

## **Milford NS**

### **Policy on Extra-Curricular Activities- Sports**

Pupils from Milford NS are afforded the opportunity to participate in after-school games and activities. These activities are offered on a purely voluntary basis by the teachers of the school, and sometimes by visiting coaches. At various times football coaching (girls and boys), hurling and camogie coaching and basketball and athletics coaching take place. Football coaching usually takes place in the autumn term and hurling/camogie coaching in the spring term. Basketball coaching is ongoing and is usually held in the school gym. Athletics coaching takes place in April or May in preparation for the Inter-School Primary School Sports competition.

#### **Training:**

Training sessions are organised by the team coaches, and will depend on availability of coaches, facilities, (pitches/gym) and the clemency of the weather. Training sessions after school will continue no later than 4 o'clock, while some may finish earlier. Coaches will communicate training times and days to their players at the beginning of the year and reminders are given weekly.

#### **Safety Guidelines for Coaches and Parents:**

- Children will be accompanied to the playing fields by an adult
- It is the policy of Milford NS that all children return to the school with their coaches after training sessions and are collected by parents/guardians from the school. Coach must be informed if alternative collection arrangements are required on particular occasions.
- If the parent/guardian is delayed the child must wait in the school foyer

#### **Fixtures:**

Cumann na mBunscoil issues the school with an official fixtures list at the beginning of each season. Matches are organised with reference to the fixtures list. Fixtures are fulfilled as close to the suggested dates as possible.

Home matches are usually on the UL pitches (depending on availability) and the referee is supplied by the home team.

Away fixtures are played at a venue chosen by our opponents.

#### **Transport:**

Transport is organised by the school coaches as follows:

- Children are requested to ask their parents to provide transport to the away fixtures
- Children communicate availability of parents' cars to provide transport
- A list is drawn up and children are assigned to the various cars
- Safety /roadworthiness of car and responsibility for wearing of seat-belts rests with the driver
- It is the policy of the school that no child will travel alone in a car with a non-relative
- After matches all children must return to school for collection by parents/guardians
- Please read accompanying document- ***Sports Code of Conduct*** for rules governing behaviour at matches

### **Note for Parents:**

Circumstances may mitigate against plans for training or matches. Venues and fixtures may change at short notice due to circumstances beyond the control of the school. Training sessions may be cancelled or deferred at short notice due to weather conditions or availability of facilities. Return times from matches are approximate only and are often determined by circumstances beyond the control of the organisers, such as traffic, delays in the game, injuries, extra time etc.

Parents should be aware that after-school activities of this nature are offered on a purely voluntary basis and are dependent on the good-will of the coaches involved, giving of their free time to the training of teams and the organisation of matches. Parents are requested to show due consideration and appreciation of the coaches for the provision of these voluntary extra-curricular activities.

The BOM of Milford is very appreciative of the teachers involved in extra-curricular activities for their generosity of time and energy.

### **Ratification/Communication**

**This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2009. It was reviewed and ratified on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and communicated to parents through the school website**