

Mission Statement for St. Laurence O' Toole's Special School

School Ethos

St. Laurence o' Toole's Special School recognises the right of every young person to an education where he or she may reach their full potential. The school recognises the uniqueness of each young person and fully understands that each young person may develop and grow in diverse ways. This school therefore takes a holistic approach to education, endeavouring to meet the varying needs of our pupils in an individualistic, child-centred manner.

School Aims.

- >To offer each young person an opportunity to develop his or her capabilities so that they may participate fully in the society to which they belong.**
- >To nurture a sense of personal identity and promote the self-esteem of each young person, enabling them to become well rounded happy young people with a true sense of self worth.**
- >To promote equality in the development of the educational potential of all our young students regardless of any disadvantage they might have experienced in their lives.**
- >To develop the knowledge and skills of each young person, thus enabling them to think and act constructively.**
- >To foster and develop the creativity of each young person.**
- >To promote the physical and emotional well-being of each young person**
- >To encourage tolerance and acceptance for diversity in each young person.**
- >To encourage respect in each young person's dealings with other school mates, staff members and in society in general.**
- >To encourage the pupils to make good choices in their lives.**

Objectives.

>To assess the varying needs of each pupil so that an individually tailored educational plan can be devised for that young person, taking into account the way that the particular young person learns best

> To observe the behaviour of each pupil in order to devise behavioural and crisis management plans for each young person, which will encourage them to work together in a caring respectful environment.

>Through an extensive knowledge and understanding of the individual pupil, create real opportunities for each young person to experience success, thus developing self- esteem.

> To use all experience and training available to each staff member in order to create a happy and safe environment in which positive learning may take place for each young person.

> To provide programmes such as SPHE and P.E., which will develop the life skills of each young person, helping them to make better choices for themselves so that they may live long, happy healthy lives