

*In both schools we believe that good inclusive anti-discriminative practice involves ensuring that equality issues are seen as an integral part of the pre school curriculum. At the heart of inclusive practice is the promotion of developing all children and their families to ensure that they feel included, valued, motivated and empowered.*



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## Good Relations Week September 2024



Drumnamoe Nursery School  
And  
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## What is Shared Education?

Shared Education is a LEARNER CENTRED approach that relies on COLLABORATION and GOOD RELATIONS between both schools, working together to enhance the EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS for all children. It acknowledges and celebrates the wide range of identities and diversity that exists in both schools and promotes equality of opportunity. Shared Education contributes towards the creation of a society where all children and young people can flourish.



## Benefits and Impact of Shared Education

A range of evidence highlights the educational, societal and economic benefits of working and learning together through Shared Education, including:

- Enhanced learning and skills development opportunities
- Access to a wider range of activities and enriched curriculum experiences;
- Promotion of equality of opportunity;
- Increased confidence and social skills, developing friendships and improved attitudes towards others;
- Greater mutual understanding and respect for identity and diversity;
- Greater synergies and relationships between schools and other educational settings;
- Embedding of a shared and inclusive ethos and culture;



*"I wish I had had the opportunity to participate in a programme like this when I was growing up. I think I might have looked at the world differently." Ruth Major*

*"Luca really looked forward to the Shared Education trips. He enjoyed meeting new children and exploring new environments. It really helped him to broaden his horizons and learn that even though we wear different uniforms, we are all just kids, learning together!"*

*Caroline McGuigan*

Within the partnership of Dromore and Drumnamoe communities we strive to improve relations for everyone by educating our children to develop self respect and respect for others, allowing each and every child to participate fully and develop his/her full potential.

## **The programme for 2024-2025:**

- In school exchanges of uniforms, photographs and learning about the different cultures we represent.
- Class exchanges, when one class from Drumnamoe will travel to Dromore to join in the play session and one class from Dromore will travel to Drumnamoe to join in the play session. This will continue until all children have completed the exchanges.
- All children from both schools will participate in visits to South Lakes Leisure Centre to participate in a series of sports activities specific to both communities.
- Staff will participate in a number of joint staff meetings and evaluations throughout the year.

*"Quality education in the pre school requires a delicate balance of child initiated, adult supported, creative and exciting play based learning. Therefore, if children learn in a culture of tolerance, acceptance and respect for one another, regardless of differences, these skills will become life long principles and will truly change the society of the future. As lead professionals in the early years we have unique and privileged positions to be able to influence and shape the next generation."*

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