

Custody/Separation Policy of Scoil na Croise Naofa.

Scoil na Croise Naofa encourages parents experiencing separation to come and speak to the teacher and Principal. It is our aim to handle such matters with sensitivity and compassion, and ultimately, our primary concern is for the well being and overall development of the child.

- When a child spends time in two homes, it is requested that the school be provided with both sets of contact addresses and phone numbers.
- It is requested that any change of personnel collecting children from school should be notified to the class teacher, preferably, in writing.
- It is assumed that when we wish to make contact with parents regarding their child, the parent who is contacted (i.e. the parent with whom the child principally resides) will inform the other parent of the contents of the communication.
- Regarding notes, text a parent, school communications, reports etc, it is assumed that the parent with whom the child resides will keep the other parent informed, unless the other parent has specifically requested copies of reports etc. The school will make every effort to carry out any reasonable requests for separate communications. However, only one contact number will be entered for each child on the text a parent database.
- The school cannot be asked to withhold a child from either parent and it is not the function of the school to enforce custody arrangements. We will endeavour, within reason, to honour a court order or a statutory declaration. Teachers will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse and the Gardaí will be called to remove any offending adults from the premises should the need arise.
- New partners have no statutory rights but may have a role with regard to collection from school etc. The school will not send out communications to new partners.
- Teachers will only meet with parents and legal guardians at parent/teacher meetings. Meetings with older siblings and new partners will not be facilitated.

These arrangements were ratified by the Board of Management on June 15th 2011. They supersede any previous arrangements.