

# INTER-DENOMINATIONAL ETHOS

## DUAL ETHOS

An Interdenominational school under the patronage of An Foras Pátrúnachta will operate with a common **Catholic and Protestant** ethos. Recognition will be given to how both faiths and the denominations within Protestantism **enrich** life in Ireland.

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## METHODS OF WORSHIP

**Understanding** and **acceptance** of Catholic and Protestant ways of worship will be encouraged.

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## SACRAMENTS AND TOLERANCE

The students will be prepared for the **sacraments** that apply to them.

The school will be required to recognise and celebrate the importance of **tolerance**.

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## CATERING FOR MAIN TRADITIONS

An Interdenominational school has a responsibility to **fully cater** for the two major Christian traditions and to fully follow the current religious syllabi laid down by the bishops of the appropriate Dioceses (or by the bishops of the particular faiths in the dioceses).

In the event that only students of one religion are registered in the school or class, the above policy will be adhered to by giving students an understanding of the other religion.

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## THE SCHOOL ETHOS

The **Board of Management** has an **obligation** to protect the school ethos in line with the aforementioned definition of an inter-denominational gaelscoil and the board is accountable to the patron for protecting it.