



RDS Primary Science Fair 2018 Terms & Conditions and Photo Release Form



The following Terms and Conditions are designed to ensure that the RDS Primary Science Fair is conducted as safely, fairly and as efficiently as possible. The RDS Primary Science Fair is managed by the RDS whose decision on all matters relating to the Fair will be final.

Entries and Eligibility for the Fair:

1. All expressions of interest for a stand at the RDS Primary Science Fair must be submitted through the online form at www.rds.ie/primarysciencefair.
2. Expressions of interest are only complete following receipt of the signed 'Terms and Conditions and Photo Release Form'.
3. Once the deadline for expressions of interest has passed all applications will be reviewed and places will be allocated. Successful schools will be invited to exhibit on one of the following dates:
 - Thursday 11th January 2018 - RDS Dublin
 - Friday 12th January 2018 - RDS Dublin
 - Saturday 13th January 2018 - RDS Dublin
 - Thursday 18th January 2018 - Mary Immaculate College, Limerick
 - Friday 19th January 2018 - Mary Immaculate College, Limerick
 - Saturday 20th January 2018 - Mary Immaculate College, Limerick
 - Wednesday 6th June 2018 - Belfast Waterfront
 - Thursday 7th June 2018 - Belfast Waterfront
4. Students in 4th, 5th, 6th and multigrade classes in the Republic of Ireland and Key Stage 2 students in Northern Ireland are eligible to participate at the Fair.
5. Students must work as a class under the supervision of their teacher with, where appropriate, suitable levels of involvement by parents, guardians or other responsible adults. All members of the group should share the work and be familiar with all aspects of the project.
6. Each project exhibited must be the work of only one class. Those wishing to incorporate the work of a second class must submit a separate expression of interest for each class.
7. Projects must seek to pose and answer a specific question that the class will investigate.
8. The emphasis of participation is on the development of children's core scientific, mathematical and personal/life skills as set out in the primary curriculum (ROI/NI) and on encouraging students to build, code, design or make something to use as part of their investigation.
9. Projects should clearly relate to the primary curriculum within the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland (ROI - Living Things, Energy and Forces, Materials, Environmental Awareness and Care; NI - The World Around Us; ROI/NI - Maths and Numeracy; Using ICT)

10. Projects must not involve children ingesting sugary food/drinks or a similar activity.
11. Students whose projects involve studies of live animals must ensure that such studies are carried out in accordance with the statutory regulations.
12. Each participating group is required to complete a feedback survey following the Fair.

Attendance at the Fair:

13. The organisers must be notified of any exhibiting group who are unable to attend the Fair. Failure to notify the organisers of a withdrawal in good time prevents the reallocation of the stand to a school on the waiting list and causes disappointment for other schools and the visiting public.
14. Sufficient numbers of teachers/supervisors must accompany exhibiting groups.
15. All teachers must register their group on arrival at the Fair before setting up their stand.
16. All stands must be set up by 9.30am on the morning of the Fair. No project can be taken down until the Fair closes at 3.00pm.
17. Exhibiting groups will receive a Fair badge for each participant which must be worn at all times.
18. A limited number of Teacher passes will be provided to each exhibiting group to access the Teachers' Area in the venue.
19. A picnic area will be available for students with packed lunches.

Exhibition Stands:

20. Exhibiting groups should present a visual display that is bright, colourful and easy to read and which reflects the approach outlined in the RDS Primary Science Fair Class Project Planning Framework. Students are encouraged to use pictures, charts, diagrams, models, interactive exhibits etc. to communicate their work.
21. Exhibiting groups should keep the dimensions of the exhibition stand in mind when designing their display. The back display panel is **2400mm wide by 840mm high** and the worktop is **2400mm wide by 700mm deep**.
22. Wireless internet will be available, where possible, at each venue.
23. A single socket power source will be available at each stand. Exhibiting groups are advised to bring their own extension cables if required.
24. Exhibits must be safely designed and constructed and must not use as part of the display: any dangerous equipment or open flames; any toxic, flammable, explosive or irritant chemicals; any pathogenic, toxigenic or allergenic organism (animals/insects, plant or microorganisms); sharp objects such as syringes or needles; or agar plates containing micro-organisms.
25. Live mammals, birds, amphibians or reptiles may not be presented in exhibits.
26. Exhibiting groups are asked to refrain, where possible, from using brand names of firms/sponsors in their display or in the title of their project.

27. Representatives of each exhibiting group must remain at their stands during the Fair to speak with the visiting public and judges about their projects.
28. There must be an adult present at each project stand at all times.
29. Exhibiting groups will be responsible for transporting their projects to and from the Fair within the time allocated and supplying any necessary apparatus/mountings used for the display of their projects.
30. Exhibiting groups should mark their name on all equipment, charts, project report books etc. and are strongly advised to remove valuables from unattended stands.
31. The Fair will not accept responsibility for damage to, or loss of, projects or personal belongings.
32. Projects are the property of the exhibitors but may be used by the RDS for exhibition or publication.

Judging:

33. The Fair is non-competitive but constructive feedback is provided to students and their teachers following discussion of the project with a Judge at the Fair.
34. The judges will visit each stand during the Fair to talk to students about their project between 10.00am – 12.30pm.
35. Judges will be interested to find out how the class approached their investigation and will be interested to see:
 - Evidence of child-led investigation and teamwork;
 - Evidence of students' skills development;
 - Evidence of building, coding, designing or making and
 - Presentation/visual impact of the display.
36. All participating schools will be presented with a school trophy and student certificates of participation.
37. The judges' decision in all matters will be final.

Use of Photographs:

38. The RDS will commission a photographer to take photographs of the RDS Primary Science Fair. The RDS retains the right to use any photograph taken of participants at the RDS Primary Science Fair. Such photographs may be used on the RDS website and in related marketing materials, without media, time, use or geographic limitation. It is understood that the RDS is not obligated to use the photograph in any way.
39. All exhibiting groups will be required to sign a photographic release form in advance of participating at the RDS Primary Science Fair. One form per group is sufficient for RDS purposes. However, teachers accompanying the groups must ensure that the approval of parents/guardians has been obtained before submitting the signed photographic release form.



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Acceptance of Terms & Conditions
and
Photo Release Form



To be signed by a Parent / Guardian / Teacher and School Principal and returned to the RDS

I _____ Parent / Guardian / Teacher (please indicate which) give permission for the photographs taken by the RDS of students from

School Name: _____

School Roll/Reference No: _____

School Address: _____

to be distributed for publicity purposes in relation to the RDS Primary Science Fair and to be used by the RDS in future publications if required.

I also confirm acceptance of the Terms and Conditions of participation and submit this Expression of Interest for a place at the RDS Primary Science Fair with the support of the school principal.

Signed: *(Parent / Guardian / Teacher)*

Signed: *(Principal)*

Date:

Date:

Please return this form by post or email to:

RDS Primary Science Fair, RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

Tel: +353 (0) 1 240 7990 (ROI) or 0345 2661897 (NI)

Email: primarysciencefair@rds.ie