Caheragh National School

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Policy on Exemption from Irish

Introduction:

This policy was drafted by staff and Board of Management (BoM) in response to recent changes in special educational provisions.

Rationale:

In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of pupils entitled to an exemption from the study of Irish due to specific learning difficulties, general learning disabilities and/or sensory impairments.

Relationship to the school Ethos:

This policy is in keeping with the mission statement of the school, which strives to enhance the self esteem of all through providing for the intellectual, physical, moral and cultural needs of all.

Aims and Objectives:

- To allow for pupils of differing abilities, interests and circumstances
- To enhance inclusivity within the school
- To enable children of all abilities to access the curriculum in a learner friendly manner

Policy Content:

Before granting an exemption from Irish, the school requires evidence of a specific or general learning disability from a qualified psychologist or in the case of a child with a sensory impairment, from a qualified medical practitioner. Children of foreign nationals who are resident in the country will also be granted an exemption from Irish, particularly if their grasp of the English language is limited.

Procedures:

- The school requires a written application for exemption from the parents/guardians of the particular child. It must be accompanied by documentary evidence such as age, previous schooling etc. and a psychologist's report (if relevant).
- The principal, in consultation with staff, class teachers and BoM will grant an exemption if warranted and will present a certificate of exemption to the parents in accordance with Circular 12/96.
- Note: The school no longer needs to send a copy of the exemption form to the DES.
 The school grants the exemption and keeps the form on file.



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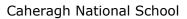
Roles and Responsibilities:

In-school Management, class teachers, BoM will contribute to the implementation of school procedures.

Success Criteria:

- Seamless integration of non-nationals and pupils with learning difficulties
- Happy school learning environment
- Positive teacher/parental feedback

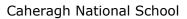
Drafting and Implementation This policy was drafted in 2016 and was implemented in				
Review: This policy will be reviewed in 2018.				
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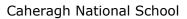
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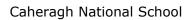






Procedure for Exemption from Irish under Circular 12/96

Pupil's Name:	
Address:	
Date of Birth	
Date of Exemption:	
Attached: (Supporting Documentation for retention in school)	
Written application from parents	
Psychologist's Report	
School Report	
 Standardised Test Results 	
Teacher's Reports	
Sample of unaided written work	
Copy of Certificate	
All the above are in the Irish Exemption File in the Office.	
Copy of Certificate forwarded Parents on: Date:	
Copy of Certificate to Pupils Class File on: Date:	





CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION

Name of School: Address: Telephone:	Caheragh N.S. Caheragh, Drimoleague. Co. Cork 028-31647	Roll Number: Email: caheragh	
Name of Pupil:			
Date of Birth:			
Name and Address	of Psychologist:		
Date of Report:			
Name and Address	of Medical Specialist:		
Date of Report:			
primary schools in	bove-named pupil has been granted a accordance with the terms of Circular I been granted on the following grounds	12/96.	the study of Irish in
Signed:Principal To	eacher	Date:	
I/We understand th	hat the school does not accept respon ng from this exemption from the study o		tailing of any caree
Signed:Parents/Gu	ardians	Date:	