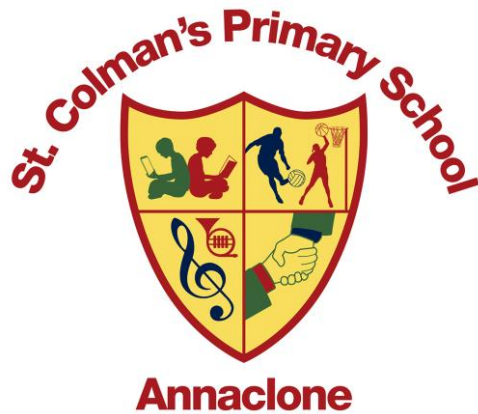


St. Colman's Primary School/ Annaclone



All Saints' Nursery Unit

Agreement

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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, leading to excellence.

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

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- ❑ 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 behaviour
- Partnerships and collaboration
- Resilience



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.

HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Home-School Agreement of Partnership and Co-operation

The staff and governors warmly welcome you and your child into our school's community. When you decided to send your child to our School you agreed to abide by the School's **ethos, standards and codes of behaviour**. We believe in a strong partnership between the school and the parents or guardians, in the best interests of pupils.

Parents or guardians, like the school, have duties towards the children. We set out these duties below as pledges, and include pledges for your child as well:

Pledges for the School:

We will do our best to make you feel welcome and needed at school, and to give you every opportunity to be involved in our teaching and learning programmes. We will give you regular information about your child's progress in acquiring knowledge and skills, and we will give you early notice of any concerns we may have about learning, behaviour or relationships. We will seek in every way to give your child an excellent education, both academic and social.

During the time your child will attend the School **we will endeavour to:**

- set high standards, and provide a high quality education for your child
- encourage your child to achieve his or her potential in all aspects of school life
- care for your child as a valued member of the school community, irrespective of gender, race or religion.
- maintain a code of conduct which fosters a caring, secure and disciplined environment
- provide a broad and balanced curriculum, matched to the needs of all
- keep parents and guardians informed about any changes in the policies of the school, and about general school matters
- extend quality care to everyone connected with the school
- ensure your child's physical and social well-being at all times and to foster feelings of confidence, self-worth and belonging
- ensure that all homework tasks are given in accordance with the School's Homework Policy and reflect the child's learning needs
- ensure that work is monitored and marked regularly

- actively welcome parents/carers into the life of the School and ensure that teaching staff are available, by mutual agreement, to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's progress or general welfare
- ensure that all staff receive a good quality professional development program and that all staff including teaching staff are kept up to date on important educational developments and initiatives which might affect your child and to inform you of these where appropriate
- contact parents/carers as soon as possible if concerned about your child's work or behaviour
- contact parents/carers if there is a persistent problem concerning attendance or punctuality.

Pledges for the Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

I/we promise that, having chosen St. Colman's Primary School, I/we will accept the school's overall aims and objectives, and positively support the school and class teacher.

I/we will endeavour to:

- ensure regular attendance and punctuality, and provide explanations for absence
- ensure that my child wears their uniform appropriately and with pride
- support high standards of work and behaviour
- ensure that the school has up-to-date information for emergency contact
- ensure that my/our child arrives and is collected on time at the beginning and end of the School day
- keep the school informed on end-of-day child collection arrangements, and support the code of conduct, which seeks to guarantee a caring, secure and disciplined environment
- let the school know of any problems which might affect my/our child's work or behaviour
- attend parent-teacher consultations about my/our child's attainment and progress
- encourage my/our child in homework and other opportunities for home learning
- support school community events
- support all school policies and guidelines
- ensure that my child goes to bed at a reasonable time, has a good night's sleep and comes to school refreshed and ready to learn.

Pledges for the Pupil:

In order for this agreement of partnership between my parent(s)/guardian(s) and my school to be successful, I must:

- attend school regularly, on time and ready to learn and take part in school activities
- co-operate with the staff and accept the school's authority and rules of conduct
- work to the best of my ability, and allow others to do the same
- strive to make my parent(s)/guardian(s) and the school proud of me
- consider and respect the feelings and property of other people in school and in the wider community
- care for the grounds, buildings, furniture, equipment and books provided at school
- remember to be polite and thoughtful towards others
- do my homework and bring it to School
- wear my school uniform with pride and follow the School's dress code.

Code of Conduct – Pupils

Within this context there is a clearly articulated code of conduct for children in our school. This has been developed and agreed by all teachers in the school. The Code of Conduct should be discussed with each class and incorporated into the classroom rules.

All teachers and staff will ensure that children abide by this code and will explain to children why any breaches are unacceptable.

- **Children are expected to:**

Arrive at school on time

Wear their proper school uniform (Parents and Staff to ensure this)

Show respect to adults and other pupils

Be truthful, well-mannered and kind

Co-operate with their teachers

Do all their work in school and at home to the best of their ability

Take care of the school buildings and equipment

Look after their books

Walk sensibly and quietly when in the classroom and in the corridors

Keep the classroom and school tidy and free from litter

Set a good example to other children

Exercise self-control

Walk to their line when outside and line up quietly when the bell rings

JOINT DECLARATION

By working together we aim to enable your child to enjoy a positive and fulfilling experience at school, thereby helping all the children at St. Colman's Primary School to achieve our school aim of each child achieving their full potential.