



Presentation Senior School

"A community of learners inspired by the vision and values of Nano Nagle"

SCHOOL POLICY ON VOLUNTARY ABSENCES DURING SCHOOL TERM

Due to the number and frequency of parents withdrawing children from class during term time, it has been felt necessary to formulate this policy.

The absence of a child or children from class for the purpose of holidays places an unfair burden on the teacher concerned, who is endeavouring to ensure that all children in class cover the Department of Education curriculum.

It is vital therefore that parents understand that in the case of circumstances such as prolonged absences, the curriculum subjects will continue in the child's absence and inevitably the child will have gaps in his/her understanding of some or all subjects, this will inevitably impact on his/her performance in end of year exams. Parents who remove children voluntarily, must understand that they bear full responsibility for such under-achievement.

To underscore this point and to demonstrate our objections as educators to this practice, all parents wishing to remove children from class during term time are asked to read this policy and sign the form section below. This form will be included in the child's school file and will be part of the report submitted to the new school on leaving Presentation Senior School, whether for another primary school or when the child progresses to secondary school.

In accordance with the Education (Welfare) Act the Board of Management has a legal obligation to notify the National Educational Welfare Board when a child has been absent from school over 20 days in any one school year.

Having read the above school policy I wish to withdraw my child _____

from _____ class for the period from _____ to _____

for the purpose of _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Relationship to child: _____

