



Fire Drill & Evacuation Policy

Introduction:

The fire drill/evacuation policy of St. Ultan's Special School has been produced following a collaborative consultation process by staffs in response to changing circumstances in the school.

Aims:

This policy aims to;

- Enable the school to provide for the immediate needs of students, staff and visitors in the event of a fire
- Have in place appropriate safety procedures which comply with the Health, Safety and Welfare at Work Act
- Ensure a safe school environment for all

School Ethos:

The school is committed to the care of the whole school community and the provision of a safe and secure environment for learning. This policy is in keeping with those ideals.

Objectives:

- To utilize outside agencies (local fire station, fire officer) for training and staff development, so as to enhance safety procedures
- To develop a tried and trusted framework which will ensure the safety of all school personnel in the event of a fire

Internal Procedures:

In the event of a fire, the following steps must be taken;

- Activation of fire alarm
- In all classroom/resource areas, children are to stand up, push their chairs under the tables and calmly walk in a single file to the door
- All teachers must check the class toilets before vacating the room
- All SNA's will assist in evacuating their classrooms
- Each class is to assemble at the allocated fire assembly point
- Each teacher will take the roll of their own individual class with them and call a roll on reaching the fire assembly point
- Pupils can only return to the classroom once permission has been given to do so

- The fire drill is be carried out once a term
- All staff will follow our specific procedures for evacuation in the event of a fire.

Role and Responsibilities:

All teachers are responsible for the safety and well being of the pupils in their care. The Principal has overall responsibility for ensuring proper procedures are in place. Fire drill schedules are part of the post of responsibility within the in-school management structure of St. Ultan’s Special School.

Evaluation:

Positive feedback from all stakeholders

Maintaining safety standards

Achieving a coordinated and orderly evacuation in the shortest time possible

Yearly reviews

Fire Safety Training

Implementation:

This policy has been in operation since 2011.

Ratification:

The policy was ratified by the Board of Management on 23/01/2019.

Signed; _____ Date; _____
Chairperson

References:

- Fire safety in the home – National Safety Council
- Fire safety in the school – National Safety Council