



PATRICIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

NEWBRIDGE, CO. KILDARE, W12 XV38

Meánscoil Phádraig, Droichead Nua, Co. Chill Dara.



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT POLICY ON FIGHTING

For the purpose of this policy the word "fight" is defined as "physical aggression towards another person or persons".

Fighting is a serious breach of the School's Code of Behaviour. 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 fighting and it directs the Principal and staff to take all steps necessary to ensure that fights are not allowed to occur. Where fights do occur, the Board will insist that the matter is swiftly dealt with. It will support the Principal and staff in the pursuit of the disciplinary policy. This policy covers:

1. Fighting on School Grounds
2. Fighting that occurs outside the school as the students are coming to or from school
3. Fighting at any time or any place that has its origin in school related incidents or activities.
4. Uploading to the internet, recording and/or sharing video or photographic footage of a fight that relates to 1,2 or 3 above (*see section 2.3 of our PED Policy).

In upholding the school's Code of Behaviour the following shall apply:

- (a) A student involved in a fight will face a term of suspension.
- (b) A student who has previously been involved in a fight and has been dealt with under the school's Code of Behaviour will face sanctions up to and including expulsion if it is found that he has involved himself in any further act of fighting. The involvement is defined to include the incitement of others to such incidents of fighting. It includes any act of retaliation against another by the student himself or others acting on his behalf whether committed on school grounds, outside school grounds, outside school time or in holiday periods.

- (c) A student involved in recording and/or uploading to the internet or sharing video or photographic footage of a fight will face a term of suspension
- (d) 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 fighting 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 fighting.

Signature of Student: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Principal: _____

Date: _____

Ratified by the Board of Management on: 7/10/21

Signed (Proposed): Ces Smyth

Signed (Seconded): Patricia O' Sullivan

Signed (Principal): Pat Moloney

Signed (Chairperson): Pat O'Leary