Raphoe Central NS

Ethos Statement.

Raphoe Central National School is a school under the joint Patronage of the Presbytery of Derry & Donegal and the Church of Ireland Bishop of Derry & Raphoe. The teaching and traditions of the Patron determine the values and characteristic spirit of the School.

Raphoe Central National School is a caring and sharing school where each child is nurtured and valued for his/her own sake. The values of Christian living based on "Love God" and "Love one Another" will permeate the life of the school.

The school will promote the values of nurturing pupils as responsible citizens in the community, country and wider world. The school will value all its pupils and teachers equally and will promote self-respect and mutual respect among all of the school community.

The virtues of honesty, truthfulness, tolerance and consideration for others will be fostered. A positive and optimistic attitude to the world will be part of school policy. The school will encourage a sense of caring and belonging, pupils will be treated fairly and their spiritual, moral and religious development will be encouraged, in addition to their intellectual, social and academic development.

Religious Education occupies a central position in the school curriculum and is regarded as a core subject; all pupils in the school attend classes in Religious Education and school assembly. Denominational instruction is not given in the school nor is any denominational preparation undertaken in the school.

"The School" comprises the school community, made up of the pupils, the parents, the teachers, and the Board of Management, and each will have a part to play in the life of the school.

Parental involvement is encouraged through: home-school links, formal and informal meetings, information about school events and supporting school functions.

School functions, such as the Carol Service, the parent's day, reception day, sports day, team games, school outings, displays of art/craft/project work, and fund raising events will be held to encourage cooperation in the School community. Links with local Church of Ireland parish and the Presbyterian congregation will be maintained.

A spirit of loyalty to the school will permeate school life.