

Pastoral Care Policy

Our ethos in Meánscoil Gharman is christian, caring, respectful, encouraging, welcoming, helpful and understanding. All communication is based on respect..Pastoral Care is about all members of the school.

Formal structures

The class teacher

Each class has a class teacher who will have contact with the class almost every day and each student will have the opportunity to speak with the class teacher when he/she needs to do so. The class teacher will keep the Principal /Deputy up to date regarding problems etc when necessary.

The Principal/ Deputy Principal

The Principal and Deputy Principal endeavour to get to know the students on an individual basis so that the students will be at ease if they need to discuss matters of importance to them.

The Principal and Deputy Principal will contact parents and outside agencies ie NEPS, TUSLA when the need arises.

They will be in regular contact with the class teachers and the Learning Support teacher. Confidential information regarding students will be shared with staff in a confidential manner and only when necessary.

Learning Support Teacher

The Learning Support teacher works in conjunction with all other subject teachers. He is in contact regularly with parents, NEPS and he prepares an individual education plan for those students who have special education needs.

The Chaplin

We have two chaplins available to speak to students and their families. The chaplins are invited to attend the school services throughout the school year.

SPHE teacher

The SPHE teacher ensures that the curriculum which needs to be covered is suitable for each age group and suitable to meet the needs of the students in the different year groups.

Meitheal Leaders

The Meitheal leaders are chosen from a group of 4th year students who volunteer to help 1st year students to settle in to secondary school. They take part in a training course during the

summer. They attend the induction week for 1st year students at the end of August. During the school year they organise different events to help the students to get to know one another and the Meitheal leaders better and in order to promote a good relationship between the Junior and Senior students.

New Teachers

An induction session is organised at the start of each school year for the new teachers on the staff. During this session they are welcomed in to the school, the school ethos is explained to them and the structures and the policies that are in place are discussed.

The “Droichead” program is in place for newly qualified teachers (NQT’s)

Student’s Council

The student’s council is made up of 9 students (one representative from each class). They endeavour to meet once a week. They discuss matters of concern to them and when necessary they represent their views to school management.

Accidents/Emergencies

All accidents or illnesses occurring at school must be brought to the immediate attention of the Principal/ Deputy Principal. In the case of students, parents will be contacted if necessary and they will be asked to collect their son/daughter from school. In the case of emergency the student will be brought to the hospital or an ambulance will be called and the parents informed immediately. Parents must ensure that the correct medical information is provided on the form when the student is registered in the school. This information must be updated if circumstances change.

Please note

Transition Year students will be taking part in a program called “Face in the Crowd” which is organised by Wexford Mental Health Association.

We are also working on developing a new Positive Behaviour Plan for students.