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Dear Parents,

We have recently reviewed our teaching and learning policy and thought you might be interested in a short precis. Our approach teaching and learning is distinctive, for at the heart of Catholic Education lies the Catholic Christian view of the human person. Some fundamental Catholic truths that underpin our approach are:

* We believe in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, - that God chose to become fully human in the person of Jesus Christ. This calls us to recognise that all humanity is blessed and that each individual is made in the image and likeness of God with a divine origin and an eternal destiny, worthy of deep respect. Everyone in this school community is therefore of equal value; no one more important than anyone else; this is reflected in our approach to learning and teaching.

* We believe in the Catholic truth of sacramental reality. We believe that God is everywhere and that there is no distinction between the sacred and the ordinary. Because of this we recognise God's presence among us in all areas of the curriculum and life. We celebrate this belief in worship and liturgy – and believe that all learning and teaching is sacred.

In light of these fundamental Catholic truths we believe children learn best when:

1. They are happy, safe and secure.
2. They are stimulated, motivated, challenged and engaged in their own learning.
3. They achieve success which is recognised and celebrated and that they love learning.
4. Tasks match their potential within an 'I can do' culture.
5. Activities are clearly understood and match the learning objective for the lesson.
6. They understand the boundaries of acceptable behaviour.

7. They are in a learning environment where mistakes are used as opportunities for growth, there are no put-downs and they are encouraged to develop personal beliefs and values.

8. They receive support and encouragement from home.

9. All adults involved in the learning process acknowledge the significant positive impact they can have in nurturing human wholeness.

(We hope you find all this interesting and haven't blinded you with too much science!)

P.E. Days : Children should have their P.E. kits in school every day but here are when each class has P.E. lessons:

Y6 : Monday and Thursday

Y5 : Thursday and Friday

Y4 : Wednesday and Friday (swimming)

Y3 : Tuesday and Wednesday

Y2 : Tuesday and Wednesday

Y1 : Wednesday and Thursday

Recent Visits : Class 6 went to Mass at church last Tuesday and class two visited the allotment of one of our grandparents (Jeff Andrews) and had a great time. The behaviour of both classes was exemplary.

Thought For The Week

'It is not how much we do, but how much love we put into the doing...'

Mother Teresa

