

St. Colman's Primary School Annaclone



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Confidentiality Policy

Vision Statement

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To be an inclusive, caring School where childhood and community are valued; one, which inspires learning for life and develops the personal qualities needed to succeed in a rapidly changing World. This vision will be best realised as we undergo a continual journey of collaboration and progress through partnership.

Mission Statement

We believe that each child will succeed through experiencing quality in:

- A broad and challenging curriculum
- Innovative teaching and an investigative approach to learning
- A stimulating learning environment
- An enriching programme of extra-curricular activities and visits
- A rich, varied and up-to-date range of learning resources
- An ethos of support, challenge and encouragement to succeed
- Learning partnerships between the school, home and parish community

We demonstrate our commitment to working as a learning community by:

- Striving for continuous improvement in all that we do
- Working collaboratively towards common goals

Aims for the Pupils

St. Colman's Primary School and All Saints' Nursery Unit (Annaclone), promote high achievement and learning for life by working with the staff and children to:

- Develop enquiring minds and a spirit of curiosity
- Promote well-being and the importance of a healthy work/life balance
- Encourage excellence and the development of new skills
- Ensure the children in our school are immersed in their community but are also forward facing and expansive in outlook
- Achieve their highest standards in all areas of the curriculum
- Have high self esteem – respecting themselves, others and the environment by our positive approach to behaviour thus ensuring that each individual is motivated to do his/her best
- Utilise and provide opportunities to develop their thinking skills enabling them to work independently or collaboratively
- Be an integral part of the Parish community – one which fosters a faith commitment to Christ and prepares pupils for a fuller participation in the life of the Church
- Seek to extend themselves in mind, body and spirit
- Become highly motivated life-long learners

- ❑ Gain advanced technological skills and an awareness of Global Issues
- ❑ Be flexible and adaptable for the modern world

Our School Values:

- **Happiness and enjoyment**
- **Effort, attitude and perseverance**
- **Team, school and community spirit**
- **Honesty, fairness and trustworthiness**
- **Respect and tolerance**
- **Politeness, kindness and caring**
- **High standards of behavior**
- **Partnerships and collaboration**



Ethos of the School

St Colman's Primary School and All Saints' Nursery Unit sets out to create a caring and supportive environment, where all children can develop intellectually, emotionally, physically, socially, morally and spiritually.

In addition, the delivery of the curriculum is designed to develop interest and motivation in children using enthusiastic teaching and interesting and relevant learning activities.

- Children are encouraged to achieve high standards and are given as much help as they may need in order to achieve success.
- There are many extra-curricular activities that encourage co-operation and discipline through team games. Children are further encouraged through a variety of musical/dramatic productions to develop self-discipline.
- Within this context there is a code of discipline that is consistently enforced to ensure that the education of children takes place in an orderly and caring environment.
- Through continual monitoring of individual children's achievements, class teachers provide work pitched at a level that challenges each child yet does not frustrate.
- Good relationships within the School are vital. The staff set an example by working well together with a harmony of purpose and providing an interesting and caring environment within their classrooms.
- As part of the pastoral dimension of the School, children are taught how to care for others, to respect other people's points of view and to respect property. Children are encouraged to contribute to charity and to help people who are less fortunate than themselves.

The policy of the school is to work in partnership with parents in order to promote the welfare of children. The school also aims to build up relationships of trust with children. Children and parents should feel able to raise with the school concerns about safety and welfare in the knowledge that these will be dealt with sensitively.

Because of the sensitivity of these issues, the school will operate on the presumption that anything imparted in confidence will be treated in confidence.

This is subject to three qualifications:

1. Anything imparted "in confidence" to one member of staff or person approached as an associate of the school, may be shared with a restricted number of colleagues if that person feels in need of support and guidance from them.
2. If serious concerns are raised about the safety or welfare of a child, the person approached may be obliged, in terms of the school's child protection procedures, to pass that information on to the designated teacher for child protection Mrs Morgan for consideration as to whether it should be shared with the appropriate authorities. In these circumstances, the person approached would not, except in emergency, breach the confidence without letting the person seeking assistance know that he/she intended doing so.
3. The school must, of course, pass on information when legally obliged to do so, for example, by a court of law.

Children must also feel able to share concerns with staff. Problems may arise when a child consults a member of staff about a problem and does not want that information to be shared with parents. Whilst staff will try to encourage children to share the information with parents where that is appropriate, there may be circumstances in which any pressure to pass the information on could result in the child keeping the problem to him or herself or not sharing concerns in the future.

The following is a sample statement on confidentiality which the school issues to pupils. Parents should be reassured that it is the aim of the school always to act in the best interests of the child and to encourage the fullest possible involvement and consultation with parents.

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- If you have something important to talk to staff about.
- If you are worried about things that are happening to you
- If you need help or if you need to know how to seek help, the staff are there to listen and to help, they will try to do what they can
- If you are worried about confidentiality
- Tell the staff - they will understand; they may be concerned about your safety and may need to share this with others, but they would tell you first
- If you are still unsure about talking to a member of staff you can phone Childline on 0800 1111; the call is free will not show up on your phone bill. Childline will help you work out what to do next.

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