

Church of Ireland United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross

St. Luke's School, Douglas

**Ethos Statement of St. Luke's School, Douglas (R.N. 12012W)**

St. Luke's School is a Church of Ireland National School under the patronage of the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

The school serves Douglas Union of Parishes in addition to Monkstown and Glenbrook. St. Luke's School is co-educational and was founded in 1780.

St. Luke's School traditionally serves the churches which are full ecumenical partners of the Church of Ireland. These include the member churches of the Irish Council of Churches, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and the Lutheran Churches who are partners under the Porvoo Agreement, the Conference of European Churches i.e. Belgian /French /Dutch Reformed Church, congregational Federation, Lutheran Church, Methodist Church, Moravian Church, Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church, Old Catholic Church, Orthodox Churches, Presbyterian church, Religious Society of Friends, the Salvation Army and the United Reformed Church.

This Church of Ireland primary school is a part of the local church community and has strong links with the Parish. This, for example, is shown by the fact that the pupils attend and take part in services in St. Luke's Church and the Rector or Curate visit the school for weekly assembly and for other occasions.

St. Luke's School is a community where all pupils are equally valued and respected – irrespective of gender, social or ethnic background, family circumstances, educational achievement, physical characteristics or intellectual functioning. Pupils experience a sense of caring and belonging, they are treated fairly and their spiritual, moral and religious development is encouraged as is their intellectual, social and academic development.

St. Luke's School is a community where moral values such as honesty, truthfulness, justice, fairness, sensitivity to others, and civic responsibility are nurtured and protected. The justification of these qualities is based on Christian teaching as interpreted by the Church. The school nurtures freedom of thought and a personal relationship with God. This is most evident in the teaching of Religious Education, and in the prayer life of the school community.

Religious Education occupies a central position in the school curriculum and is regarded as a core subject. All classes are taught religious education using the Follow-Me Religious Education Programme. The teaching of religious education is restricted to specified times in the school timetable. However, the religious ethos will also permeate other areas of the curriculum. The Church of Ireland school is one where traditions and teaching of that Church inform the position taken in regard to moral issues which arise in the teaching of secular subjects.

The Board of Management follows the school's Admission Policy when allocating places at the school. We see our school as an extension of the home, a place where children are not just taught, but where the teachers and children work, learn and pray together. A high level of parental involvement is a feature of our school and one which we value highly. The Rector attends the annual information evening for new parents.

St. Luke's School promotes lifelong learning and supports staff in continuous staff development.

The work of the school is conducted in an atmosphere of tolerance and respect for religious differences.

Positive discipline and a supportive, stimulating environment, which is conducive to learning, is fostered within the school. In St. Luke's School, we endeavour to create a well-functioning, happy and safe environment which promotes the dignity and individuality of every pupil, including those with special educational needs, enabling them to reach their full potential. We aim to educate the whole child in a Christian atmosphere in partnership with parents/guardians, Board of Management and the wider community.

Our school and parish church are named after St. Luke, who is represented by the symbol of a winged calf.



St. Luke's School has a proud tradition of academic, sporting, musical and artistic excellence. We take great pride in our school, its pupils and staff who together ensure that all pupils receive an education which supports pupils' self-development, emphasises high expectations and helps pupils understand the society in which they live, thus helping them reach their full potential.

Applications will be considered from parents/guardians who are attracted to and share the values and ethos of our school.

Adopted by the Board of Management on \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairperson Board of Management)

Review date: \_\_\_\_\_