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POLICY FOR ADMISSION TO SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024

Mol an Óige Community National School

A decision on an application for admission will be based on the implementation of this Policy, the information set out in the annual Admission Notice of the school and the information provided by the Applicant in the application for admission, once received before the closing date set out in the annual admission notice. The Principal of Mol an Óige CNS is responsible for the implementation of this Admission Policy.

INTRODUCTION TO MOL AN ÓIGE CNS

Mol an Óige CNS was established in Ennistymon, Co.Clare in September 2005 in a voluntary capacity to deliver an education based on the Steiner Waldorf pedagogical approach. In 2015, with Lifeways Ireland as its patron body, it gained full recognition as a national school from the Department of Education. In 2019, the school moved from the patronage of Lifeways Ireland to that of Limerick Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) and became a Community National School. The school continues to deliver the national curriculum through the Steiner pedagogical approach. This approach focuses on the holistic needs of the child as envisioned through activities which nurture the head, the heart and the hands of each child. It sees artistic activity and the development of the imagination as an integral part of learning. Movement, music, art, handwork, drama and outdoor learning are central to the school's approach.

Mol an Óige CNS is currently in temporary accommodation in the town of Ennistymon with a new school in the design phase and expected to be built within the next few years. It celebrates many festivals during the school year which are organised and run by school staff and parents working together for the children. There is a strong Parents Association Committee and a culture of sociability and inclusion. In the Infants' room, there is a particular focus on outdoor education and play but all of the children get many opportunities to enjoy the outdoor learning environment. Although there is no specific uniform for everyday wear in school, all children are expected to have appropriate foul weather gear and wellington boots to enable them to access the outdoors as required, including the school garden.

There is an active Mol an Óige Community Craft Group. New parents are welcome to both learn and share their own crafting skills. It is a great place to meet other parents and people in the local community and provides another educational resource for the children of the school.

Mol an Óige CNS has a student council, a Green School's Committee with many green flags, an extra-curricular school choir and an excellent after-school club. Green Schools is an international environmental education programme. Mol an Óige CNS is committed to a whole school approach to education for sustainable development. The children participate in local tournaments in hurling, football and basketball. School assembly starts the week on Monday morning. This brings everyone together for stories, news of the week and to settle the children back after the weekend. This culture of storytelling is central to

the school's philosophy and used as a pedagogical tool to engage the children as they learn about the history of human development and innovation. All children maintain links with the local community by, for example, visiting the local retirement home, learning from local historians, fundraising for local charities and taking part in local cultural events. The school is nestled within the broader community and continues to nurture these links.

Mol an Óige CNS is a multidenominational, co-educational, child-centred Community National School which delivers the national curriculum through a Steiner pedagogical approach. Welcome!

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PART A

General Information for All Applicants

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1 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

‘Applicant’ means the parent / guardian of a Child who has made an application for admission to Mol an Óige CNS.

‘Child’ means the person in respect of whom the application is being made.

‘Student’ means the person in respect of whom an offer of admission by the school has been accepted on behalf of the Child.

‘Gender’, in line with the definition of “*the gender ground*” in the Equal Status Act 2000, is such that “*one is male and the other is female*”. This does not prejudice any Child who is Intersex or identifies as Androgynous/Androgyne, Bigender, Demigender, Gender Fluid, Genderqueer, Multigender, Neutrois, Non-binary, Transgender, Transsexual or otherwise.

‘Parent’ has the same meaning as in the Education Act 1998 and includes a foster parent and a guardian appointed under the Guardianship of Children Acts, 1964 to 1997.

‘Early Start Pre-Schools’ refer to the 40 classes established in some designated disadvantaged schools through the form of a one-year intervention scheme for children between the ages of 3 years and 5 years, who are at risk of not reaching their full potential within the school system. The early start classes are offered in the September prior to the Child starting Junior Infants and are designated in a list published by the Minister for Education and Skills. Participation in the ‘Free Pre-School’ year through the ECCE scheme or an independent pre-school/creche does not qualify as participation in an Early Start Pre-School Class.

‘Early Intervention Classes’ refer to special education classes established in schools which are available for children aged 3 years – 5 years with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). A small number of Early Intervention Classes are available for children who are deaf/hard of hearing and children with physical disabilities.

‘Special Class’ means a class that has, with the approval of the Minister of Education and Skills, been established by a school to provide an education exclusively for Students with a

category or categories of special educational needs specified by the Minister of Education and Skills.

‘Junior Infants’ means the intake group of Students for the most junior class in a school, but does not include the Early Start Pre-Schools/Early Intervention Classes or any crèche or pre-school groups facilitated on site.

2 ADMISSION STATEMENT

ETB schools are state, multid denominational, co-educational schools underpinned by the core values of:

- Excellence in Education;
- Care;
- Equality;
- Community and
- Respect.



As the State provider of education, the ETB sector defines a ‘multidenominational’ school in the following way:

In ETB schools, all students are given equal opportunities for enrolment in line with the Education (Admissions to School) Act 2018. Once enrolled, our schools strive to provide all students with equal opportunities to engage with the curriculum and school life. In all aspects of school life all members of our school communities are treated equitably regardless of their race, gender, religion/belief, age, family status, civil status, membership of the Traveller community, sexual orientation, ability or socio-economic status.

Our schools provide a safe physical and social environment that reinforces a sense of belonging to the school community and wider society. They strive to enable every student to realise their full potential regardless of any aspect of their identity or background. Our schools promote a fully inclusive education that recognises the plurality of identities, beliefs and values held by students, parents and staff. We prepare open-minded, culturally sensitive and responsible citizens with a strong sense of shared values.

In ETB schools, students of all religions and beliefs are treated equally. The school environment and activities do not privilege any particular group over another whilst at the same time acknowledging and facilitating students of all religions and beliefs.

Accordingly, Mol an Óige CNS shall not discriminate in its admission of a Child based on the following grounds:

- 2.1. Gender of the Child or Applicant.
- 2.2. Civil status of the Applicant;
- 2.3. Family status of the Child or Applicant;
- 2.4. Sexual orientation of the Child or Applicant;
- 2.5. Religion of the Child or Applicant;
- 2.6. Disability of the Child or Applicant;
- 2.7. Race of the Child or Applicant;
- 2.8. The Child's or Applicant's membership of the Traveller community;
- 2.9. Special educational needs of the Child or Applicant.

Mol shall not charge fees or payments or seek contributions as a condition of admission or continued enrolment of a Child.

3 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Mol an Óige CNS was established under the Education and Training Board Act 2013 which sets out the functions of all ETBs, including to establish and maintain recognised schools, centres for education and education and training facilities in each ETB's functional area.

The Board of Management of Mol an Óige CNS is a committee established under section 44 of the Education and Training Board Act 2013 and also constitutes a board of management within the meaning of the Education Act 1998.

The Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 and the Education (Welfare) Act 2000 place a duty on all recognised schools to prepare and publish an Admission Policy.

The Education Act, 1998 provides for an appeal process in the event of a refusal to enrol. The appeal process is set out in section 5.2 in respect of applications made to the Junior Infant group and in section 6.2 in respect of applications made to all classes other than the Junior Infant group.

Section 62(7)(n) of the Education Act 1998 requires each school to set out in its Admission Policy the arrangements it has in place where a parent requests their child to opt-out of religious instruction. Where Community National Schools do not provide religious instruction within the school day, the need to make alternative arrangements does not arise. Community National Schools deliver a 'multi-belief and values education' curriculum called 'Goodness Me! Goodness You!' (GMGY). This curriculum is designed to cater for children of all religions and beliefs attending the school.

However, if a parent wishes to opt their child out of GMGY, the parent/guardian must make a written request to the Principal in the first instance. The request should outline the reasons that s/he is seeking an opt-out. The Principal will then arrange to meet with the parent(s) to discuss the request. If after that meeting the parent still wishes to opt-out of the subject, the school will facilitate this in the following way: the child will be facilitated in working independently in another classroom for the duration of GMGY.

This school will cooperate with the National Council for Special Education in the performance by the Council of its functions under the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 relating to the provision of education to children with special educational needs, including in particular by the provision and operation of a special class or classes when requested to do so by the Council.

This school will comply with any direction served on the Patron or the Board, as the case may be, under section 37A and any direction served on the board under section 67(4B) of the Education Act.

4 GENERAL ADMISSION PROVISIONS

A decision on an application for admission shall be based on:

- the implementation of this Admission Policy,
- the annual Admission Notice of the school, and the
- information provided by the Applicant in the application for admission.

If, prior to the commencement of section 62 of the Education Act 1998 by the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 on the 1st February 2020, Mol an Óige CNS had confirmed, in writing, that an Applicant had been placed on a list relating to the allocation of school places for entrance before the 1st February 2025, then this confirmation is still valid and the Applicant will be offered that place.

In processing an application Mol an Óige CNS **shall not consider**:

- 4.1 The payment of fees or contributions to the school;
- 4.2 A Child's academic ability, skills or aptitude; the occupation, financial status, academic ability, skills or aptitude of a Child's Parent(s);
- 4.3 A Child's prior attendance at a pre-school or pre-school service, other than in relation to a Child's prior attendance at an Early Intervention class or an Early Start Pre-School, which classes and schools are specified in a list published by the Minister.
- 4.4 A requirement that a Child or his or her Parent(s), attend an interview, open day or other meeting as a condition of admission;
- 4.5 A Child's connection to the school due to a member of his or her family attending or having previously attended the school, unless the connection is a sibling of the Child concerned attending, or having attended, the school. However, the maximum number of places filled by this criterion does not exceed 25% of the available places as set out in the school's Admission Notice for that academic year.

4.6 The date and time on which an application for admission was received by the school as long as it is received during the period specified for receiving applications set out in the annual admissions notice for that academic year.

Mol an Óige CNS **will consider** the offer of a place to every Child seeking admission to the school, **unless the following applies**:

4.7 The Parent fails to confirm in writing that s/he accepts the Student Code of Behaviour and shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with such code by the Child if the Child becomes a Student in the school;

4.8 The Board of Management has a duty of care to ensure, insofar as is practicable, the health and safety of the students and staff of the school. In addition, the Board of Management is required under Section 15(1) of the Education Act 1998 to provide, or cause to be provided, an appropriate education for each pupil at the school for which that board has a responsibility. An application for admission may be refused, therefore, where the admission of the applicant would pose a significant risk to the health and safety of the applicant or students and staff of the school.

Where Mol an Óige CNS considers an application, each Child shall receive a place, unless the school is oversubscribed, in which case, selection criteria will be applied to each application. Based on the current staff allocation, the school will be deemed full when there are 120 pupils enrolled. Decisions on the capacity of each classroom will be taken annually.

Section 5 of this Policy addresses the selection criteria and other matters related to the admission provisions for the Junior Infant Group.

Section 6 of this Policy addresses the selection criteria and other matters related to the admission provisions for all classes other than Junior Infants.

Section 7 of this Policy addresses the selection criteria and other matters related to the admission provisions for the Special Class.

PART B

Information for Specific Categories of Applicants

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SECTION 5

APPLICATION TO THE JUNIOR INFANT GROUP

5 APPLICATION TO THE JUNIOR INFANT GROUP

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5.1 ADMISSION PROVISIONS (JUNIOR INFANT GROUP)

Where Mol an Óige CNS is not oversubscribed, all Children will be offered a school place, subject to sections 4.7 and 4.8.

5.1.1 Oversubscription

When the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the published selection criteria as set out at section 5.1.2 below will apply and **a waiting list shall be compiled which shall remain valid only for the school year in respect of which the applications are made.** Where Mol an Óige CNS is able to offer further school places that become available for and during that academic year, places will be offered in accordance with the order of priority in which Children have been placed on the waiting list.

For the avoidance of doubt, if a Child does not receive a place in the school for a given academic year, but s/he wishes to be considered for admission to the same class group in the following academic year, a new application must be made on behalf of that Child during the dates specified by the school as being the period when it will accept applications to all classes other than the Junior Infants Group.

Where the school is oversubscribed, any selection criteria that are not included in this Admission Policy shall not be considered in determining whether or not a Child is admitted to the school.

5.1.2 Selection criteria in order of priority

Mol an Óige CNS will apply the following criteria for admission to the Junior Infant Group:

- 5.1.2.1 The age of the Child where priority is given to older Children;
- 5.1.2.2 If the Child has siblings currently enrolled in the school;
- 5.1.2.3 If the Child has siblings who were previously enrolled in the school (to a maximum of 25% of the places available)

5.1.3 Selection process

Mol an Óige CNS will apply the selection process as follows:

Applications are considered against the published selection criteria. Places will be offered in the first instance to those who meet the first criterion. Subsequently, where the school still has places available, the remaining Applicants are considered in light of the second criterion and those Applicants who meet this criterion will be offered a place within the school. This process is continuously carried out until all available places have been offered and accepted.

Where two or more applications are tied in the foregoing selection process, Mol an Óige CNS will apply a random lottery to assign any available places in the school, or on the waiting list, to those applications.

5.1.4 Late applications

An application received by Mol an Óige CNS after the closing date published by the school, and set out in the Admission Notice, is considered a late application for the purposes of this Admission Policy.

Where Mol an Óige CNS is oversubscribed and receives a late application for admission, that application will receive a place on the waiting list beneath Applicants whose applications were received by the school before the closing date for applications. Such late applications will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the date and time they were received by the school and subsequently the school's selection criteria will be applied in accordance with this Admission Policy.

Where Mol an Óige CNS is not oversubscribed and it receives a late application, the Child seeking admission will receive an offer of a place within the school, subject to section 4.8 and the same process as applies to Applicants whose applications were received before the closing date will be applied *i.e.* an Acceptance Form will be issued to the Applicant for completion and return to the school within 2 weeks of issue.

5.1.5 Second/third-round offers of a place

Where a Child is in receipt of an offer of a place within Mol an Óige CNS but does not accept the offer, or the school withdraws the offer in line with the relevant provisions of this

Policy, the place will be offered to the next Child on the waiting list in a second-round of offers. This process will continue throughout third and fourth rounds *etc.* until all places within the school have been filled.

5.1.6 Acceptance of a place

If the Child in respect of whom the application is made is offered a place, the Applicant will be issued with an Acceptance Form by the school.

The Applicant shall indicate acceptance of an offer by fully completing and returning the Acceptance Form by the date set out in the School Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer. This includes indicating whether s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer of admission from another school.

Failure to fully complete and return the Acceptance Form to the school by the date set out in the School Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer, may result in withdrawal of an offer, in line with the grounds for withdrawal of an offer, as set out below.

5.1.7 Refusal

Where a Child in respect of whom an application is being sought has not been offered a school place, the Applicant will be provided in writing with:

- 5.1.7.1. The reasons that the Child was not offered a place in Mol an Óige CNS;
- 5.1.7.2. Details of the Child's ranking against the published selection criteria, if the class-group to which the Applicant is applying is oversubscribed;
- 5.1.7.3. Details of the Child's place on the waiting list, if applicable; and
- 5.1.7.4. Details of the Applicant's right to appeal the decision.

In addition to the conditions for consideration of an application as set out at 4.8 an offer of admission may not be made where:

- 5.1.7.5. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect.

5.1.8 Withdrawal of an offer

An offer of admission may be withdrawn where:

- 5.1.8.1. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect, or
- 5.1.8.2. The Applicant fails to confirm acceptance of an offer of admission on or before the date set out in the annual Admission Notice of the school for the academic year for which s/he is applying, or in the case of a late application, or second/third-round offer, within 2 weeks, or
- 5.1.8.3. An Applicant has not indicated:
 - (i) whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer from another school(s) and if so, the details of the school(s);
and
 - (ii) whether or not s/he has accepted an offer of admission from another school(s) and if so, the details of the offer(s).

If an offer of a place is withdrawn by the school, the Child on whose behalf the application was made shall lose his/her place on the admission list or waiting list for that academic year and any subsequent applications for the same academic year on behalf of that Child shall be treated as a late application in line with section 5.1.4 above.

5.2 APPEALS

5.2.1. Appeal where refusal was due to oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission because the school is oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision must submit his/her appeal in writing, via a Section 29 Appeal Application Form, available from the school office and on the school's website, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of Mol an Óige CNS at Ennistymon, Co.Clare/molanoigens@gmail.com. Such an appeal must be brought within fourteen calendar days of receipt by the Applicant of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, if a different time period for the bringing of such an appeal is specified by the Minister for Education and Skills after the publication of this Policy, same shall apply instead.

If an Applicant is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, or the board of management is not in a position to review the decision to refuse admission, the Applicant may apply to bring an appeal to an appeals committee established by the Minister for Education and Skills under section 29A of the Education Act 1998.

5.2.2. Appeal where refusal was for a reason other than oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission to Mol an Óige CNS for a reason other than the school being oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision may choose to put his/her appeal in writing, via a Section 29 Appeal Application Form, available from the school office and on the school's website, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of Mol an Óige CNS. Such an appeal must be brought within fourteen calendar days of receipt by the Applicant of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, if a different time period for the bringing of such an appeal is specified by the Minister for Education and Skills after the publication of this Policy, same shall apply instead.

Alternatively, s/he may choose to apply to bring an appeal to an appeals committee established by the Minister for Education and Skills under section 29A of the Education Act 1998.

If an Applicant who chooses to appeal to the board of management is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, the Applicant may also apply to bring an appeal to

an appeals committee established by the Minister for Education and Skills under section 29A of the Education Act 1998.

5.2.3. Basis for appeal:

As required by section 29C(2) of the Education Act 1998, an application to appeal must be based on the implementation of this Admission Policy, the content of the school's Admission Notice and also set out the grounds of the request to appeal the decision.

SECTION 6

APPLICATION TO ALL CLASSES OTHER THAN JUNIOR INFANTS

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6.1 ADMISSION PROVISIONS (OTHER THAN JUNIOR INFANTS)

Where Mol an Óige CNS is not oversubscribed, all Children will be offered a school place, subject to sections 4.7 and 4.8.

When the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, the published selection criteria as set out at section 6.1.2 below will apply and a waiting list shall be compiled which shall remain valid only for the school year in respect of which the applications are made. Where Mol an Óige CNS is in a position to offer further school places that become available for and during that academic year, places will be offered in accordance with the order of priority in which Children have been placed on the waiting list.

For the avoidance of doubt, if a Child does not receive a place in the school for a given academic year, but s/he wishes to be considered for admission to the same class group in the following academic year, a new application must be made on behalf of that Child during the dates specified by the school as being the period when it will accept applications to all classes other than the Junior Infants Group.

Where the school is oversubscribed, any selection criteria that are not included in this Admission Policy shall not be considered in determining whether or not a Child is admitted to the school.

6.1.1 Selection criteria in order of priority

Mol an Óige CNS will apply the following criteria for admission to all classes other than Junior Infants:

- 6.1.2.1 If the Child has siblings currently enrolled in the school;
- 6.1.2.2 If the Child has siblings who were previously enrolled in the school (to a maximum of 25% of the places available);

Any selection criteria that are not included in this Admission Policy shall not be considered in determining whether or not an Applicant is admitted.

6.1.2 Selection process

Mol an Óige CNS will apply the selection process as follows:

Applications are considered against the published selection criteria. Places will be offered in the first instance to those who meet the first criterion. Subsequently, where the school still has places available, the remaining Applicants are considered in light of the second criterion and those Applicants who meet this criterion will be offered a place within the school. This process is continuously carried out until all available places have been offered and accepted.

Where two or more applications are tied in the foregoing selection process, Mol an Óige CNS will apply a random lottery to assign any available places in the school, or on the waiting list, to those applications.]

6.1.4 Late applications:

An application received by Mol an Óige CNS after the closing date published by the school, and set out in the Admission Notice, is considered a late application for the purposes of this Admission Policy.

Where Mol an Óige CNS is oversubscribed and receives a late application for admission, that application will receive a place on the waiting list beneath Applicants whose applications were received by the school before the closing date for applications. Such late applications will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the date and time they were received by the school and subsequently the school's selection criteria will be applied in accordance with this Admission Policy.

Where Mol an Óige CNS is not oversubscribed and it receives a late application, the Child seeking admission will receive an offer of a place within the school, subject to section(s) 4.8 and the same process as applies to Applicants whose applications were received before the closing date will be applied *i.e.* an Acceptance Form will be issued to the Applicant for completion and return to the school within 2 weeks of issue.

6.1.5 Second/third-round offers of a place

Where a Child is in receipt of an offer of a place within Mol an Óige CNS but does not accept the offer, or the school withdraws the offer in line with the relevant provisions of this Policy, the place will be offered to the next Child on the waiting list in a second-round of

offers. This process will continue throughout third and fourth rounds *etc.* until all places within the school have been filled.

6.1.6 Acceptance of a place:

If the Child in respect of whom the application is made is offered a place, the Applicant will be issued with an Acceptance Form by the school.

The Applicant shall indicate acceptance of an offer by fully completing and returning the Acceptance Form by the date set out in the school's Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer. This includes indicating whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer of admission from another school.

Failure to fully complete and return the Acceptance Form to the school by the date set out in the school's Admission Notice, or within 2 weeks of issuing by the school if it is a late application or if it is a second/third-round offer, may result in withdrawal of an offer, in line with the grounds for withdrawal of an offer as set out below.

6.1.7 Refusal:

Where a Child in respect of whom an application is being sought has not been offered a school place, the Applicant will be provided in writing with:

- 6.1.7.1. The reasons that the Child was not offered a place in Mol an Óige CNS;
- 6.1.7.2. Details of the Child's ranking against the published selection criteria, if the class-group to which the Applicant is applying is oversubscribed;
- 6.1.7.3. Details of the Child's place on the waiting list, if applicable; and
- 6.1.7.4. Details of the Applicant's right to appeal the decision.

In addition to the conditions for consideration of an application as set out at 4.8 an offer of admission may not be made where:

- 6.1.7.5. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect.

6.1.8 Withdrawal of an offer

An offer of admission may be withdrawn where:

- 6.1.8.1. The information contained in the application is false or misleading in a material respect, or
- 6.1.8.2. The Applicant fails to confirm acceptance of an offer of admission on or before the date set out in the annual Admission Notice of the school for the academic year for which s/he is applying, or in the case of a late application, or second/third-round offer, within 2 weeks, or
- 6.1.8.3. An Applicant has not indicated:
 - (i) whether or not s/he has applied for and is awaiting confirmation of an offer from another school(s) and if so, the details of the school(s);
and
 - (ii) whether or not or s/he has accepted an offer of admission from another school(s) and if so, the details of the offer(s).

If an offer of a place is withdrawn by the school, the Child on whose behalf the application was made shall lose his/her place on the admission list or waiting list for that academic year and any subsequent applications for the same academic year on behalf of that Child shall be treated as a late application in line with section 6.1.4 above.

6.2 APPEALS

6.2.1. Appeal where refusal was due to oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission because the school is oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision must submit his/her appeal in writing, via a Section 29 Appeal Application Form, available from the school office and on the school's website, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of Mol an Óige CNS at Ennistymon, Co.Clare/molanoigens@gmail.com. Such an appeal must be brought within fourteen calendar days of receipt by the Applicant of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, if a different time period for the bringing of such an appeal is specified by the Minister for Education and Skills after the publication of this Admission Policy, same shall apply instead.

If an Applicant is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, or the board of management is not in a position to review the decision to refuse admission, the Applicant may apply to bring an appeal to an appeals committee established by the Minister for Education and Skills under section 29A of the Education Act 1998.

6.2.2. Appeal where refusal was for a reason other than oversubscription:

An Applicant who was refused admission to Mol an Óige CNS for a reason other than the school being oversubscribed and who wishes to appeal this decision may choose to put his/her appeal in writing, via a Section 29 Appeal Application Form, available from the school office and on the school's website, for it to be reviewed by the board of management of Mol an Óige CNS. Such an appeal must be brought within fourteen calendar days of receipt by the Applicant of the school's decision to refuse to admit. However, if a different time period for the bringing of such an appeal is specified by the Minister for Education and Skills after the publication of this Policy, same shall apply instead.

Alternatively, s/he may choose to apply to bring an appeal to an appeals committee established by the Minister for Education and Skills under section 29A of the Education Act 1998.

If an Applicant who chooses to appeal to the board of management is not satisfied with the decision of the board of management, the Applicant may also apply to bring an appeal to

an appeals committee established by the Minister for Education and Skills under section 29A of the Education Act 1998.

6.2.3. Basis for appeal:

As required by section 29C(2) of the Education Act 1998, an application to appeal must be based on the implementation of this Admission Policy, the content of the school's Admission Notice and also set out the grounds of the request to appeal the decision.

