

Review of Religious Education Policy in Coláiste Chluain Meala and Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn

A meeting to review the Religious Education Policy in Coláiste Chluain Meala and Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn was held on the 10th December, 2015. This review follows on from the visit to the school of

to the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore, on the 1st December, 2015.

advised, based on current practice in other schools, that we amend our policy on Religious Education to take account of situations where parents/guardians request that their son/daughter be exempted from the study of religious education. Accordingly, it has been decided that:

- Parents/Guardians making such a request to the school must do so in writing to the Principal.
- Where Parents/Guardians request that their son/daughter does not participate in the Religious Education timetabled class, the student must remain in the classroom.
- The student may not undertake homework or study or any other subject related project relevant to the curriculum to be examined in the State Examinations during the Religious Education class. Instead, he or she will be given specified work to do by the Religious Education teacher. The rationale for this is to ensure that no unfair advantage accrues to students opting out of Religious Education but rather to ensure that all students have equality of opportunity timewise when it comes to examination preparation within the school day. The given work will aim to ensure that the student is being educated in the broadest possible way. (The usual school rule about the non-wearing of earphones applies to students in this situation).

- If Parents/Guardians do not wish to comply with the school's policy regarding Religious Education classes, he/she must supervise his/her son/daughter off the school premises by signing him/her out at the beginning of the class and signing him/her back in at the end of the Religious Education class in time for the student's next class. No alternative form of supervision will be provided by the school. The student may not remain unsupervised anywhere on the school premises/grounds. The responsibility rests with the Parent/Guardian to supervise his/her son/daughter.

The student will not be permitted to leave the school with anyone other than his/her parent or guardian.

The school will not be providing another subject for the student as an alternative.

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