

SPORTS POLICY

St. Laurence's National School recognises the importance of sport to:-

- develop pupils' physical competence and confidence.
- promote positive attitudes towards active and healthy lifestyles.
- provide the opportunity for pupils to develop personally, socially and physically through participation in a wide variety of sports.
- promote positive attitudes towards participation and co-operation with peers.

In our school, children are provided with an opportunity to play a variety of sports – Hurling, Gaelic Football, Soccer, Tag Rugby, Basketball and Camogie. We appreciate the time and effort, given so freely, by various members of our staff. All children, regardless of ability are welcome to participate in trials for any of the school sports. Training takes place after school between 3pm and 4pm or occasionally during lunch break 12.30-1pm. Parents should make their own arrangements to get their children to training/matches which take place after school in Sallins GAA club grounds.

Code of Conduct:-

Children are expected

- to be co-operative, well-mannered and well-behaved at all times – in class, in the changing rooms, in yard, in the PE hall, in the sports field, on buses and going to and from matches.
- to comply with all instructions given by team mentors.
- treat team mates, mentors, opponents and officials with the utmost respect always.
- play by the rules.
- represent their school with pride and dignity; foul/abusive language or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.
- be gracious in defeat and modest in victory.
- to take due care of all equipment and sports gear.

Sanctions:-

- Any child, who is persistently disruptive, unco-operative or disrespectful in class/school will be excluded from training/playing. *(The children will be made aware of this sanction at the beginning of the school year).*
- If a player is disruptive or unco-operative during training/games s/he will be reminded of what is expected and if there is no improvement in behaviour, the child will be excluded from training/game for that session (i.e. will wait at sideline until session ends)
- If a pupil continuously breaches the Code of Conduct or is involved in a serious incident of misbehaviour s/he will be excluded from participating in any sport for a period of time to be decided by coaches/school management up to and including the remainder of the school year.

Signed
Parent/ Guardian's signature

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Pupil's signature