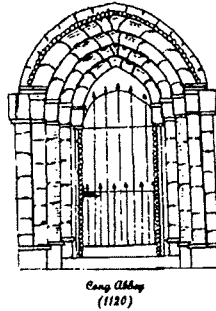


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St Joseph's National School

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Mission Statement

St. Joseph's National School, Cong is under the patronage of the Catholic Archbishop of Tuam. The school is committed to the aims and principles of the revised (1999) primary schools curriculum. It celebrates the uniqueness of each child as expressed in each child's personality, intelligence and potential for development. The school seeks to nurture the child in all dimensions of his / her life – spiritual, moral, cognitive, emotional, imaginative, aesthetic, social and physical.

Our curriculum aims to enable each child:

- to realise his or her potential as a unique individual
- to develop as a social being, through living and co-operating with others in and so contribute to the good of society
- to prepare for further education and lifelong learning.

The school sees itself as an integral part of the parish and in partnership with the 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 relationships in the school, which are based on respect and the dignity of each person.

St. Joseph's National 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 equity in all areas and to provide extra support for any child with a learning disability, difficulty or problem through our resource allocation.

We value most highly our relationship with parents and the local community and seek to continue to work in partnership with parents to ensure the best interest of each child is provided for.

The school is a learning community and we urge you to work in partnership with us reinforcing for children the shared values of home and school.

Ni neart go cur le chéile.

APPENDIX 1:

Child Protection Policy of Cong N.S.

The **Board of Management** recognises that **child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the school's policies, practices and activities**. Accordingly, in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Education and Skills' Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools', the **Board of Management** of Cong N.S. has agreed the following child protection policy;

1. The **Board of Management** has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools' as part of this overall child protection policy.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Pauline Waldron.
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Mary Fitzgerald.
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Cong N.S. will **adhere to the following principles** of best practice in child protection and welfare;

The school will

***recognise** that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations.

***fully co-operate** with the relevant authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters.

***adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility** of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusation of abuse or neglect.

***develop a practice of openness with parents** that involves consulting them about issues that concern their children, and encouraging to get involved with the school wherever possible.

***fully respect confidentiality requirements** in dealing with child protection matters.

The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any **adult pupil** with a special vulnerability.

5. This **section of the child protection policy should be used to make specific reference to school policies, practices and activities** that are regarded as having particular child protection relevance in the context of Cong N.S.
Where the school has not otherwise documented these policies, practices and activities, **they should be documented in this section** (or appended to this policy).
6. This policy has been made available to school personnel and is readily accessible to parents on request. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department and the patron if requested.

This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 20/9/21

Signed: [Signature]

Chairperson Board of Management

Date: 20/9/21

Date of next review _____

Signed: Pauline Waldron

Principal

Date: 20/9/21