



Cloonakilla N.S. Bealnamulla | Athlone | Co. Roscommon

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Dear Parents,

Please see attached Sensory Room Policy. If you consent to allow your child to use it as outlined in policy please sign below and return to the school.

Child's Name: _____

Parents Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Sensory Room Policy

Purpose

The sensory room offers a nurturing, safe, non-threatening and supportive environment. It is used to facilitate empowerment, self-organisation, relaxation, sensory awareness, activity tolerance and general awareness of self, peers and the environment.

The policy applies to all staff and students making use of the sensory room facilities.

Usage

As those accessing the room have differing needs, we recognise that one size does not fit all. Equipment will be used in line with a child's O.T. report recommendations and where this is not provided, we will use the room for relaxation purposes only.

S.N.A.s, support teachers and class teachers will liaise to devise and plan the best use of equipment for the individual child.

Access

Identified students should have sensory time built into their individual timetable.

No more than 3 pupils should access the sensory room at any time.

Under no circumstances should students be left alone in the sensory room at any time.

Management of Equipment

Equipment must be turned off after each use and only one piece of sensory equipment is to be used at a time to ensure the child is not over stimulated.

In conjunction with the school's Safety Statement:

- Electrical equipment is checked on a weekly basis (SNA responsibility)
- Equipment is kept clean and checked on a daily basis and any defects or breakages should be reported to Deputy Principal Siobhán McCabe (SNA responsibility)
- No shoes should be worn in the Sensory Room by children as taking off shoes is for many pupils, a useful part of routine

At the end of each session floor items should be replaced back in their place and the room returned to its original state.

Child Protection:

Where staff are working 1:1 with students:

There is a door with a glass panel for transparency, and the door itself should be left ajar.

Parents are given Sensory Room Policy and will give written consent to their child's supervised access of the sensory room. SNS's sign into/out of sensory daily.

Ratification and Review

This policy was presented to the Board and ratified in March 2019. The policy will be subject to periodic review.

The date from which the policy will apply is the date of adoption by the Board of Management. Implementation of the policy will be monitored by the Principal of the school.

Reviewed in September 2022.

Signed:

_Tommy Cormican_____

Chairperson of BOM

Date

Mary O'Rourke

Principal

Date



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Dear Parents,

If you consent to allow your child to participate on a movement break during the school day under the supervision of a SNA please sign below and return to the school.

Child's Name: _____

Parents Signature: _____

Date: _____