

Review of the Bí Cineálta Policy



The Board of Management (the Board) must undertake an annual (calendar) review of the school's Bí Cineálta policy and its implementation in consultation with the school community. As part of the review, this document must be completed.

Bí Cineálta Policy Review

1. When did the Board formally adopt its Bí Cineálta policy to prevent and address bullying behaviour in accordance with the *Bí Cineálta Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*?

Adopted: 16/6/25
Reviewed and re-ratified: 24/03/2026

2. Where in the school is the student-friendly Bí Cineálta policy displayed?

In large poster form in the front corridor and also by the exit to the senior yard in the carpet hall.

3. What date did the Board publish the Bí Cineálta policy and the student-friendly policy on the school website? 17/06/2025
4. How has the student-friendly policy been communicated to students?

Student Council designed the artwork and text. The final document was then shown at assembly.

5. How has the Bí Cineálta policy and student-friendly policy been communicated to parents

Both can be found on the website. They have also been shared via the weekly parental newsletter email. Parents/guardians have been encouraged to examine it again as part of the recent website revamp.

Burke 24/3/26
Dart 24/3/26

6. Have all school staff been made aware of the, school's *Bí Cineálta* policy and the *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post- Primary Schools*? **Yes**
7. Does the *Bí Cineálta* policy document the strategies that the school uses to prevent bullying behaviour? **Yes**
8. Has the Board received and minuted the Bullying Behaviour Update presented by the principal at every ordinary board meeting over the last calendar year? **Yes**
9. Has the Board discussed how the school is addressing all reports of bullying behaviour? **Yes**
10. Is the Board satisfied that all incidents of bullying behaviour are addressed in accordance with the school's *Bí Cineálta* Policy? **Yes**
11. Have the prevention strategies in the *Bí Cineálta* policy been implemented? **Yes**
12. Has the Board discussed the effectiveness of the strategies used to prevent bullying behaviour? **Yes**
13. How have (a) parents, (b) students and (c) school staff been consulted with as part of the review of the *Bí Cineálta* Policy?

- Parent Association consultation (notes included in Cinealta file to say that PA have been involved)
- Student Council meeting held on this topic in March 2026
- Staff meeting reviewed the policy and discussed at staff meeting in March 2026

14. Outline any aspects of the school's Bí Cineálta policy and/or its implementation that have been identified as requiring further improvement as part of this review:

- Extra whole-school mantra of "Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it kind?" to be formally added to policy
- Cyberbullying policy will continue to be annually reviewed alongside Bí Cineálta policy

15. Where areas for improvement have been identified, outline how these will be addressed and whether an action plan with timeframes has been developed?

Extra mantra of "Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it kind?" has been promoted at assemblies and turned into a poster competition, which are now displayed on all yards. This mantra, alongside cybersafety topics, will continue to be promoted and revised at whole-school assemblies and in classrooms.

16. Does the student-friendly policy need to be updated as a result of this review and if so why?

No. Extra posters of mantra "Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it kind?" are already in place.

17. Does the school refer parents to the complaints procedures if they have a complaint about how the school has addressed bullying behaviour? **Yes**

18. Has a parent informed the school that a student has left the school due to reported bullying behaviour? **No**

19. Has the Office of the Ombudsman for Children initiated or completed an investigation into how the school has addressed an incident of bullying behaviour? **No**

