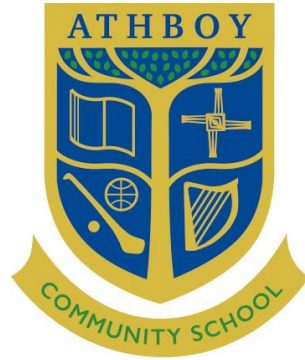


Athboy Community School



Ethos Policy

Ratified June 2024

1. Introduction

1.1 The Ethos of Athboy Community School

Athboy Community School is a co-educational multi-denominational post-primary school under the patronage of the Bishop of Meath and the Louth Meath Education and Training Board.

Athboy Community School was established under the Deed of Trust and opened following the amalgamation of St. James' Vocational School and St. Joseph's Secondary School in 2004.

The Characteristic Spirit Statement for Athboy Community School states that "The values of Louth Meath Education and Training Board as a multi-denominational State Body and the inherited traditions, Christian values and founding intention of the Bishop of Meath are enshrined in the characteristic spirit and in the life of our school and are respected and cherished".

The Characteristic Statement outlines the vision for Athboy Community Schools and describes the core values at the heart of the school.

2. Living our Ethos

2.1 Communicating our Ethos

In Athboy Community School we believe that our Ethos should be visible and tangible, and should be embedded in how we live and work together. The way in which we do this is by communicating our Ethos to our staff and students regularly through our curriculum, through our policy making, and through the process of school self-evaluation.

2.2 The Ethos Team

The Ethos Team is one of our School Self-Evaluation Teams and is composed of a group of staff who volunteer to get involved as their primary area of interest in the school. The goal of the group is to analyse where we are as a school in terms of embedding and living our Ethos and to establish targets to better communicate and deepen our Ethos in the school. This process involves gathering data from staff, students and parents/guardians, setting out targets based on the evidence gathered in the data and implementing initiatives to achieve those targets year on year.

2.3. Work to Date

In 2023-24, the first Ethos Teams gathered data from the school community about their awareness of our Ethos and specifically about our Mission Statement and our crest. The Mission Statement was redrafted, core values established and the crest was modernised.

2.4 The Redrafted Mission Statement

Athboy Community School prides itself on creating a safe, caring, creative and culturally diverse environment and on offering an innovative curriculum which challenges students to achieve their full potential.

We promote an open culture in which relationships between staff and students are prioritised. We commend and reward positive behaviour and encourage student participation in all aspects of school life so they can flourish academically, physically, emotionally, spiritually and psychologically.

“Mol an Óige agus tiocfaidh sí”.

Our Core Values are; Care, Inclusion, Safety, Creativity and Respect.

2.5 Our New Crest



3. Review of Ethos Policy

Each year the Ethos Team will review the policy and update on the progress of the team.

Signed: _____ . Date: _____
(Chair of the Board of Management)

Signed: _____ . Date: _____
(Secretary of the Board of Management)