

Ashton School

Ethos Statement

Ashton Comprehensive School Cork is a Church of Ireland co-educational school under the joint patronage of the Church of Ireland Bishop of Cork and the City of Cork Vocational Education Committee. Ashton School serves not only the Protestant community in Cork, but also in a rapidly changing and pluralist society, is committed to the ecumenical developments of our time and in an inclusive spirit of openness and multi-denominational service endeavours to serve many in the entire local community. The school seeks to provide a Christian environment in which students find encouragement to develop spiritual and moral values, personal and social skills and the highest standards of excellence of which they are capable in all aspects of their school activities. We recognise the complementary roles of parents and teachers in educating the young and, in partnership, we pursue the common aim of educating our students according to Christian principles. As a Comprehensive School, Ashton School is committed to catering for children of all abilities and of multiple intelligences through the provision of a range of subjects across a broad curriculum. Tuition in Ashton School is free: teachers are employed by the Board of Management, and their salaries are paid by the Department of Education and Skills. Parents are expected to provide books and uniform. Assistance with the provision of books and uniform is available in cases of need. Ashton Comprehensive School was founded in 1972 following the interim establishment of the Cork Grammar and Rochelle School as a result of the amalgamation of two noted and established Protestant schools: Cork Grammar School and Rochelle School. Cork Grammar School itself incorporated the former High School. These schools were previously operated under the aegis of the Incorporated Society for Promoting Protestant Schools in Ireland. In 2011 the Board of Management was enlarged to include parents and teachers, and the City of Cork V.E.C. became a co-patron, with the Bishop, of the school.

This Ethos Statement has been prepared by the joint patrons of the School in pursuance of Section 15 2 (b) of the Education Act, 1998 and endorsed by the Board of Management.