred Heart Primary School, Presentation Convent, Castle Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ireland.</i>
<b>School Roll Number:</b>	<i>16871 V</i>
<b>School Address:</b>	<i>Castle Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry.</i>
<b>Telephone Number:</b>	<i>+353 066 7123314</i>
<b>Denominational Character:</b>	<i>Catholic</i>
<b>Name of Patron:</b>	<i>Bishop of Kerry</i>
<b>Total No. of Teachers:</b>	<i>17</i>
<b>Range of Classes Taught:</b>	<i>Junior Infants to Sixth Class.; also 2 Special Classes for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder</i>
<b>Gender Orientation of School:</b>	<i>This is a co-educational school from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Class</i>

The school depends on the grants and teacher resources provided by the Department of Education and Skills and it operates within the regulations laid down, from time to time, by the Department. School policy has regard to the resources and funding available.

The school follows the curricular programmes prescribed by the Department of Education and Skills, which may be amended from time to time, in accordance with Sections 9 and 30 of the Education Act (1998), as well as the Education (Admission to Schools) Act, 2018.

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 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (to be approved again once ratified by BOM). 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 Sacred Heart Primary School's 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**

Sacred Heart Primary School is a Catholic co-educational primary school with a Catholic ethos under the patronage of the Bishop of Kerry.

“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, a living relationship with God and with other people; and
- (b) including the intellectual, physical, cultural, moral and spiritual aspects; and
- (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 Sacred Heart Primary School shall uphold, and be accountable to the patron for so upholding, the characteristic spirit of the school as 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 and general objectives of the school.**

The school's mission statement is:

*Sacred Heart Primary School, Tralee, is a National School, which operates under the patronage of the Catholic Bishop of Kerry, under the Trusteeship of the Presentation Sisters and fully supports the religious and educational philosophy of the founder Nano Nagle. The school is committed to the aims and principles of the Primary School Curriculum (1999). It celebrates the uniqueness of each child as expressed in each child's personality, intelligence and potential for development. The school seeks to nurture the child in all dimensions of his or her life - spiritual, moral, cognitive, emotional, imaginative, aesthetic, social and physical.*

*We in Sacred Heart Primary School seek to cherish and challenge children in a safe, secure and attractive learning environment. We aim to provide quality learning experiences that are engaging, enriching and enjoyable through a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum.*

*The school sees itself as an integral part of St. John's Parish and, in partnership with parents and the church, seeks to nurture the Catholic faith through religious education, preparation for the sacraments and through the ethos of the school. This ethos is best exemplified through the quality of all relationships in the school, which are based on respect and dignity for each person – child, parent, teacher, principal, secretary, caretaker, classroom assistants and visitors to the school.*

*Sacred Heart Primary seeks to be a warm and welcoming place, respectful and accommodating of diversity in race, culture, religion, gender and ability. We strive to provide an inclusive environment responsive to the needs of all, including Travellers, refugees, **international children or children with special educational needs. This spirit of inclusion is furthered through the work of our two special classes for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).** We aim to promote equity in all areas and to provide every and any child with extra support through our SET allocation.*

*We value most highly our relationship with parents and the local community and seek to continue to work in partnership with parents to ensure that the best interest of each child is provided for.*

*The school is a learning community. We promote and value lifelong learning for all, including staff. We urge you to work in partnership with us, reinforcing for children the shared values of home and school.*

*'We will light the lantern and go one step beyond.'*

Within the context and parameters of Department regulations and programmes, the rights of the patron as set out in the Education (Admission to Schools) Act, 2018, and the funding and resources available, the school supports the principles of:

- inclusiveness, particularly with reference to the enrolment of children with a disability or other special educational need
- equality of access and participation in the school
- parental choice in relation to enrolment and
- respect for diversity of values, beliefs, traditions, languages and ways of life in society.

## **SECTION 2: ENROLMENT PROCEDURES**

### **3) ADMISSION STATEMENT**

The Board of Management of Sacred Heart Primary School will have regard for relevant Department of Education and Skills (DES) Guidelines in relation to class size and staffing provision and/or any other relevant requirements concerning accommodation including physical space and the health and welfare of children.

The Board of Management is bound by the Department of Education and Skills Rules for National Schools which provides that pupils may only be enrolled from the age of 4 years and upwards, though compulsory attendance does not apply until the age of 6 years. Children applying to enroll in Sacred Heart Primary School must have reached the age of 4 years by August 31st of the year they will commence school.

**The Board of Management reserves the right to determine the maximum number of children in each separate classroom bearing in mind Department of Education & Skills Guidelines in relation to class size and staffing provision. Other factors that may be considered are:**

- **Size and available space in classrooms.**

- Educational needs of children of a particular age.
- Multi-grade classes.
- Presence of children with special educational/behavioural needs.
- Health and Safety.

Sacred Heart Primary School 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.

#### **Schools with special education classes**

Sacred Heart Primary School is a school which has established two special classes, with the approval of the Minister for Education and Skills, which provide an education exclusively for students with a category or categories of special educational needs specified by the Minister and may refuse to admit to the class a student who does not have the category of needs specified.

Sacred Heart Primary School with the approval of the Minister for Education and Skills, has established 2 classes to provide an education exclusively for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Sacred Heart Primary School 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 of the Catholic faith and it is proved that the refusal is essential to maintain the ethos of the school.

**Note for Parents: the inclusion of the above wording was mandated by the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018.**

This school shall admit each student seeking admission except where –

- a) the school is oversubscribed (please see Oversubscription section 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.

Sacred Heart Primary School is a Catholic school and may refuse to admit as a student a person who is not of the Catholic faith where it is proved that the refusal is essential to maintain the ethos of the school.

#### **4) SCHOOL WITH SPECIAL CLASSES**

Sacred Heart Primary School with the approval of the Minister for Education and Skills has established two Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Classes at Sacred Heart Primary School.

These classes are for children:

- who have a recognised ASD diagnosis
- who have been recommended for placement in an ASD Class in a mainstream Primary School
- who have the potential to integrate into a mainstream, age appropriate class.
- The maximum class size is 6 pupils per class, with 12 places total

Our ASD classes offers an autism specific learning environment within a mainstream co-educational primary school. This setting facilitates optimum inclusion in mainstream education as part of the school community, as appropriate, while having due regard for levels of general learning disability, resources and each child's current suitability for such inclusion.

We wish to provide a broad curriculum which focuses on the abilities and strengths of each child while supporting his/her areas of need. We will strive to enhance the communicative and social skills of the children in the ASD class.

## **5) ENROLMENT OF CHILDREN INTO SPECIAL CLASSES**

### Enrolment Procedure

- Registration begins with a referral from the SENO, outside agencies, a telephone call or a visit from parents.
- Requests for Enrolment Application Forms for the ASD Class and queries regarding supporting documentation should be made to: The Principal, Sacred Heart Primary School, Castle Street, Tralee, Tel: 066 7123314.
- A school Enrolment Application Form for the Class for Pupils with ASD is then completed.

The Enrolment Application must be accompanied by all of the following supporting documentation supplied by parents:

1. The child must have a diagnosis of Autism / Autistic Spectrum Disorder made using the DSM-IV/V or ICD 10 by the psychologist or team.
  2. Original Birth Certificate.
  3. A written psychological assessment /report or a written Report from a multi-disciplinary Team must be provided. A multi-disciplinary team may consist of a Clinical Psychologist, Occupational Therapist, Speech & Language Therapist, Social Worker and a Physiotherapist. (Please note all reports on a child should be provided to the school for assessment by the Principal and SET team).
  4. There must be a recommendation by the relevant professionals in the report that a special class placement in a mainstream school is both necessary and suitable for the child. In this regard it should be noted that the academic ability of the child will be taken into account when considering an application and will be subject to continuous assessment and review.
- The closing date for applications will be included on the Admission Notice as outlined in our School's Admission Policy.
  - Completed applications will be responded to within 21 days of the closing date for receipt of applications.
  - The list of applicants will be reviewed by the Principal and the S.E.N. Co-ordinator.
  - All applications received by the closing date will be considered.
  - The school may seek the advice of the school's allocated NEPS psychologist to aid enrolment decision making.
  - The Principal will make the final decision.

Factors taken into consideration during the enrolment process are:

1. Diagnosis – Child must be diagnosed as being on the Autistic Spectrum and have a recommendation for placement in a special class attached to a mainstream school.
2. Integration - Child must be capable of integrating into mainstream, even at a minimal level, at an appropriate age level.
3. Appropriateness – Child must be capable of accessing the Primary School Curriculum.

The School may request further information or a meeting with the parent and the child in the school setting, if deemed to be necessary. The school acknowledges that all children with ASD present with differing profiles. For this reason, all applications will be considered on a case by case basis.

NOTE: The receipt of the enrolment application forms, psychological report and written recommendation is not a guarantee of enrolment. It is simply the recording of an application for admission to our school.

Before allocating places the Principal will:

- Review all applications and all documentation relevant to a child applying for a place in the class for pupils with ASD.
- Come to a decision on the suitability of the class for pupils with ASD to meet the needs of the child.
- Verify that there is a recommendation from a recognised Psychologist for placement in a special class in a mainstream school.
- Come to a decision as to the suitability of the child for potential meaningful integration in an age appropriate mainstream class
- Verify that the child is 4 years old on or before August 31st on the year of enrolment

Places will be allocated in the ASD class in accordance with the following criteria and in the following order:

1. Pupils currently enrolled in our mainstream school and seeking to transfer to the ASD class.
2. Applicants with siblings currently enrolled in the school (including stepsiblings, resident at the same address), priority eldest.
3. Children living within the parish, priority eldest.
4. Children of past pupils living locally, priority eldest. (Subject to a 25% capping)
5. Children currently enrolled in another local mainstream school, priority eldest.
6. If spaces are still available, places will be allocated randomly, once an assessment has been made by the Principal and S.E.N. Co-ordinator.

#### Transfers

Pupils may transfer to the ASD class during the school year subject to availability of places. Pupils transferring must enter the same class level that they are leaving, and have the necessary diagnosis and recommendations as outlined above. The school may request other relevant documentation if a pupil is transferring from another school. All documents need to be received in order for the application to be deemed fully completed. Transfers may occur from the first day of term, and not during.

#### Discharge Policy

It is school policy to facilitate the discharge of pupils once they have completed 6th Class and/or reached the age of thirteen after September 30th in any year. This means a June discharge in the following year. The onus will be on the parents to negotiate the placement with a suitable post-primary school. Sacred Heart Primary School will facilitate all transfer of records/reports as well as assist with any information required with regard to students. Discharge from the ASD Class may also happen if a pupil is fully integrated into the mainstream stream class.

### **6) ENROLMENT OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (APART FROM ENROLMENT IN SPECIAL CLASSES)**

On enrolment of children with special needs the Board of Management will request a copy of the child's medical and/or psychological report or where such a report is not available, will request that the child be assessed immediately. The purpose of the assessment report is to assist the school in establishing the educational and training needs of the child relevant to his/her disability or special needs and to profile the support services required.

Following receipt of the report, the Board will assess how the school can meet the needs specified in the report. Where the Board deems that further resources are required, it will request the Special Education Needs Organiser (SENO) (NCSE see Circular 01/05) to provide the resources required to meet the needs of the child as outlined in the psychological and/or medical report. These resources may include for example, access to or the provision of any or a combination of the following: visiting teacher service, resource teacher for special needs, special needs assistant, specialised equipment or furniture, transport services or other.

The school will meet with the parents/guardians of the child and with the SENO to discuss the child's needs and the school's suitability or capability in meeting those needs. Where necessary, a full case conference involving all parties will be held, which may include parents, principal, class teacher, learning support teacher, special class teacher, resource teacher for special needs, SENO, or psychologist, as appropriate.

It may, in certain circumstances, be necessary for the Board of Management to defer admission of a child pending the completion of an assessment report and/or provision of the necessary resources by the Department of Education and Skills.

## **7) OVERSUBSCRIPTION**

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:

1. *Applicants with siblings currently enrolled in the school (including stepsiblings, resident at the same address), priority eldest;*
2. *Applicants with parents/grandparents previously enrolled in school*
3. *Children residing in the parish, priority eldest;*
4. *Children of staff members, priority eldest ;*
5. *Random selection (independently verified).*

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:

- Priority to eldest in accordance with the above criteria
- Random selection

### **Oversubscription of Special Classes**

**In the event that the special classes are oversubscribed, and the board has satisfied itself that the child meets the enrolment criteria (listed above) for the special classes, the above oversubscription criteria will also apply.**

## **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:

- (a) a student's prior attendance at a pre-school or pre-school service
- (b) the payment of fees or contributions (howsoever described) to the school;
- (c) a student's academic ability, skills or aptitude; **other than in relation to admission to the special classes insofar as it is necessary in order to ascertain whether or not the student has the category of special educational needs concerned**
- (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/guardians, 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 other than siblings of a student attending or having attended the school and/or parents or grandparents of a student having attended the school, **other than, in the case of the school wishing to include a selection criteria based on (1) siblings of a student attending or having attended the school and/or (2) parents or grandparents of a student having attended the school.**

**In relation to (2) parents and grandparents having attended, a school may only apply this criterion 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.

## **8) DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS**

All decisions on applications for admission to Sacred Heart Primary School will be based on the following:

- Our school's admission policy
- The school's annual admission notice
- 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 Late Applications section below in relation to applications received outside of the admissions period and Procedures for admission of students to other years and during the school year sections 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 ON 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 below for further details).

## **10) ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER OF A PLACE BY AN APPLICANT**

In accepting an offer of admission from Sacred Heart Primary School, 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 Sacred Heart Primary School 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 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.

Section 66(6) allows a school to provide a patron or another board of management with a list of the students in relation to whom—

- (i) an application for admission to the school has been received,
- (ii) an offer of admission to the school has been made, or
- (iii) an offer of admission to the school has been accepted.

The list may include any or all of the following:

- (i) the date on which an application for admission was received by the school;
- (ii) the date on which an offer of admission was made by the school;
- (iii) the date on which an offer of admission was accepted by an applicant;
- (iv) a student’s personal details including his or her name, address, date of birth and personal public service number (within the meaning of section 262 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005).

## **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 Sacred Heart Primary School 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 Sacred Heart Primary School 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.

Applicants whose applications are received after the closing date, outlined in the Annual Admission Notice, will be placed at the end of the waiting list in order of the date of receipt of the application.

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.

Late applicants will be notified of the decision in respect of their application no later than three weeks after the date on which the school received the application. Late applicants will be offered a place if there is place available. In the event that there is no place available, the name of the applicant will be added to the waiting list as set out in Section 13.

## **15) PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION TO OTHER YEARS OR 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:

*Applications for enrolment during the school year will be considered subject to school policy, available space and the provision of information concerning attendance and the child's educational progress.*

*Such applications will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis but will normally only be considered for admission on the first day of each new term unless the applicant is newly resident in the area.*

The procedures of the school in relation to the admission of students who are not already admitted to the school, after the commencement of the school year in which admission is sought, are as follows:

*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 Sacred Heart Primary School 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 Sacred Heart Primary School 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.*

**Junior Infants, with the exception of students transferring from another school, may only be admitted to the school prior to 30<sup>th</sup> September.**

## **16) DECLARATION IN RELATION TO NON-CHARGING OF FEES**

The board of Sacred Heart Primary School 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**

17)

Our school is of a Catholic ethos and, in keeping with that ethos, children of all or no other faith are welcome to apply to this school.

We respect the decision of parents to withdraw their child/children from taking part in the religious education curriculum, religious ceremonies, school Masses, etc.

The following are the school's arrangements for students, where the parent(s)/guardian(s) have requested that the student attend the school without attending religious instruction (etc.) in the school. These arrangements will not result in a reduction in the school day of such students:

A written request should be made to the Principal of the school. A meeting will then be arranged with the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student, to discuss how the request may be accommodated by the school.

## **18) REVIEWS/APPEALS**

### **Review of decisions by the board of Management**

The parents/guardians of 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.

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 parents/guardians of 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)

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. (see Review of decisions by the Board of Management)

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.

The timeline within which such an appeal must be made and the other requirements applicable to such appeals 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 policy was ratified by the Board of Management of Sacred Heart Primary School on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020. **19<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Signed: Cyril Gavaghan, *Chairperson, Board of Management*

*The contents of this policy have been approved by St. Senan's Education Office, acting on behalf of the Patron.*

Action	Name	Date
Staff		3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
Parents Association		3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
Board of Management – Chairperson		6 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
<b>Review- including content on special classes</b>		<b>21st November 2022</b>

**APPENDIX 1**

**ENROLMENT APPLICATION FORM**

**Sacred Heart Primary School, Presentation Convent, Castle Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

*Please fill in details below, in BLOCK CAPITALS. Should your child/children be offered a place, you will be asked to fill in a Registration Form, with more details.*

Pupil's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (at which the applicant resides):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Eircode: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and class of Sibling(s) currently enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish in which the applicant resides: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Details:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Parent [ ] Custodian [ ] Legal Guardian

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Email. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Parent [ ] Custodian [ ] Legal Guardian

Address:

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Signature 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_