Review of the Bí Cineálta Policy

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.

Bí Cineálta Policy Review

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.*
   22/ 09/2026
2. Where in the school is the student friendly Bí Cineálta policy displayed?

   The Bí Cinneálta policy and the student friendly version is available on the school website. The student friendly version is displayed on the noticeboards at the entrance to the school, in the student handbook and on the electronic notice boards. This is in keeping with our school's ethos of inclusion, respect and kindness.
   Both documents are also available in hard copy on request from the office.

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?

   The student friendly version was shown and ratified by BCS Student Voice in September 2025. It was placed in all student Journals for the academic years 2025 and 2026. It is visible on a daily basis on all electronic noticeboards in the student assembly areas and a hardcopy is placed and visible at all entrances to the school.

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

   Parents were consulted through BCS Parents Council in June 2025. The student friendly version is available in their students PR book and school website. Both policy and student friendly version is available on request through the school office.

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 ☐ No

7. Does the Bí Cineálta policy document the strategies that the school uses to prevent bullying behaviour? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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 ☐ No

9. Has the Board discussed how the school is addressing all reports of bullying behaviour? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10. Is the Board satisfied that all incidents of bullying behaviour are addressed in accordance with the school's Bí Cineálta Policy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

11. Have the prevention strategies in the Bí Cineálta policy been implemented? ☐ Yes ☐ No

12. Has the Board discussed the effectiveness of the strategies used to prevent bullying behaviour? ☐ Yes ☐ No

13. How have (a) parents, (b) students and (c) school staff been consulted with as part of the review of the Bí Cineálta Policy?

As part of the annual review of the policy carried out on 22/09/2026 all stakeholders of the school community were given the opportunity to contribute on the existing Bí Cinneálta Policy through the appropriate student and parent council. Following consultation, no change to the policy were recommended.

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:

None. No aspect of the schools Bí Cinneálta policy or its implementation were identified by parents, students or staff as requiring further improvement as part of the review carried out on 22/09/2026.

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

Not Applicable. As no areas for improvement were identified during this review.

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

No as we are using the student friendly template adbised in the Bí Cinneálta procedures to prevent and address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2024.

16. Does the school refer parents to the complaint's procedures if they have a complaint about how the school has addressed bullying behaviour? ☐ Yes ☐ No

17. Has a parent informed the school that a student has left the school due to reported bullying behaviour? ☐ Yes ☐ No

18. Has the Office of the Ombudsman for Children initiated or completed an investigation into how the school has addressed an incident of bullying behaviour? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signed: *Colette Power*

Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: 22/09/2026

Signed: Denis Ring

Principal

Date: 22/09/2026

Date for next Review: September 2027