



# **Sensory Room Policy**

## **Scoil Chroí Ró Naofa**

### **Ballymurn**

#### **Purpose**

The sensory room offers a nurturing, safe, non-threatening and supportive environment. It is used to facilitate empowerment, self-organisation, relaxation, sensory awareness, activity tolerance and general awareness of self, peers and the environment.

The policy applies to all staff and students making use of the sensory room facilities.

#### **Usage**

As those accessing the room have differing needs, we recognise that one size does not fit all. Equipment will be used in line with a child's O.T. report recommendations and where this is not provided, we will use the room for relaxation purposes only. S.N.A.s, Support teachers and class teachers will liaise to devise and plan the best use of equipment for the individual child.

#### **Access**

Identified students should have sensory time built into their individual timetable.

No more than 2 students should access the sensory room at any time.

Under no circumstances should students be left alone in the sensory room at any time.

A monitoring system will be in place to ensure that the sensory room is not abused or over used.

## **Management of Equipment**

Equipment must be turned off if not in use.

In conjunction with the school's Safety Statement:

- Electrical equipment is checked on a weekly basis (SNA responsibility)
- Equipment is kept clean and checked on a daily basis (SNA responsibility)
- The room and its equipment is checked on a weekly basis for damage or faults (SNA responsibility)
- Damaged equipment is removed and repaired or replaced as soon as possible (SNA team to notify Principal)

At the end of each session floor items should be replaced to where they are stored and the room returned to its original state.

## **Child Protection:**

Staff are authorised to work 1:1 with pupils in the sensory room.

There will be a door with a glass panel for transparency.

Parents will be given the sensory room policy and will give written consent to their child's supervised access of the sensory room.

## **Ratification and Review**

This policy was presented to the Board and ratified in September 2020. The policy will be subject to periodic review.

The date from which the policy will apply is the date of adoption by the Board of Management. Implementation of the policy will be monitored by the Principal of the school.

**Signed:**

Matthew Kelly

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Chairperson

Emer O'Gorman

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Principal

16/09/2020

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Date