

POLICY ON PREFECTS/GAMES COMMITTEE/STUDENT COUNCIL AND MENTORS.

Aims:

- To afford students the opportunity to play an active part in the corporate life of the school
- To improve communications at all levels between staff, students and parents
- To help create the conditions necessary to develop interpersonal skills.

Implementation:

- Mentors are responsible for helping the transition of 1st years from Primary to our school and will fulfil responsibilities as outlined in Appendix 1.
- Student Council will be formed encompassing representatives from the entire student body. A teacher will facilitate and assist with organisation. Prefects, Games Committees will also be formed to assist in the running of the school. They will meet regularly and fulfil responsibilities as outlined in Appendix 2
- The Principal will be invited to meetings.

Monitoring:

- Monitored on a regular basis by organising teacher.
- Feedback to staff at staff meetings.

Success Criteria:

- Aims are obtained
- Each student plays an effective role in Moate Community School

Evaluation:

- The Principal and the School Liaison Committee

Review Procedures:

- Reviewed throughout the year
- Overall review in May

Appendix 1

Mentor Programme

The mentor programme strives to facilitate and support in every way possible, the transition of incoming first year students to Moate Community School.

Mentors are Responsible for:

First Year Hand Book

- Mentors develop First Year Handbook which provides key information to incoming students prior to their first day at MCS.

First Day Programme

- Mentors develop and implement a programme of activities for first day back to school. This programme is designed to enable students to get to know new classmates and to develop a degree of comfort in their new surroundings before formal classes begin.

Peer Support

- Mentors continue to support and assist first year students in the first weeks of term.

Clubs

- Mentors develop a schedule of weekly clubs, designed to facilitate social integration of all first students.
- Mentors co-ordinate and supervise club activities.

Special Events

- Mentors organise and co-ordinate many events throughout the school year, to promote fun and pride and a sense of belonging in all our new students. First year students are provided with an opportunity to participate in such events as:
 - Halloween/Christmas Party
 - Memorial tree planting
 - Visits to local nursing home
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Time capsule

First Year Workshops

- Mentors participate in first year workshops such as Communication, Anti-bullying, Study Skills and Substance Abuse Awareness.

Mentor Training Programmes

Mentors participate in a series of training workshops designed to support and facilitate their work with first year students.

Mentor Meetings

- Mentors participate in regular meetings to review their work with our new students and to address any issues that may have arisen.
- Mentors participate in meetings to organise numerous events throughout the school year.

First Year Information Evenings

- Mentors attend all first year related events and distribute a specially designed brochure, to promote the programme.

Appendix 2

Games Committee

The Games Committee consists of TY, 5th and 6th year students who assist in the promotion of sport in the school. The Committee are responsible for the running of sports games on the courts at lunch time with a particular emphasis on the first years.

A special soccer league is set up for all first years, who form a team from their individual class and play against the other classes. Members of the Games Committee assist each class in picking a team and also refereeing the games.

The Games Committee also run various sporting events throughout the year including but not limited to: Tug of War competitions, Dodge ball competitions, Staff versus Students Basketball, Staff versus Students Soccer, etc.

The Games Committee play an important role in assisting the PE department in the schools' taster programme and open days. This involves the PE department showing the wide range of sporting activities available in the school and the Games Committee helping to show these activities to the primary students.

Prefects:

- Applications accepted from Transition Year and 5th year students.
- Meetings are held on a fortnightly basis to put a roster of duty in place
- Prefects work on a rotational basis supervising at break and lunch times
- Duties carried out by prefects include: operating one-way system, controlling canteen entrance, controlling queues in canteen, locking rooms and any other duties that may arise.
- Prefects report to teachers on duty at break and lunchtimes.

Student Council:

- The Council is a representative structure for students. The council works in partnership with school management, staff and parents for the benefit of the school and its students.
- Student council members are elected by the student body.

