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Mission Statement and Enrolment / Admissions Policy

Effective as of 28th November 2018

1.0 General Information:

This policy is set out in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act 1998 in order to assist parents enrolling their children in the school. Helen Bhreathnach or Marcella Nic Niallaigh will be happy to clarify any further matters arising from this Policy.

2.0 The School:

Scoil Mobhí was founded by the Dominican sisters in 1972. ‘**Veritas**’, (Truth) the Dominican motto, is our motto. Scoil Mobhí is a Roman Catholic school under the Patronage of the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin.

Scoil Mobhí endeavours to provide a broad education, while acknowledging the individual differences of each child and the specific needs of society today. A happy positive atmosphere is created in the school in which the love of our Irish heritage and culture is fostered, as well as respect for other people and their cultures.

Scoil Mobhí is an Irish medium, co-educational primary school. Irish is spoken throughout the school day. All subjects are taught through Irish, with the exception of English. Every effort is made to encourage the children to use Irish informally in the playground and around the school. An award “Gradam Mobhí” is presented to those children who are making a special effort to speak Irish as well as for many other reasons.

As a Roman Catholic school, Scoil Mobhí aims to promote the full and harmonious development of the child: his/her intellectual, physical, cultural, moral and spiritual growth towards a living relationship with God and with other people. The prescribed programme for religious education, based on the doctrines, practices and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church is followed throughout the school. The main events of the Liturgical year are celebrated, as are the feast days of Saint Mobhí, our Patron Saint, and Saints Brigid and Colmcille.

The school caters for one class group per year from Junior Infants to Sixth class. It is an inclusive school and caters for children of all abilities. There are at present fourteen teachers in Scoil Mobhí, including the principal teacher. Ten teachers work with eight class groups. There are at present three full time special education teachers based in the school. Special Needs Assistants may be assigned to the school by the Department of Education and Skills (DES) to enable the inclusion of certain children with special educational needs. The school is dependent on the grants and teacher allocations provided by the DES.

3.0 The Board of Management

The Board of Management of Scoil Mobhí is a statutory board appointed pursuant to the provisions of the Education Act, 1998. The Board consists of two direct nominees of the Patron, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, one teacher representative, two parent representatives and two community representatives. Helen Bhreathnach is the Chairperson of the Board. Marcella Nic Niallaigh is the Principal teacher.

4.0 Curriculum

The Curriculum offered by Scoil Mobhí is governed by regulations as stipulated by the DES, which may be amended in accordance with Sections 9 and 30 of the Education Act, 1998.

5.0 Application Procedure for Junior Infants

5.1 With effect from 26th June 2018, applications for enrolment for Junior Infants, for each school year, will be accepted, during the month of September and must be received by 30th September, of the year immediately prior to entry (i.e. for commencing school year 2019, applications must be received by 30/9/2018).

5.2 An application can only be made during the month of September in the year immediately prior to entry and in respect of children who will have reached the age of four before the first of June in the year of proposed enrolment.

Applications must be made on the official application form (available from the school or online @ www.scoilmobhi.ie). The application form should be returned with a copy of the applicant's birth certificate. Completion of the Application Form does not guarantee a place at the school. The application will not be treated as complete until such time as all requested information has

been received. Applicants will be notified of the Board's decision, which is made within 21 days of the closing date of application, September 30th in each year.

When the Board offers a place to the child an official entry form will be issued at that time. The entry form must be completed by the parents and returned to the school within 21 days of the date of the letter of offer. In the event that this form is not returned to the school within this period then the place will be allocated to another child.

5.2 The Board of Management of Scoil Mobhí recognises the right of parents to send their children to a school of their choice. The Board of Management determines the maximum number of children in the school based on the Department of Education and Skill's recommended enrolment. Due to limited space, however, the Board can offer only the appropriate number of places for one class group each year. The number of places available is determined also by the number of pupils expected to leave the school, the size of all classrooms, the deployment of teachers and the resources of the school, the size of the play area, the number of pupils with special needs and SNA's in a particular classroom.

5.3 In reference to **Stage 5.1** above and in considering the application forms of children in respect of whom an application form has been received by the school, and whose parents accept the stated ethos of the school, places are allocated in the order set out below

1. Siblings of existing or past pupils of Scoil Mobhí and children of members of staff currently employed by the school. Places will be allocated in order of age, starting with the oldest.
2. Children of past pupils of Scoil Mobhí. Places will be allocated in order of age, starting with the oldest.
3. Other children. Places will be allocated in order of age, starting with the oldest.

In the event that there are more applicants within category 3 than there are available places, priority will be given firstly to children from families who are rearing their children as Gaeilge, because this is a scoil lán-Ghaelach, and secondly, following on from this, to children within the particular category in order of age, starting with the oldest. Should any children have the same birth date, places will be allocated in order of age, starting with the oldest.

6.0 Pupil Transfer

Pupils may transfer to the school at any time subject to the school's enrolment policy and available space.

7.0 Miscellaneous

Junior infants who are starting school will be admitted to the school at the beginning of the school year September only.

Children enrolled in Scoil Mobhí are required to co-operate with and support the school's Code of Behaviour, as well as other policies. Parents / Guardians are responsible for ensuring that their child(ren) co-operate with these policies in an age-appropriate way. A copy of the Code of Behaviour and a copy of the Ethos statement will be issued to all parents and each parent will be requested to sign an undertaking to uphold the school Code of Behaviour at enrolment.

8.0 Children with Special Needs

Children with special educational needs are welcome to enrol in the school and every effort will be made to provide them with an appropriate education as well as to include them in every aspect of school life. Children will be resourced in accordance with the level of resources provided by the Department of Education and Skills to the Board of Management.

The Board of Management may request copies of relevant reports or request that the child be assessed immediately in order to assist the school in establishing the educational needs of the child and to profile the support services required. The Board of Management will endeavour to have all resources and supports in place before the child is admitted to the school. This may include visiting teacher service, resource teacher, special needs assistants etc, specialised equipment or furniture, transport services etc.

The school will meet with the parents of the special needs child to discuss the school's suitability for the child. If considered necessary, a full case conference may be called which will include parents, class teacher, learning support teacher, resource teacher and psychologist or social workers as appropriate.

Exceptional Circumstances

The school reserves the right to refuse enrolment to a pupil in exceptional cases. Such an exceptional case could arise where either:

1. The pupil has special needs such that, even with additional resources available from the Department of Education and Skills, the school cannot meet such needs and/or provide the pupil with an appropriate education
2. In the opinion of the Board of Management, the pupil poses an unacceptable risk to other pupils, to other school staff or to school property.

9.0 Appeals Procedure

In the event of a child being refused entry to Scoil Mobhí the parents are informed of their right to appeal the decision under Section 29 of the Education Act, 1998 to the DES. This appeal must be made within 42 days of the date of the letter of refusal from the school.

10.0 Right to amend the Policy

The Board reserves the right to amend this policy at any time.

Ratified by the Board of Management on the 28 Samhain 2018.

Signed _____ Chairperson