

Throughout the Republic there are over 180 primary schools under Church of Ireland management

### MISSION POLICY

Each school has its own mission policy which is normally displayed in a prominent place in the school.

For information about individual schools application should be made to the principal.

Further information regarding Church of Ireland primary schools can be obtained from  
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## WHY CHURCH OF IRELAND SCHOOLS?



### CHURCH OF IRELAND PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE

- Child-centred
- Christian in ethos
- Co-educational
- Welcoming to children of all faiths and none
- Democratically run with parents, teachers and the church community in partnership
- Happy schools/caring communities

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## CHILD-CENTRED

Church of Ireland primary schools follow the child-centred curriculum set out by the Department of Education & Science for all National Schools.

## CHRISTIAN IN ETHOS

Church of Ireland primary schools teach the Primary School Curriculum including Religious Education. The essentials of the Christian faith are explored and children are encouraged to think for themselves and to develop a personal faith by which they may later live.

As part of the emphasis on the holistic development of the child a religious education curriculum, *Follow Me*, is taught. *Follow Me* has been developed and approved by the Church of Ireland Board of Education in conjunction with the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. It includes a worship dimension.

The teaching of Church doctrine is seen as the responsibility of the faith community.

## CO-EDUCATIONAL

Church of Ireland primary schools are co-educational.

## WELCOMING TO CHILDREN OF ALL FAITHS AND NONE

Church of Ireland primary schools serve the parish area. Preference is given to children belonging to the parish but all our schools welcome children of different faiths and none. Children are taught to respect and appreciate each other regardless of their colour, class or creed.

## DEMOCRATICALLY RUN WITH PARENTS, TEACHERS AND THE CHURCH COMMUNITY IN PARTNERSHIP

Church of Ireland primary schools are run by a democratically elected Board of Management in accordance with procedures set out by the Department of Education & Science. The patron is normally the local Church of Ireland bishop.

## HAPPY SCHOOLS / CARING COMMUNITIES

Church of Ireland primary schools are happy schools where children enjoy learning. Children are encouraged and motivated in a nurturing atmosphere to use their individual talents to fulfil their unique potential.