**Our school values:**

Core values arise out of what we believe to be important about people, about society and about learning and knowledge. We believe in compassion, inclusion, respect, responsibility, partnership, achievement, independence, pride and happiness.

 By **independence** we mean that everyone

* is confident to make choices and take decisions.
* has the resilience to face challenges.
* seeks to have a positive impact through their thoughts, feelings and actions.

By **responsibility and partnership** we mean that everyone

* takes ownership of their learning and behaviour.
* is committed to our school, our community and the environment.
* recognises the role that they play in keeping others safe.
* parents, children and teachers work as partners in education.
* shares responsibility for environmental care.
* participates in school organisation and events
* is encouraged to participate
* strives to overcome the barriers that might exist to full participation.

By **pride** we mean that everyone

* takes pride in their school, its ethos and its environments.
* takes pride in the Irish language and culture as its lived out in all aspects of school life.
* feels a sense of ownership of the school.

By **respect and inclusion** we mean that everyone

* is included regardless of differences.
* is celebrated and that the diversity in the school is celebrated.
* strives to identify and build on strengths of each member of the school community.
* believes in the additional value brought to school life by diversity.
* values all members of the community
* displays tolerance of others with different points of view and beliefs
* shows respect for the school, its resources and the surrounding environment
* gives good example and models good behaviour towards others.
* shares a rights and responsibilities understanding of justice

By **achievement** we mean that everyone

* develops an understanding of their intellectual, physical, social, artistic, spiritual, moral and cultural strengths and needs.
* is proud of and celebrates all achievements
* is proud of and celebrates effort
* is confident and successful in all that they do
* is ambitious about what can be achieved

By **compassion** we mean that everyone

* shows understanding, caring and kindness
* values and upholds positive relationships
* considers the feelings of others

By **happiness** we mean that everyone

* values and embraces the importance of fun and enjoyment
* is able to work with others as part of a team
* strives to foster lasting friendships
* understands the right that we all have to be happy and safe in school.