

Monaleen N.S.

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Introduction:

This policy was drafted by the staff and Board of Management of Monaleen National to clarify the procedures around participation in Religious Education.

Rationale and Relationship to school ethos

Monaleen is a catholic school under the patronage of the Catholic Church. Monaleen N.S. celebrates our multi-cultural identity and the role that the Catholic Church has in our school and community.

We are an inclusive school committed to the holistic education of all of our pupils. Religious Education is a part of our daily lives in Monaleen National School, and we celebrate termly masses for pupils in our school. We also prepare children for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. However, we are cognisant of the fact that many pupils in our school are not of Roman Catholic denomination. This policy clarifies what options are open to children of other faiths or of no faith during Religious Education lessons.

AIM

To ensure that procedures around inclusion in Religious Education are clear to all stake-holders in the school.

School Practice

All children are invited to partake in Religious Education lessons, regardless of faith or personal beliefs.

If parents/guardians wish for a child not to partake in the Religious Education lessons, the parent/guardian may provide alternative reading/work for the child to do during these lessons. Otherwise alternative reading/work will be assigned by the teacher. Requests for exclusion from the Religious Education program must be provided in writing to the class teacher.

Children may not be removed to another class during Religious Education.

Sacraments

Children who are not preparing for sacraments may be dispersed to another class when the class are making trips to the church.

Communication with parents

- This policy will be published on the school website and publicized on our school App.

IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

This policy will be implemented fully from October 2019. The policy will be reviewed regularly, as required.

The school management team and the teachers will implement this policy.

The Board of Management ratified this policy on _____.

Chairperson

Date

Date of Implementation: _____ **Review Date:** _____