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Students Driving to School Policy

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1.0: Link to Mission Statement

Presentation, Wexford, is a Catholic Secondary School for girls only, guided by the ideals of Nano Nagle, foundress of the Presentation Congregation.

The school is committed to the pursuit of excellence in a caring environment.

“Inspired by the vision of Nano Nagle, our school is committed to the pursuit of excellence in a caring, respectful and inclusive community.”

We are an inclusive school both in our intake and in the curriculum which we provide. We aim to provide the highest standard of education for all our students.

We endeavour to fulfil our mission in partnership with parents/guardians, staff, students, patron and the local community.

2.0: Students Driving to School Policy

- ✓ Despite the fact that most young drivers try to be careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, research clearly shows that they are at a higher risk of having a serious crash than older, more experienced drivers.
- ✓ The presence of young passengers also greatly increases the risk for teenage drivers and, the more passengers, the greater the risk.
- ✓ It is important that all students and their parents/guardians are aware of these risks and the type of behaviour that our school expects from student drivers.
- ✓ This policy outlines the school’s expectations and provides information regarding the transport of passengers.
- ✓ Of particular note is that student drivers are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school unless it is a sibling.
- ✓ To ensure that all involved are aware of these requirements, student drivers and a parent/guardian are required to sign a Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.
- ✓ The form must be signed and returned prior to students using the designated parking area.
- ✓ These requirements are intended to ensure the welfare and safety of students at our school and the local community.
- ✓ Any student that holds a valid full driver’s licence who intends to drive to school (on either a regular or occasional basis), must comply with the school policy and is required to complete the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.

2.1: AIMS

- To closely monitor the use of motor vehicles (does not apply to electric scooters, which are not permitted on school grounds) by students on the school premises; and
- To minimise the potential risk of injury or incident related to the use of student motor vehicles.

2.2: Requirements for Students Driving Cars to School:

- Student drivers and a parent/guardian, must sign the Parent permission and Student Agreement Form.
- Students must hold a full driver's license and be properly insured.
 - A student who is a learner driving cannot drive to school unaccompanied. Students who are learner drivers must have an appropriately qualified accompanying driver (that is, a person who has held a full driving licence in the same category for a continuous period of 2 years). If a learner driver is found driving without an appropriately qualified driver the learner driver has committed an offence and is liable for a fixed charge fine or penalty points, or both. (See the rules of the road <http://www.rsa.ie/en/>)
- Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner, including adhering to all school signage such as speed limits on school grounds.
- Students are only to use their car for travelling to and from school. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to drive from the school grounds during the day.
- A copy of the Student's driver's licence details; insurance details; and car make must be recorded with the school.
- Students may only park in the designated parking area.
- Students are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school unless it is a sibling.
 - In exceptional circumstances, if a passenger who is not a sibling will be travelling with the student driver, written permission from the parent of that student needs to be provided.
- Student drivers are not permitted to drive to, or give lifts to, school matches/trips.
- If a student who drives, needs to leave school early, student must sign out using the normal school procedure.
- Sanctions will apply where students fail to meet these obligations. These include but are not limited to the temporary or permanent removal of driving/parking privileges, the handing in of car keys to the school office on a daily basis; other school based sanctions as detailed in the Code of Behaviour.

- Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the Gardaí.
- Parking – limited parking for 6th year students is available – no parking allowed until the agreement form is signed. Students will then be given a parking permit to be displayed on their car window.

3.0: Ratification

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on 15th June 2023

Chairperson: Mary Culleton

Date: 15th June 2023

Principal: Billy Ryan

Date: 15th June 2023

4.0: Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form

Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form

This form must be completed by any student who intends to drive to school either occasionally or regularly.

Student Name _____

Car Make/Model _____

Colour and Registration Number _____

Parent Permission

I give permission for _____ to drive to school. I am aware of the rules of the road and the school requirements regarding students driving to school.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Student

I _____ agree to adhere to the rules of the road and the requirements of Presentation Wexford regarding students driving a car to school.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

***Note: A photocopy of the student's driver licence and Insurance details must be attached to this form.**

School Approval

Approved by: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____