



Vision Statement

This vision statement was drafted by representatives of the staff, Parents' Association and Board of Management of Scoil Barra Naofa.

The School

- Scoil Barra Naofa is a Catholic primary school, of both boys and girls, under the patronage of the Bishop of Cork & Ross Dr. John Buckley.
- The school manifests a strong sense of community within it and promotes a high level of co-operation among staff and between staff, pupils and parents. The positive ethos permeates the activities of the school, creating social inclusion and cohesion with a happy, learning environment. Inspired by belief in God, Scoil Barra Naofa actively pursues respect truth, freedom, justice and understanding for all.

The Staff

We envisage a professional, caring staff that is:

- Committed to supporting the pupils and all engaged in their learning and care.
- Co-operative, approachable, diligent and tolerant.
- Open to new and innovative approaches and ideas.
- Supported in their efforts to provide the best possible opportunities to their pupils.
- Motivated and resourceful.
- Valued and respected.

The Parents

We envisage parents who are:

- Supportive of the school.
- Committed to and interested in their children's learning.
- Ambitious for the children and who expect high standards in terms of courtesy, respect and achievement from all in the school community.
- Responsible, caring and considerate.
- Consulted, communicated with and who feel their opinions are valued.
- Encouraged to communicate their needs to the relevant persons in the school.

The Board of Management

We envisage a Board of Management that is:

- Supportive and well informed of the work in the school.
- Innovative, open and discrete.
- Appreciative of the needs of staff and parents, and who actively encourage personal and professional development.
- Aware of the resources required by staff so as to ensure effective teaching and learning.

The Pupils

We envisage pupils who:

- Feel safe, accepted and happy in school.
- Feel understood and secure in the knowledge that they are recognised as wonderful individuals
- Are ambitious for themselves and their peers.
- Are proud to be pupils of Scoil Barra Naofa.
- Have a sense of self and cultural identity.

Whole School Objectives

That the child should:

1. Achieve his/her full potential in terms of literacy and numeracy.
2. Be able to express his / her thoughts, feelings and ideas
3. Be self-motivated.
4. Reach a level of maturity appropriate to his / her age.
5. Develop an interest in and awareness of the world around him/her.
6. Develop a healthy code of moral behaviour.
7. Respect him/herself and show respect to others
8. Show tolerance towards others.
9. Have a healthy self-esteem.
10. Develop good listening skills.
11. Be able to form and maintain positive friendships.
12. Appreciate creativity.
13. Learn from his/her mistakes.