

Retention of Pupils Policy

May 2021

Boston N.S.

INTRODUCTION

This policy was formulated by the Board of Management of Boston National School, in accordance with Circular 32/2003 the following policy will be implemented.

The Primary School Curriculum is designed as an eight year course including a two year infant cycle followed by six years in standards from 1st to 6th with children progressing to the next grade at the end of each school year. The Primary Curriculum is flexible and child-centred, and can be adapted to meet children's needs.

POLICY

In accordance with the Department of Education & Science policy, children will only be allowed to repeat a year for educational reasons and in exceptional circumstances. In such exceptional circumstances, the Principal following consultation with the SEN teacher, Class Teacher and parents may conclude that a pupil would benefit educationally by repeating a grade level.

➤ RETENTION PROCESS

In order for a child to be retained in the same grade, the parents of the child must submit the request in writing. Supporting documentation must be submitted with the request for a pupil to be retained.

In addition, a clear educational programme must be outlined for any pupil who is retained. This programme must record what approach is to be used for the pupil and what the expected benefit will be.

No pupil is allowed to repeat a grade more than once in a primary school.

➤ RECORD KEEPING

All supporting documentation and individual educational plans must be retained within the school and will be brought to the Inspector's attention by the Principal when he/she visits the school.

RATIFICATION

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management in the academic year 2020/2021.

Signed: Anne Egan (Chairperson)

Date: 18th May 2021

Signed: Aine Ní Dhochartaigh (Principal)

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