

# SCOIL EOIN PHÓIL II NAOFA BALLYROAN



## ETHOS STATEMENT

At Scoil Eoin Phóil II Naofa we wish to create a nurturing co-educational environment based on Catholic values. We welcome students from all nationalities. All our students are encouraged to develop to their full potential and gifts: academic, social, creative, spiritual, moral and cultural.

It is an all-inclusive school where everyone belongs, where diversity is celebrated while developing the individual's self-respect and respect for others. It is a school where successes are acknowledged and where mistakes are seen not as failures but as learning opportunities.

The school values the contribution of all, the students, the teachers, the parents and the wider community. Our students are encouraged to value their role in their local, national and global community. Prayer is a feature of the school day. The school works in co-operation with the parish priest in all matters and will, as part of this co-operation, engage in the preparation of the pupils for the sacraments.

Scoil Eoin Phóil II Naofa is a co-educational Catholic primary school under the patronage of the Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. The school's Code of Behaviour reflects the Christian values of forgiveness, reconciliation, new beginnings and hope. Our school aims to promote the full and harmonious development of all aspects of the pupil: intellectual, physical, cultural, moral and spiritual, including a living relationship with God and with other people. Our school strives to create a learning environment where every child is encouraged and enabled to develop to their full and unique potential as human beings, made in the image and likeness of God.

The school will also be aware of the needs of specific groups within the school such as children with Special Educational Needs and Ethnic Minorities and will endeavour to meet these needs in a relevant and appropriate manner. We seek to form pupils who will unselfishly use their gifts for the common good and are committed to work for a more just and caring society. The school seeks to maintain the highest professional standards where staff development and planning are always to the fore.

The school models and promotes a philosophy of life inspired by belief in God and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Together, the Board, the principal and the staff, working with the Patron, the parents and the local parish, model a living human-religious-Christian educational tradition which nurtures the faith of Catholic pupils in a manner that is welcoming to and inclusive of pupils committed to other religious traditions.