

St. Columba's College Stranorlar



One to One Teaching Policy

February 2021

Link to Mission Statement and Ethos

St. Columba's College is a Catholic Voluntary Secondary School in the trusteeship of CEIST and is committed to the pursuit of excellence in a caring environment.

Characteristic Spirit and Ethos

Inspired by the vision of Catherine Mc Auley, Mercy education is committed to the holistic development and to the achievement of the full potential of each student, particularly those who are disadvantaged or marginalised. It is a process informed by the teachings of Jesus Christ and is conducted in an atmosphere guided by the core values of CEIST.

Promoting – *Spiritual and Human Development*

We believe a knowledge of, and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ give meaning and purpose to our lives.

Achieving – *Quality in Teaching and Learning*

We are committed to excellence and to continually improving the quality of teaching and learning.

Showing – *Respect for Every Person*

We respect the unique and intrinsic value of every person.

Creating Community – Our schools are faith communities of welcome and hospitality where Gospel values are lived and where there is special care for those most in need.

Being Just and Responsible – We seek to act justly and responsibly in all our relationships.

Rationale

It is the policy of St. Columba's College that One to One teaching is sometimes deemed to be in the best interest of the student, particularly for as a short term intervention. Where one-to-one classes occur, this will take place in an open environment i.e. staff member and student visible through a glass panelled door or the classroom door shall remain open.

- All teachers, including substitute teachers and SNA's, are Garda vetted in line with Child Safeguarding requirements
- Work being carried out by SNAs will be carried out under the direction of the class teacher and in an open environment.

- If a child needs one to one teaching, parents / guardians will be informed as part of the I.E.P. / school support process
- Students on teaching practice or on work experience should never be in a one to one setting with students in the school
- During periods of remote learning, a teacher will not conduct a lesson with a student online on their own. At least three participants will take part in the lesson, i.e. other teacher, SNA or student.

Involvement from external agencies

From time to time outside professionals may be required to meet with/assess students in a one to one setting. This includes visits from external agencies for example, NCSE, NEPS, SEC, TUSLA etc. All personnel working with children on a one to one basis must be Garda Vetted.

Responsibilities and Duties of Teachers

The college policies, including Code of behaviour, Child Safeguarding Statement, Homework Policy, Communication Policy, etc., will apply to all one to one settings.

Ongoing Review

The school will monitor and evaluate the policy and all related work and procedures to ensure legal compliance and the maintenance of best practices.

This One-to-one Teaching Policy was formally adopted by the Board of Management on 3rd February 2021.

Signature: Date:

(Chairperson, St. Columba’s Board of Management)

Signature: Date:

(Principal)

Date for Review: February 2022