

Ethos/Mission Statement

Scoil Náisiúnta Cúil an tSúdaire 2

(also known as Sandylane NS)

Roll No. 18203N

Mission Statement

At Scoil Náisiúnta Cúil an tSúdaire 2 (also known as Sandylane National School #2), Portarlinton, a Church of Ireland National School, we endeavour to create a well-functioning, happy and safe environment which promotes the dignity and individuality of every pupil, enabling them to reach their full potential. We aim to educate the whole child in a Christian atmosphere in partnership with parents/guardians and the wider community.

Ethos

Our school is a community where all pupils are equally valued and respected – irrespective of sex, religion, social background, family circumstances, educational achievement, physical characteristics or intellectual functioning.

Pupils experience a sense of caring and belonging; they are treated fairly and their spiritual, moral and religious development is encouraged as is their intellectual social and academic development.

It is a community where moral values such as honesty, truthfulness, justice, fairness, sensitivity to others and civic responsibility are nurtured and protected. The justification of these qualities is based on Biblical teaching interpreted by the Church of Ireland.

Our Church of Ireland primary school is a part of the local Church of Ireland community and has strong links with the parish. This, for example, is shown by the fact that pupils attend services in the local church and the Rector visits the school on a regular basis to take Religious Education classes and assemblies. Children are encouraged to take part in church services, e.g. family services, Carol services etc.

The work of the school is conducted in an atmosphere of tolerance and respect for religious differences. Religious Education occupies an important position in the school curriculum. All pupils in the school attend classes in Religious Education. The ethos permeates the school curriculum. The teaching of religious doctrine is restricted to specific times in the school timetable.

Equality of access is the key value that determines the enrolment of children to our school. No child is refused admission for reasons of ethnicity, special educational needs, disability, language/accent, gender, traveller status, asylum-seeker/refugee status, religious/political beliefs and values, family or social circumstances.

Children with special needs will be supported in accordance with the level of resources provided by the Department of Education and Skills to the Board of Management.

SandyLane NS is one where the traditions and teachings of the Church of Ireland inform the position taken in regard to moral issues which arise in the teaching of secular subjects having due sensitivity for individual family circumstances.

The school nurtures freedom of thought and a personal relationship with God. This is most evident in the teaching of Religious Education, and in the prayer life of the school community. The "Follow Me" publications are used as a resource for Religious Education throughout the school.

Parents / Guardians applying for a place at our school do so knowing that the school aims to provide an education based on the principles of Biblical teaching as interpreted by the Church of Ireland. It follows that the Board of Management expects parents of other religious denominations, other than Church of Ireland, to make their own arrangements for catechetical/religious teaching to take place outside of school hours.

This policy was reviewed on 13/10/2020.

Signed: Archdeacon Leslie Stevenson
Chairperson Board of Management
Date: 13/10/2020.

Signed: Deirdre Chute
Principal
Date: 13/10/2020.