

# St. Cecilia's Catholic Infant and Nursery School Home-School-Parish Policy

### **Rationale**

1' The first and primary educators of children are their parents' As a Christian Community, we believe that we work in partnership: - home-school-parish, to fulfil the School's Mission Statement:

2'To be a family community inspired by the teachings of Christ in which each individual is valued, nurtured and encouraged to reach their full potential' 3 'Education is a collaborative task shared by home, school and parish and among these three should be dynamic interaction, since they are chiefly responsible for the development of the whole person'

The vital partnership of home, school and parish provides the context for the life long process of religious formation'

### Home

Our belief is that parents educate their children in faith mainly through the love they show to one another and the witness they give to Gospel values.

Their love and care for their children are, for the children, the first and therefore a very profound experience of the love and care of God.

Our personal view of God is nurtured in the home. Whenever we experience love, patience, acceptance and forgiveness, they our children experience the love of God and the values of the Gospel.

### School

We strongly believe that St. Cecilia's Infant School manifests the love of God. We strive to support parents in their role and to continue to be conscious of the importance they play in the faith of their child.

As the school community we provide:

- -A firm knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith the experience of living that faith through liturgy, collective worship etc.
- -Practical experience of how a Christian should live within the community and world through our service and caring for the community.
- 1 Religious Dimension of Education in a Catholic School
- 2 School Mission Statement
- 3 Curriculum Directory for Catholic School

As a school community we will keep to the values of our Mission Statement:

"Saint Cecilia's Infant and Nursery School strives to be a family community inspired by the teachings of Christ in which each individual is valued, nurtured and encouraged to reach their full potential."

#### **Parish**

The role of the parish is to accompany families in their journey of faith and to support the parents in their role as the primary educators. This is fulfilled by:

Letting to know families and to encourage them.

Providing a welcoming acceptance and viewing everyone as important members of the parish community.

Sharing faith with them.

Celebrating with them their faith and important moments of life through liturgy and prayer.

The role of the Parish Priest is to manifestly show the importance of every single member of the community and that each member of that community has a role to play. The Parish Priest is there to support, affirm and encourage the home, the school and the parish.

## **Policy Monitoring and Review**

This policy is monitored by the Religious Education Co-ordinator, and is evaluated and reviewed by the governors and whole staff every two years.

'Love One Another As I Have Loved You'