

Meánscoil na mBráithre Críostaí, Cill Chainnigh

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ONE TO ONE TEACHING POLICY April 2024

School Name:	Christian Brothers Secondary School, Kilkenny
School Address:	James's Street, Kilkenny
School Details:	CBS Kilkenny is a Voluntary Roman Catholic Secondary School under the Trusteeship and the Patronage of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust. The School is grant aided by the Department of Education and is a single sex (boys) school.
School Management:	The Board of Management of CBS Kilkenny is a statutory Board appointed pursuant to the provisions of the Education Act 1998.

Mission Statement

Inspired by its founder, CBS Kilkenny aims to provide Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition. The school endeavours to be a caring Christian Community which promotes to the best of its ability the personal, spiritual, physical and intellectual development of its students.

Ethos

As an Edmund Rice School, CBS Kilkenny seeks to promote the five key elements of an Edmund Rice School as espoused by the ERST Charter:

- Nurturing faith, Christian spirituality and Gospel-based values
- Promoting partnership in the school community
- Excelling in teaching and learning
- Creating a caring school community
- Inspiring transformational leadership.

Please note that the term *parents* is used to describe legal guardians also.

Rationale

The Board of Management recognises that child safeguarding and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all CBS Kilkenny policies, practices and activities. It is policy at CBS Secondary School Kilkenny that one to one teaching is offered in the best interest of the student.

Wellbeing: While renewing this policy, due consideration has been given to all aspects of all wellbeing of students at CBS Kilkenny and particularly to the Wellbeing of School Improvement Plan (May 2018).

GDPR: General Data Protection Regulation came into force in May 2018 and this policy has been reviewed in accordance with best practice as detailed in this legislation.

Additional Educational Needs (AEN) Policy: This policy needs to be read in conjunction with the SEN policy of CBS Kilkenny.

Child Protection: This policy has been reviewed in accordance with CBS Kilkenny Child Safeguarding Statement and in line with the Children First Act 2015 (Addendum 2019) and the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools – (revised 2023).

CBS Secondary School Kilkenny will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child safeguarding and welfare while one to one tuition is taking place.

The school will:

- recognise that the safeguarding and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations
- fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child safeguarding and welfare matters
- adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and will protect workers from the need to take unnecessary risks that may leave them open to accusations of abuse or neglect.

Relevant Legislation

This policy is drafted in the context of the specific provisions and definitions with regard to children with disabilities and additional educational needs and the statutory requirements placed on schools, Boards of Management and the Department of Education by the following legislation:

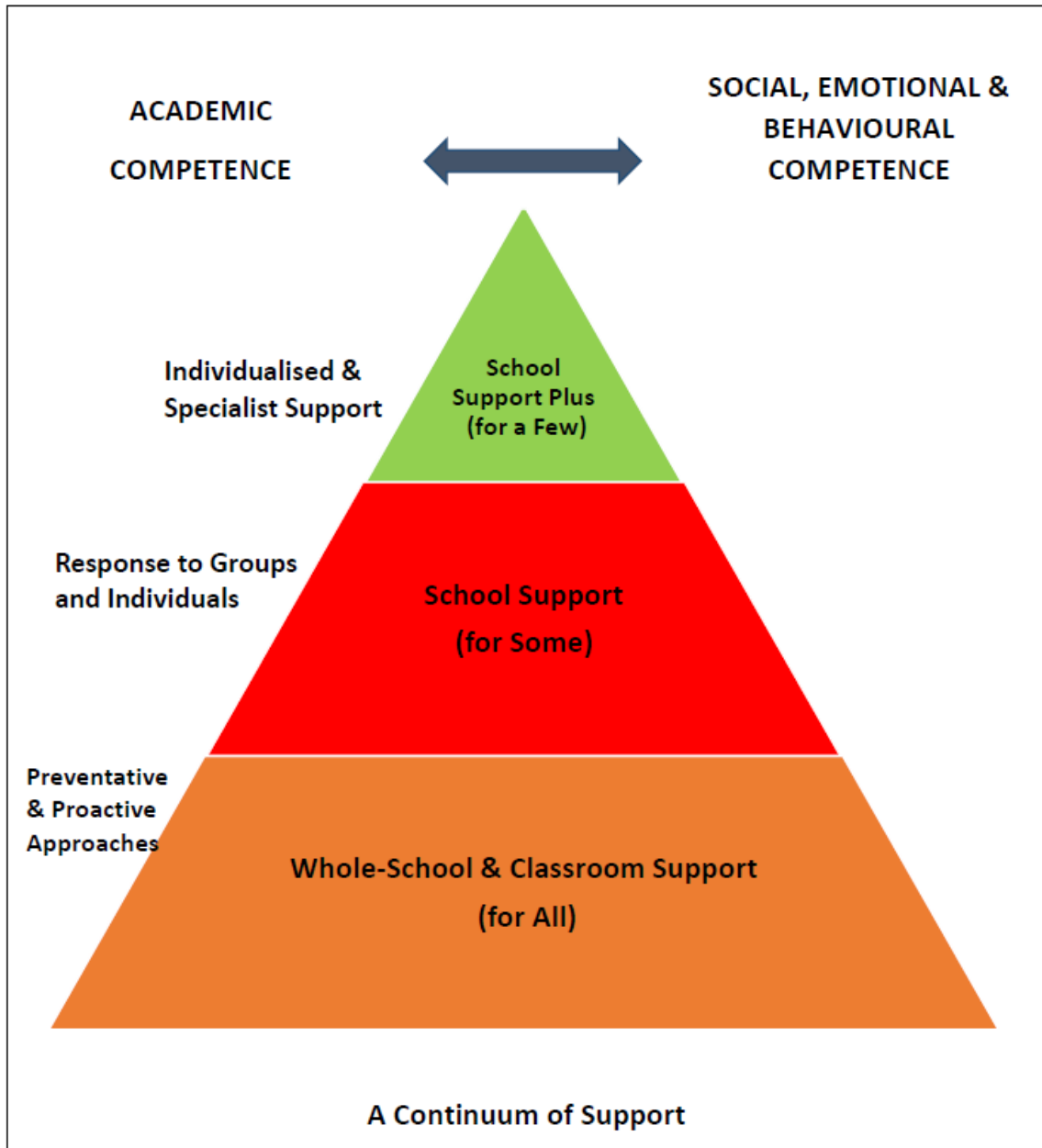
- 1998 Education Act
- 2000 & 2004 Equal Status Act
- 2000 Education Welfare Act
- 2004 Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act
- 2018 The Data Protection Act

These provide a legislative framework for the inclusion of students with AEN into mainstream schools.

Aims

1. To ensure that students in receipt of AEN support are identified and provided for in a fair and equitable manner so that their learning potential and their sense of self-worth and dignity is developed and respected.
2. To ensure that students in receipt of AEN support are offered a broad, balanced, relevant, progressive, continuous and differentiated curriculum and that they are provided for in an inclusive way.
3. To increase the literacy and/or numeracy skills of AEN students to the best of their ability.
4. To enable students to access the curriculum and to develop students' self-esteem, confidence and feelings of achievement and fulfilment in accordance with the school's mission statement.
5. To collaborate with relevant teachers of students with additional educational needs where appropriate.
6. To ensure the effective and efficient use of resources.
7. To review and evaluate the effectiveness of practice in support of students with AEN.

Continuum of Support



CBS Kilkenny follows the continuum of support in the provision of One to One Teaching
(National Council for Special Education, 2020)

General Guidelines

Where it is deemed appropriate for an individual student, one-to-one teaching may be provided in CBS Secondary School Kilkenny.

Settings

- One to One teaching and activities take place in an environment that is safe for both the student and the staff member.
- Where practicable, prerequisite conditions will be put in place regarding physical environment e.g. vision panel in door, door left ajar, seating arrangements, appropriate timetabling etc.
- Visitors or guest speakers are subject to CBS Secondary School Kilkenny Visiting Speaker Policy and will not be left alone with an individual student, nor be left alone with a group of students unless this is previously agreed with senior management.
- The AEN teacher or SNA will always inform the class teacher when he/she is taking a child from the classroom for other agreed One to One activities.
- Sensory breaks will be facilitated where possible.
- Parents of students that receive one to one teaching will be asked for consent regarding the arrangements in place.

Special Education Teachers

Observation and Evaluation

- Student Support Team meets weekly to review and discuss progress
- Concerns arising from One to One teaching or activities will be made known to the AENCO
- All One to One teachers and students complete the AEN evaluation form in November and February.

Approval

This policy has been approved by CBS Kilkenny Board of Management.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairperson, Board of Management

Bibliography

National Council for Special Education. (2020, Nov 30). *Continuum of Support (Post Primary)*. Retrieved from SESS.ie: <https://www.sess.ie/special-education-teacher-allocation/post-primary/continuum-support-post-primary>