Educate Together believes parents should have a choice

Over 96% of schools in Ireland are faith-based. A significant number of people across Ireland currently do not have the option of an Educate Together school.

In Educate Together schools, every child learns in an inclusive, democratic, co-educational setting. Educate Together is committed to enabling each child to achieve their full potential. Our schools prepare them to become caring and active members of a culturally diverse society.



Find out more

Check out our website for more information on who we are, where our schools are located and how to contact them. You can also check us out on Facebook and Twitter for the latest news in our network and school communities.

What our supporters say

"We believe in allowing our child to be encouraged to think freely and critically." Gerry, Longford parent

"As a former student, I can attest to the quality of the education, as well as the wonderful experience it afforded me." **Susan, past pupil**

"Teaching in an Educate Together school is all about respecting the child, nurturing a sense of wonder in the world around them and encouraging them to think for themselves." **Fionnuala, teacher**

"There is a way forward for Ireland and it must involve the broad based approach to education espoused and pioneered by Educate Together." Ger Gilroy, Newstalk FM

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Learn Together to Live Together







AN EducateTogether National school in Your community



What is an Educate Together National School?

Educate Together schools are national schools, open to all, irrespective of social, cultural or religious background. They are are child-centred and focused on the best educational outcome for your child.

The ethos of a school describes its spirit, character, policies and procedures - all of which influence the type of education delivered. Educate Together's ethos is based on values of equality and human rights. Educate Together schools embrace the input of children, parents, staff and the wider community to improve the school in every way possible.

In Educate Together schools faith formation classes can take place after school hours if arranged between parents and local parish or faith group.





The educational, social and personal needs of your child are at the heart of the Educate Together ethos. A range of innovative teaching methods have been developed that foster a spirit of individual inquiry and challenge children to think and take action in their communities.

Our Ethical Education curriculum 'Learn Together' supports children's moral and spiritual development. It teaches children about different belief systems from a learning rather than a promotional perspective.

We teach boys and girls together and are committed to equal opportunities for both. This includes programmes that counter gender stereotyping and promote equality in all aspects of life.

What's Next for **Educate Together?**

Educate Together is committed to supporting the rights of families to access the education they want for their children.

There are a number of ways more Educate Together schools could be created:

- the Department of Education and Skills may decide to establish new Educate Together schools in areas where there is sufficent population growth,
- two schools might amalgamate and a new Educate Together school might be established in a vacant premises
- an existing school might consider changing to Educate Together

Educate Together would like to hear from people who are interested in the establishment of an Educate Together school in their area. We work with parents, teachers and school management to provide all the information they need to help them find the best solution for their local community.

If you would like more information, please email newschools@educatetogether.ie.



DID YOU KNOW?

Educate Together National schools

- are non-fee paying
- teach the National Curriculum

- are staffed by professionally qualified teachers
- have strong codes of behaviour