

EDUCATE TOGETHER AFFIRMS THAT:

Equality-based schools have the right to be treated no less favourably than other schools within the Irish educational system, in accordance with their needs and their identity.

Children of all social, cultural and religious backgrounds have a right to an education that respects their individual identity whilst exploring the different values and traditions of the world in which they live.

The state has a duty to take the identity of the equality-based sector fully into account when deciding on policy that affects the establishment and development of schools.

Parents are entitled to participate actively in decisions that affect the education of their children.

In particular, they have the right to decide what kind of school reflects their conscience and lawful preference.

and COMMITS ITSELF TO:

1 Support the establishment of schools, which are;

Equality-based
i.e. all children having equal rights of access to the school, and children of all social, cultural and religious backgrounds being equally respected.

Child-centred
in their approach to education.

Co-educational
and committed to encouraging all children to explore their full range of abilities & opportunities.

Democratically run with active participation by parents in the daily life of the school, whilst positively affirming the professional role of the teachers.

in areas where the demand for such a school exists,

2 Promote fuller awareness and recognition of the identity of the equality-based sector at all levels in Irish society and abroad.

3 Participate in appropriate structures and activities concerned with the future development of education in Ireland and abroad.

4 Promote a future where equality-based education will be as freely available to parents as any other educational option they may choose.

