



Gaelscoil Choráin

Eochail

Catholic Ethos Statement

Gaelscoil Choráin is a co-educational, all-Irish, Catholic Primary school under the Patronage of the Bishop of Cloyne and the inspiration of the local saint Naomh Corán. The school continues St. Corán's work of helping people to come to know the person and teaching of Jesus Christ handed on through the Catholic Church.

The school strives for the physical, intellectual, spiritual, emotional, social, cultural and moral development of each individual child. This includes a living relationship with God and other people, enabling all to become fully alive to God's presence.

Gaelscoil Choráin gives every child the best possible education through the medium of Irish and fosters a broad awareness and appreciation of our Irish language and culture.

Subject to the terms of the Admission Policy we enrol pupils of other faiths or no faith in the school and respect their beliefs and practices. Consultation with parents of these pupils takes place on enrolment. Each child is welcome to attend and benefit from the Catholic religious education programme. If parents have difficulty with this, the Principal shall meet with them to see if an accommodation can be reached. Parents are welcome to view the Religious programme taught - at its core is the commandment 'Love God and love your neighbour'. Sensitivity is always shown when pupils cannot participate in liturgical celebrations. *The school cannot, however, undertake to educate children of other faiths in their own faith nor can it guarantee alternative supervision arrangements during the religious education period or during periods of related faith-formation activity.*

This ethos is expressed in the hospitality, care of one another, protection of children, the work of justice and equality. This is supported through the visits of the Chaplain to the school, Parish clergy, mass, prayer song and art.

All the school community is called upon to support the Catholic ethos of the school.

Faith is handed on and developed in each class through the Grow In Love Programme which deals with the area of doctrine, moral and prayer.

The school is committed to working with the parish staff and parents in preparing the children for the Sacrament of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation while recognising that parents/guardians have first responsibility in handing on the faith.

This policy will be reviewed at each renewal of the Board of Management.

