



Assessment and Reporting Policy for Athea National School

It is the policy of this school to assess pupils' progress in curricular areas on a continuous basis. Continuous Assessment includes the following

- Teacher observation
- Teacher designed tasks and tests
- Pupil projects and portfolios
- Self-Assessment by pupils
- Pupil Profiles
- Samples of pupils work
- Record Keeping
- Annual Report

This continuous assessment will form the basis of Parent / Teacher consultations.

Standardised Tests will be administered on a regular basis and discussed with parents at parent-teacher meetings. At present these are:

- Junior Infants: BIAP Test administered in June.
- Senior Infants: Middle Infant Screening Test in May/June, Jolly Phonics Reading Assessment, selection of assessments from Over the Moon Programme.
- Other Classes: Drumcondra Literacy and Numeracy and Spelling Test in May/ June.

The results of these tests are used for differentiation of pupils in classes as per school policy.

It is the policy of the school to issue written reports to parents at the end of each academic year. The results of pupil assessments will form the basis of these reports. Written reports (template on Aladdin) are:

- Clear, concise and factual
- Signed by the class teacher and dated

Assessment of Pupils for Supplementary Teaching

Tests are organised by the Class Teachers in conjunction with the Support teachers.

Tests used:

- Standardised Tests
- Diagnostic Tests

Screening Tests and Standardised Tests are administered on a class basis. Pupils who score at or below the STEN 4 or pupils about whom teachers have concerns are referred to the Support Teacher for assessment using diagnostic/ability tests.

Tests are administered to pupils transferring from another school.

Confidentiality and Reporting to Outside Agencies on Individual Pupils

All assessment results are confidential and retained securely in school. Any requests for a report on an individual child must come with the approval/request of the parent(s). A copy of the request is kept on file and the reason why the report was sought. The Principal will have the discretion to bring any sensitive reports or requests to the Board of management for their attention, advice or direction.

Ratified by Board of Management on 18/05/21 (date)

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Signed: *Marie Gleeson*

(Chairperson, Board of Management)