



# Policy on Religious Education & Faith Formation

## **Rationale for the Policy**

Religious Education is an integral part of our curriculum, which aims to promote the holistic development of the person as outlined in our School Mission Statement.

## **Goals of the Policy**

To develop Religious Education and Faith Formation in the school.

## **Content of the Policy**

- ✓ We endeavour to promote an awareness of GOD in our lives.
- ✓ We try to create awareness that our understanding of GOD and of religious traditions have an impact on every area of our lives.
- ✓ We provide regular liturgical, sacramental and prayer experience for our students and staff.
- ✓ Our day begins with prayer,
- ✓ We aim to involve the clergy of our feeder parishes in our FAITH.

## **Formation Programme.**

- ✓ We timetable three periods of Religious Education for each class.
- ✓ Opportunities are provided for families to attend our annual Bereavement Mass, Leaving Certificate Mass, our annual class Masses and Para-liturgies.

- ✓ Students are encouraged to help other in need through Trócaire, St. Vincent de Paul and Concern Appeals.
- ✓ Students are educated to develop a keen social concern and conscience.
- ✓ We invite guest speakers from various Christian organisations to speak with our students.
- ✓ We promote choral groups within the school that enhance the celebration of the liturgy.
- ✓ Every class group has the opportunity to participate in an annual retreat organised by the school.
- ✓ A prayer room provides an ideal setting for personal prayer and reflection.

## **Responsibilities**

### **Board of Management**

- ✓ To ensure that there is a written policy.
- ✓ To approve the policy.
- ✓ To receive regular reports on the implementation of the Policy from the Principal.
- ✓ To provide reasons for the implementation.

### **Principal / Deputy Principal**

- ✓ To implement the Policy.
- ✓ To provide the resources necessary.

### **Staff**

- ✓ To implement the Policy.

## **Monitoring the Policy**

This will be carried out by the Principal/Deputy Principal and the staff involved in this department.

## **Review of the Policy**

The Policy will be reviewed annually by the Staff.

Signed

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Patsy Sweeney (Principal)

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(Board of Management)

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