

Carlow National School

Church of Ireland National School

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ETHOS STATEMENT

(Ratified by the BOM & signed by the Chairperson, J. Ruddock, 27/3/07)

Introduction

Carlow National School is a co-educational primary school under Church of Ireland management. Its patron is the Bishop of the united diocese of Cashel and Ossory.

According to section 15 (2) (b) of the Education Act, 1998, the ethos of a school is the “characteristic spirit of the school as determined by the cultural, educational, moral, religious, social, linguistic and spiritual values and traditions”.

The “characteristic spirit” of the School, as defined in the statement below, informs all aspects of School life, in particular the development and implementation of all School policies.

Statement

1. The School endeavours to be a place where all pupils are valued and respected equally, regardless of gender, social background, family circumstances, physical characteristics or educational attainment. It also seeks to nurture and develop the physical, social and academic skills of its pupils.
2. The School aims to carry out its daily work in an atmosphere of mutual respect between staff and pupils and of tolerance for all cultural, political and religious differences.
3. The School aims to promote such moral values as self-control, honesty, justice, sensitivity to others and good citizenship.
4. The School facilitates and encourages the active involvement of parents in organising such sporting activities for pupils as soccer and swimming.
5. The School is part of the local Church of Ireland community. The spiritual development of its pupils is encouraged through religious instruction, the holding of regular assemblies and attendance at special church services. Also, at the discretion of the Rector, the local Methodist minister may be encouraged to contribute to the spiritual life of the School in an appropriate way.
6. The teaching of Scripture, as understood by the Church of Ireland, informs the position taken by the School on sensitive moral issues.

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