

## LIVING OUR ETHOS- HOW ARE WE DOING?

The Catholic school promotes the dignity, self-esteem and full development of each person, made in God's image and uniquely loved by God.

It welcomes, is respectful of, and engages with people of all beliefs & stances for living.

Some areas for consideration & reflection by the Board of Management supporting the Catholic Ethos of the school	In place Yes/Sometimes/No	Next Steps
As a board, we are confident in our understanding of Catholic ethos		
Issues relating to the Catholic ethos of our school appear frequently on the agenda for our BOM meetings		
The mission statement of our school informs the work of the board		
There is a Religious Education Coordinator in place and s/he has attended a board meeting		
The Board has approved/reviewed the Religious Education Policy for the school and it has been returned to the Diocesan Education Office		
The schedule of a Catholic school is displayed in the entrance area of the school		
There is a Prayer Space visible in the public area and there is a Prayer Space in each classroom		
Board Meetings/Staff Meetings/Parent Council Meetings/school day/classes and assemblies begin and end with prayer		
At least one Croke Park hour session explores ethos/religious education programme and/or curriculum/faith development of staff on an annual basis		
Meditation practices explicitly grounded in faith		

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The Grow in Love Programme is taught regularly each week		
There is an engagement with the local parish and the local identity/history of your school		
The liturgical seasons are marked		
The school actively participates in liturgical celebrations e.g. Masses, prayer services, penitential services		
The school supports those in need through the help of such agencies as Trócaire, Children Helping Children, St. Vincent de Paul		
The school makes an active connection between Green Flags and Laudato Si and the challenge to Christians to take care of God's creation		
Confirmation children are offered the opportunity of a retreat as part of their preparation		
Catholic Schools Week is celebrated in the school		
Teachers have availed of diocesan and Religious Education in-service sessions, where they are offered.		
All teachers have a recognised qualification in Religious Education (such as a Certificate in Religious Education or one in Religious Studies)		

