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Visiting Speakers Policy Mar 2025

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 that 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.

VISITING SPEAKERS POLICY

In this policy the term “*parent*” refers to legal guardian also.

Objectives of this policy:

- To establish the procedures involved in inviting a visiting speaker to supplement the delivery of the academic, spiritual, social, personal, cultural, physical, political and health development curriculum
- To outline a shared approach to the provision of visiting speakers to CBS Secondary School Kilkenny
- To regularly monitor and evaluate the contribution of visiting speakers and thus improve the way we choose and organise speakers.

Guiding Principles regarding Visiting Speakers

This policy has been reviewed in accordance with the CBS Kilkenny Child Safeguarding Statement and in line with the Children First Act 2015 (and Addendum 2019) and the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 – revised 2023.

Cognisance has been taken of GDPR and the CBS Kilkenny Data Protection and Vetting policies.

Talks and programmes delivered by outside agencies or speakers must be consistent with and complementary to the CBS Kilkenny ethos and mission statement. Visits should be planned, researched and implemented in partnership with school personnel and following consultation with the senior management team.

It is the responsibility of the organising teacher that the visiting speaker has been Garda vetted. In the situation where a speaker is not Garda vetted it is the responsibility of the organising teacher to accompany the speaker at all times on the premises. On arrival at the front office, the visiting speaker will sign a visitor’s logbook.

The school recognises that outside facilitators can play a valuable role in supporting and augmenting school programmes.

Staff aim to seek speakers and outside contributors who best complement the subject matter and proposed learning outcomes of school curricula and programmes.

Management, subject teachers and programme organisers will, through informal discussion, conduct ongoing monitoring of speakers and contributors. Student feedback is valued in this process.

Approval

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

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Chairperson, Board of Management