

Presentation Secondary School Listowel

Co. Kerry



Students Driving to School Policy

Date of policy adoption

This Policy was ratified by the Board of Management of Presentation Secondary School, Listowel

Signed  Date 25/11/2025
Chairperson, Board of Management

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1.0: Link to Mission Statement

Presentation Secondary School, Listowel, is a Catholic Secondary School guided by the ideals of Nano Nagle, foundress of the Presentation Congregation. The school is committed to the pursuit of excellence in a caring environment.

"Inspired by the vision of Nano Nagle, our school is committed to the pursuit of excellence in a caring, respectful and inclusive community."

We are an inclusive school both in our intake and in the curriculum which we provide. We aim to provide the highest standard of education for all our students. We endeavour to fulfil our mission in partnership with parents/guardians, staff, students, CEIST our patron and the local community.

2.0: Students Driving to School Policy

Despite the fact that most young drivers try to be careful, safety conscious and considerate when driving, research clearly shows that they are at a higher risk of having a serious crash than older, more experienced drivers.

The presence of young passengers also greatly increases the risk for teenage drivers and, the more passengers, the greater the risk.

It is important that all students and their parents/guardians are aware of these risks and the type of behaviour that our school expects from student drivers.

This policy outlines the school's expectations and provides information regarding the transport of passengers.

Of particular note is that student drivers are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school unless it is a sibling.

To ensure that all involved are aware of these requirements, student drivers and a parent/guardian are required to sign a Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.

The form must be signed and returned to the Year Head.

These requirements are intended to ensure the welfare and safety of students at our school and the local community.

Any student that holds a valid full driver's licence who intends to drive to school (on either a regular or occasional basis), must comply with the school policy and is required to complete the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.

2.1: Aims

To closely monitor the use of motor vehicles (does not apply to electric scooters, which are not permitted on school grounds) by students on the school premises.

To minimise the potential risk of injury or incident related to the use of student motor vehicles.

2.2: Requirements for Students Driving Cars to School

Student drivers and a parent/guardian must sign the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.

Students must hold a full driver's license and be properly insured.

A student who is a learner driver cannot drive to school unaccompanied. Learner drivers must have an appropriately qualified accompanying driver (a person who has held a full driving licence in the same category for a continuous period of 2 years).

Students are only to use their car for travelling to and from school. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to drive during the day.

A copy of the student's driver's licence details; insurance details; and car make must be recorded with the school.

Students are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school unless it is a sibling. In exceptional circumstances, written permission from the parent of that student must be provided.

Student drivers are not permitted to drive to, or give lifts to, school matches/trips.

If a student who drives needs to leave school early, they must sign out using the normal school procedure.

Sanctions will apply where students fail to meet these obligations. These include but are not limited to the temporary or permanent removal of driving privileges, the handing in of car keys to the school office on a daily basis, and other school-based consequences.

Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the Gardaí.

Students who attend classes in St Michael's College as part of the partnership are provided with a bus to travel between the schools and are not permitted to drive during the school day. Under no circumstances should a student offer to transport another student to classes in St Michael's.

3.0:Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form

Student Name:

Car Make/Model:

Colour and Registration Number:

Parent Permission

I give permission for my child to drive to school. I am aware of the rules of the road and the school requirements regarding students driving to school.

I accept that there is no insurance cover on the school policy for Students cars as noted in clause RE021.

The Company will not indemnify the Insured under Extension 6 Motor Contingency in respect of any legal liability arising out of or in connection with any motor vehicle driven by or under the control of a pupil/student of the School

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date:

Student Agreement

I agree to adhere to the rules of the road and the requirements of Presentation Secondary School, Listowel regarding students driving a car to school.

Signature of Student:

Date:

Note: A photocopy of the student's driver licence and insurance details must be attached to this form.

School Approval

Approved by:

Signature:

Date: