



Mission Statement **Mission Statement**

Howth Primary School, Scoil Mhuire is a Catholic co-educational Primary School under the patronage of the Archdiocese of Dublin.

The Board of Management, Staff and Parents work in partnership to provide a caring, nurturing environment for the children of the school, in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust, where each individual is valued and difference respected.

We are committed to providing a high quality learning environment that promotes motivation, self-discipline and academic excellence.

We actively promote inclusion to enable pupils of diverse abilities and backgrounds to work to their full potential: intellectually, socially, spiritually, emotionally and physically. This reflects the school motto *Ar Aghaidh le Chéile*. We are committed to ensuring that pupils develop an awareness of Irish culture while fostering an appreciation of the unique environment of Howth in which the school is rooted.

Our curriculum aims to enable each child:

- To achieve its fullest possible overall potential as a unique individual by developing as a social being in co-operation with others and in so doing to contribute to the good of society
- To prepare for further education and lifelong learning

This school seeks to cherish and challenge children in a safe, secure and attractive learning environment. We aim to provide quality learning experiences that are engaging, enriching and enjoyable through a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum.

The school sees itself as an integral part of the parish community and in partnership with parents and the church, seeks to nurture the Catholic faith through religious education, preparation for the Sacraments and through the ethos of the school. This ethos is best exemplified through the quality of all relationships in the school, which are based on dignity for each person: child, parents, teachers, staff and all visitors to the school

Howth Primary School seeks to be a warm and welcoming place, respectful and accommodating of diversity in race, culture, religion, gender and ability. We strive to provide an inclusive environment responsive to the needs of all. We aim to promote equality in all areas and to provide extra support for any child with a learning disability, difficulty or problem through our support structure.

We value most highly our relationship with parents and the local community and seek to continue to work in partnership with all sections of our school community to ensure the best interests of each child are served.

The school is a learning community. We promote and value lifelong learning for all, including staff. We urge you to work in partnership with us, reinforcing for children the shared values of home and school.

Ar aghaidh le chéile!