



Scoil Mhuire agus Eoin

VISION STATEMENT

Scoil Mhuire agus Eoin is welcoming of all. It is an inclusive environment respecting and celebrating difference. It is a dynamic and energised environment which is receptive to all challenges. We aim to respond to current needs within the school community in a compassionate and holistic way. We wish to maintain a warm, caring and happy environment in which everyone is valued and therefore can develop and grow.

Our school will respond to changes in society and strive to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of each individual.

We aim to present a relevant broad based curriculum with an emphasis on developing skills which will serve the children throughout their lives. We will differentiate according to children's abilities and needs. A special emphasis on SPHE will support teaching and learning in all areas of the curriculum. We recognize in particular the importance of creating opportunities for children to develop their oral language skills as a vital prerequisite to accessing all areas of the curriculum.

Our school recognizes the additional expertise of visiting specialist teachers which enhances the learning and upskills staff. We will create opportunities for children to access specialist programmes to support their learning in literacy, numeracy and the arts.

The staff is actively involved in the management of school and it is envisaged this level of commitment will continue.

We will encourage students to take an active role in decision making in the school e.g. in devising rules. Staff is expected to respect the voice of the child and also to guide them in accordance with the school ethos.

The Home School Liaison scheme is central to the work and life of the school. We will always seek opportunities to involve parents. We encourage their involvement with their child's learning and support their own life-long learning where possible. The relationship between home and school will be based on respect, openness and tolerance. We strive for true partnership.

Scoil Mhuire and Eoin will benefit from an active Parents Association. This Parents Association will be representative of all voices; it will be inclusive and tolerant. The P.A. will work closely with management for the common good.

In Scoil Mhuire agus Eoin high standards of professionalism are modelled and expected. All children are considered as individuals with their own special talents and needs. Children are supported in reaching their full potential, in a holistic way. We look at the development of each child, academically, socially, emotionally, spiritually and creatively.

We recognize that children have different learning styles based on multiple intelligences and we will reflect this in differentiated teaching.

We wish to ensure that the school community continues to benefit from the happy, positive atmosphere which has been carefully cultivated over many years. It is paramount that teachers prioritise developing good relationships with both children and parents. We wish to maintain the high level of support and teamwork among staff. We will continue to build on excellent relationships with the community we serve and agencies with whom we interact.

Continuing Professional development is the cornerstone of an excellent service. Management will continue to value and encourage staff development to ensure we are aware of current educational thinking and therefore progressive in our practice. We will strive to build capacity within our staff and utilize well our expertise and talents.

Continuous Self-evaluation is essential. We will be reflective practitioners recognizing our strengths and challenges informed by robust evidence from our practice. This will direct our focus in each curricular area. Following implementation of our school improvement plan we will review our achievements and address any barriers to success.

We believe in the empowerment of people, the value of the individual and the strength of a shared vision.

“Together we can do great things.”