

## Work Experience Policy

The Board of Management and staff of St. Fiacc's NS are willing to provide opportunities of work experience for students from the wider school community. The following are the procedures under which this work experience can take place.

- All candidates must be over the age of 16 at time of placement.
- All candidates must be Garda vetted.
- Places will be given on a priority basis to former pupils of the school
- Only one participant at a time will be accepted on a work experience programme, except in exceptional circumstances
- Students must be fully insured while in the school by their respective college or school
- The Principal and staff will endeavour to ensure that the time spent in the school by the student is beneficial and a positive learning experience
- Students must at all times be respectful of all members of staff, Board of Management, parents and pupils - their actions and language while in the school must be exemplary and of a professional nature at all times
- Students will be provided with copies of policies which are deemed necessary and appropriate for their work within the school and are expected to co-operate with the general rules, procedures and organisational policies of the school
- Students should be willing to follow the instruction/guidance of the Principal, Deputy Principal, secretary or whichever staff member has been designated to supervise their duties
- All matters pertaining to the staff, Board of Management, Parents Council, pupils or parents within the school community must be treated with the utmost confidentiality. Any breach of this requirement will be seen as a serious matter and your work experience may be terminated.
- Any breaches of discipline observed among the pupils must be reported to one of the teaching staff and not dealt with by the student themselves
- The pupils and staff will be expected to treat students on work experience programmes with respect at all times
- All supervisors of work experience students, who visit the school, including teaching practice supervisors, will be expected to adopt a positive and respectful attitude towards their students, in keeping with the school ethos of providing a positive learning and working environment.
- Duties can range from classroom assistant to office assistant to helping with any other task that is deemed suitable by the teacher, office staff or Principal
- If a student wishes to leave the workplace during the school day he/she must seek permission from the Principal in advance
- St. Fiacc's NS reserves the right to contact the college of the work experience student in order to ascertain whether that student is suitable for a placement in a primary school
- All students must sign an agreement in advance of starting (see below). The agreement can be terminated at any time at the discretion of the Principal/Board of Management
- A timetable will be drawn up for each student but he/she will be expected to be flexible in how they work
- Any absences must be notified in advance to the school
- The dress code is 'smart casual'. Please bear in mind that visible tattoos, body piercings or bare midriffs may not be perceived as a reflection of professionalism.

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**Work Experience Agreement**

I agree to participate in a work experience programme in *St. Fiacc's NS* on the following dates:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I agree to be in the school by \_\_\_ am and to remain until at least \_\_\_ pm each day.

I agree to perform whatever duties are assigned to me to the best of my ability.

I have read the Welcome Pack provided by the school.

I understand the requirements in relation to my duties, the school's dress code and the importance of maintaining confidentiality.

I also understand that breaching these requirements will be seen as a serious matter and that in some circumstances my work experience may be terminated.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Experience Student

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This Policy was adopted by the Board of management of St. Fiacc's on

06/03/2024

Signed Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Lillian Fogarty

St. Fiacc's NS

**Guidelines for Student Teachers & Others Working In  
St. Fiacc's NS**

**DO**

1. School starts at 9:10am and finishes at 2.50pm. Be punctual and neatly dressed. If you are going to be late, contact the school
2. **Keep all events in class confidential.** If you have a concern about anything that happens in the school, speak to the class teacher or the designated contact person
3. If you need to leave the school premises at any time, please inform the Principal or designated contact person
4. Treat all children with respect and kindness. Any problems in relation to a child's behaviour should be referred to the class teacher, another member of staff or the Principal
5. Inform the class teacher if you are writing notes/observations about anything in the class
6. Switch off your mobile phone when on the school premises
7. When on yard duty at break-times walk around, observe, and help children. Report any problems/concerns to the teacher on duty
8. Check with the teacher or designated contact person regarding use of office/school resources and equipment
9. Seek advice/assistance from the class teacher.

**DON'T**

1. Get involved in any activity that involves lifting children or any other inappropriate physical contact
2. Find yourself alone with a child in an unsupervised area
3. Discuss in any detail individual children outside of school – refer requests for information to the class teacher.

**Please sign below, cut out the slip and return to the Principal.**

I hereby agree to participate in Placement in \_\_\_\_\_ subject to the conditions above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_