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Visiting Speakers Policy June 2016

School Name:	Christian Brothers Secondary School, Kilkenny
School Address:	James's Street, Kilkenny
School Details:	CBS Kilkenny is a Voluntary Roman Catholic Secondary School under the Trusteeship and the Patronage of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust. The School is grant aided by the Department of Education & Skills and is a single sex (boys) school.
School Management:	The Board of Management of CBS Kilkenny is a statutory Board appointed pursuant to the provisions of the Education Act 1998.

Mission Statement

Inspired by its founder, CBS Kilkenny aims to provide Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition. The school endeavours to be a caring Christian Community which promotes to the best of its ability the personal, spiritual, physical and intellectual development of its students.

Ethos

As an Edmund Rice School, CBS Kilkenny seeks to promote the five key elements of an Edmund Rice School as espoused by the ERST Charter:

- Nurturing faith, Christian spirituality and Gospel-based values
- Promoting partnership in the school community
- Excelling in teaching and learning
- Creating a caring school community
- Inspiring transformational leadership.

VISITING SPEAKERS POLICY

Objectives of this policy:

- To establish a dialogue amongst all staff members with a view to a shared approach to visiting speakers.
- To regularly monitor and evaluate the contribution of visiting speakers and thus improve on the way we choose and organise speakers.

Our guiding principles around visiting speakers;

We seek at all times to operate in accordance with the requirements of The Department of Education and Skills' Child Protection for Primary and Post Primary Schools. In this regard we reference and adhere to CBS Kilkenny, Child Protection Policy.

The school recognises that outside facilitators can play a valuable role in supporting and augmenting school programmes.

Staff aim to seek speakers and outside contributors who best complement the subject matter and proposed learning outcomes of school curricula and programmes.

Talks and programmes delivered by outside agencies or speakers must be consistent with and complementary to the school's ethos. Visits should be planned, researched and implemented in partnership with school personnel.

Classroom teachers will at all times be mindful and watchful in regard to any issues which may arise as a result of external inputs. Teachers should ensure that appropriate procedures are followed when dealing with any such issues

Relevant teachers need to liaise with and be involved with all visitors and external agencies working with the school and the whole staff needs to be made aware of same.

When presenting programmes and events, visitors and external agencies must as far as possible, use suitable, evidence-based methodologies with clear instructional outcomes. Such programmes are best delivered by those specifically qualified to work with the young people for whom the programmes are designed.

Through informal discussion, management, subject teachers and programme organisers will conduct ongoing monitoring of speakers and contributors. Student feedback will also be sought in this process.

Approval

This policy has been approved by CBS Kilkenny Board of Management.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Chairperson, Board of Management