

Approved
by the Bishop as Patron

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.

St. Luke's School, in accordance with the Education (Admissions to Schools) Act 2018 serves mainly those of a 'minority religion'. The school serves the Church of Ireland parishes of Douglas, Frankfield, Marmullane (Passage West) and Monkstown.

This Church of Ireland primary school is a part of the local church community and has strong links with the Parish. Pupils attend and take part in services in St. Luke's Church; the Rector or Curate visit the school for weekly assembly and other occasions; the school choir sings at church services and for other occasions; and the Rector attends the annual parent information evening.

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

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 ability. 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, justice, 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.

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, 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.

We see our school as an extension of the home, a place where children are not just taught, but they work, learn and pray together. A high level of parental involvement is a feature of our school and one which we value highly.

The Board of Management follows the school's Admission Policy which was devised in accordance with the law including the Education Act 1998, the Education (Welfare) Act 2000, and the Equal Status Act 2000 as amended by the Education (Admissions to Schools) Act 2018..

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 27-2-2019.

Signed: P. A. Keefe (Chairperson Board of Management)

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