

Catholic Schools

Catholic primary schools are caring and inclusive schools, rooted in local parish communities where they form a central part of everyday life. Committed to the development of the whole person, they hand on Christian values and a shared Irish culture to the next generation.

The vision that underpins Catholic education is rooted in the life of Jesus Christ and emphasises that every person is made in the image of God. Parents, teachers and parishes work together in providing a child-centred education which includes preparation for the sacraments.

Catholic schools are regulated by the Department of Education and Skills through the national curriculum. The schools teach all aspects of the curriculum and are committed to a quality education built on the professionalism of teachers and other staff. Parents and other members of local communities have made significant financial and other contributions to these schools over many generations.

There are Catholic schools in almost every country in the world. International surveys suggest Catholic schools achieve the highest academic quality and have been leaders in integration and the promotion of respect for diversity. Children from various backgrounds are welcomed into Catholic schools. The number varies from one place to another but respect for all religions and for people of no faith is an important part of the life of the school.

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