

Church of Ireland
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Ethos Statement of St. Multose National School
(also known as Kinsale National School)
Roll Number: 14726C

St. Multose National School is a Church of Ireland National School under the patronage of The Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

The school serves Kinsale Union of Parishes. The Rector of the parish is chaplain to the school. The school is co-educational, with classes from Junior Infants to 6th class. It was founded in 1895 and moved to its present site in 1986. It has had 3 extensions since then.

St. Multose N.S. is a school which, in accordance with the Education (Admissions to Schools) Act 2018 serves mainly those of a 'minority' religion. Traditionally, the school has catered for members of the Church of Ireland, other Anglican churches, The Methodist Church, The Presbyterian Church and The Baptist Church. Also, when undersubscribed we welcome children from the local Roman Catholic Church, as well as those of other religions or of no particular faith.

St. Multose N.S. is a community where all pupils are equally valued and respected – irrespective of ethnic background, religion, gender, social background, family circumstances, educational achievement, physical characteristics or intellectual functioning. We would like pupils and their families to experience a sense of caring and belonging. They are treated fairly and their spiritual, moral and religious development is encouraged, as is their intellectual, social and academic development.

St. Multose N.S. is part of a local church community and has strong links with the parish. This, for example, is shown by the fact that pupils attend services in St. Multose Church and the rector visits the school on a regular basis. Older classes attend the annual Diocesan School service in St. Peter's Church in Bandon. Our school choir is trained by the director and/or assistant director of music from St. Fin Barre's Cathedral. We join with our neighbouring schools for ecumenical services.

You will find our Admissions Policy on the school website <https://www.stmultosens.ie/policies> It has been devised in accordance with the law including, the Education Act 1998, the Education (Welfare) Act 2000, and the Equal Status Act 2000 as amended by the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018.

St. Multose N.S. is a school where the traditions and teaching of the Church of Ireland inform the position taken in regard to moral issues which arise in the teaching of secular subjects. The work, in St. Multose N.S. is conducted in an atmosphere of tolerance and respect for religious differences. We endeavour to nurture the personal faith of each child, respecting a parent's right to choose whether or not their child engages with our religious education activities. We hope to support children in their individual faith journeys to develop a living relationship with God and with other people. This is most evident in the teaching of religious education and in the prayer life of the school community. St. Multose N.S. nurtures freedom of thought and welcomes diversity of opinion.

Religious Education occupies a central position in the school curriculum and is regarded as a core subject: all pupils in the school have the opportunity to attend classes in religious education. The Follow-Me Religious Education programme is followed in all classes. You will find further information about the Ethos and Religious Education in Primary Schools in the Diocese on the school website.

St. Multose School fosters positive relationships with the parents in the school. We like to work closely with parents to support the children's learning and to encourage openness so the school can support parents and children through any difficulties along the way. We welcome back past pupils for voluntary work and work experience. We have strong links to the local secondary schools to ease the transitions from primary school to secondary school.

St. Multose School has an active Parent Association which works, in consultation with the Principal and Board of Management, to support the school. The P.A. organises information evenings, fundraisers, social occasions and funds many of our extra-curricular activities.

It is a community where moral values such as truthfulness, justice, fairness, sensitivity to others and civic responsibility are nurtured and protected, as expressed in our Code of Behaviour. Our school is a Green School and cherishes the environment both locally and globally. The justification of these qualities is based on Biblical teaching interpreted by the Church of Ireland. The children learn about the Global Development Goals and how it impacts their lives and the lives of others.

We value physical and emotional wellbeing of pupils and staff in our school. We are an Active School and promote good mental health and well-being. We participate in Kinsale Culture Night, the Cork Choral Festival, Cór Fhéile na Scol, sporting events in the community and other life enhancing activities. We invite visiting speakers and artisans to lead the children in workshops in a range of heritage and technological activities.

Our school crest includes an image of St. Multose, to whom the Church of Ireland Church in Kinsale was originally dedicated in 1190 A.D.

We have a tradition of providing a holistic education for the children in our care, setting high academic standards, encouraging co-operative learning, developing an understanding of the wider world and the children's place in it. We support local and international NGOs regularly throughout the year, instilling a lifelong understanding of the values and morals of responsibility for those who do not have what we have.

If you share our values and ethos we would be delighted to invite you to join our school community.