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SESE POLICY

BROADMEADOW COMMUNITY

NATIONAL SCHOOL



2022/2023

Principal: Miss J. Robinson

The Principal of Miss Jennifer Robinson is responsible for the implementation of this Whole School Language Policy.

Policy Aim

The aims of the SESE policy is to:

- Provide opportunities for children to explore, investigate and develop an understanding of the natural, human, social and cultural dimensions of local and wider environments.
- Illustrate the integrated and diverse nature of SESE across the different areas of the curriculum.
- Enable the child to acquire knowledge, skills and attitudes so as to develop an informed and critical understanding of social, environmental and scientific issues.
- Enable the child to live as an informed and caring member of society and to foster an understanding of, and concern for, the total interdependence of all humans, all living things and the Earth on which they live.

Skills Development

The following skills are cultivated and developed through SESE:

- Map, globes and graphical skills.
- Investigation and enquiry skills.
- A sense of place and space.
- Time and chronology.
- Cause and effect.
- Using evidence.
- Synthesis and communication.
- Empathy.
- Scientific exploration.
- Investigating and experimenting.
- Analysing, recording and communicating.

Approaches and Methodologies

At Broadmeadow CNS we use a wide range of methodologies to meet the diverse range of learners in our school community.

- Guided discovery approach/ active learning.
- Aistear.
- Field work and artefacts.
- Talk and discussion.

- Problem- solving.
- Use of individual work and collaborative work- pair work, group work.
- Use of environment.
- Use of ICT.
- GMGY Family Projects
- Links with Tidy Towns and Sustainable Swords

Roles and Responsibilities at Broadmeadow CNS

Whole School

The whole school delivers the SESE programme in line with the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) which recommends the following:

- 2.15 hours for Infants.
- 3 hours for 1st- 6th class.

Integration is also at the heart of our teaching. We understand that children don't learn in a linear fashion. Broadmeadow CNS integrate SESE into our Aistear Framework/Active Learning and through our thematic planning across all classes.

At Broadmeadow CNS we organise and deliver a range of activities to support the attainment of the SESE learning outcomes:

- Farm Safety Programme.
- Green School Committee.
- Nature Trail.
- Recycling and Sustainability- Create your own shopping bag.
- Planting Trees.
- Compost Project.
- Community Walks- Walk to the local Centra.
- Language Day- Parent's sharing mother tongue language.
- Picker Pals.

Class Teacher

The role and responsibility of the class teacher is to teach the curriculum to all pupils in the class, being mindful of the strengths and weaknesses of the children. The teacher plans age appropriate lessons and activities to support the teaching of the SESE curriculum. Projects, trips and links with the community and families are always prioritised as a CNS school.

Parental Involvement

Parents, carers and relatives are recognised and valued in Broadmeadow CNS. We encourage collaboration and engagement through our various events and activities. Parents are invited to join us in many different events and celebrations throughout

the school year. Parents are encouraged to support their child's curiosity and interest of the world around them.

Community Links

At Broadmeadow CNS community and collaboration is at the heart of our ethos. Links with the community is an important part of our school life. Members or individuals of the local community, where possible, are always welcome in our school to support the implementation of the SESE programme.

Links are made in the following areas across the school year to support the delivery and implementation of SESE.

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- Swords Community College

Success Criteria:

The effectiveness of the SESE policy will be measured using the following criteria:

- Pupil's participation and engagement in lessons.
- The child's ability to self-assess and demonstrate their learning using our different assessment methods.
- Self and Peer Assessment
- WALT
- Zones of Regulation Area
- Projects, experiments, STEM challenges, field work.
- Teachers' Cuntas Míósúil.
- Feedback from children, teachers, families, communities.
- Suggestions and feedback from inspectors.

Ratification and Review:

This policy was ratified by;

Chairperson: Ann Graves (acting)

Date: 31.5.22

Principal: J Robinson

Date: 31.5.22