



PATRICIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

NEWBRIDGE, CO. KILDARE, W12 XV38

Meánscoil Phádraig, Droichead Nua, Co. Chill Dara.



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT POLICY ON BULLYING

Every pupil in the Patrician Secondary School has the right to enjoy his learning and leisure free from intimidation in both the school and surrounding community.

Our school community will not tolerate unkind actions or remarks, even if they are not intended.

The Board of Management of the Patrician Secondary school, Newbridge, has a responsibility to uphold the ethos and stated mission of the school. The board does not tolerate bullying and it directs the Principal and Staff to ensure that bullying is not allowed to occur. It will support the Principal and Staff in the pursuit of this disciplinary policy.

The following resolutions have been passed by the Board with the support of Teachers, the Parents Association and the Student Council:

1. Complicity by a student in any act of bullying, intimidation, incitement or retaliation against any other member of the school community shall result in the student facing sanctions up to and including expulsion.
2. A student who has previously been found culpable of bullying and has been dealt with under the school's code of behaviour will face expulsion if it is found that he has involved himself in any other act of bullying. This involvement is defined to include the incitement of others to such incidents of bullying. It includes:
 - (a) Any retaliation against a previous victim whether committed outside school-time, or in holiday periods, or outside the school grounds.
 - (b) Any act of bullying against any member of the school community.

These provisions shall apply to all students for the duration of their enrolment in the school.

At least one parent or legal guardian of any student found culpable of bullying will be asked, together with the student, to sign below as an acknowledgement of their understanding of the board of Management ruling on further involvement or association with bullying.

Signature of Student:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Signature of Parents/Guardian:

Signature of Principal:

Resolutions 1 and 2 will apply even if there is a failure to sign. A refusal to sign will be noted by the Board.