

Scoil Aodán Naofa Carnew.
Policy on Distributing Birthday Invitations.

Rationale.

This policy is guided by the principle of meeting the needs of children first and foremost and of protecting their wellbeing in so far as is possible in the school setting.

Content.

1. In instances where all children in the class are being invited to a party, the class teacher will distribute invitations, on request from a parent.
3. 2. In instances where some children from a class group are being invited and some others are not, then invitations should not be distributed on the school grounds and teachers cannot facilitate their distribution in the classroom.
(Reason : children can get upset/confused and can feel excluded if they do not receive an invitation with their peers).
2. 2. Invitations should be given to teacher for distribution at a suitable time or opportunity and should not be distributed by the children either in the school yard or in the classroom.
(Reason: children can be put under undue pressure from their peers or from children from another class)
4. It is not the business of the school who is invited to a birthday party. This is purely and solely the decision of each parent/family. This policy is not a guide for party etiquette. It is simply a policy on the distribution of invitations based on our experience of children's emotional reactions and interpersonal relationships in school.