



The Aims of the School

We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum based on the Northern Ireland Curriculum. We increasingly aim to develop the skills, abilities and aptitudes to experience success in learning and the desire to achieve. We aim to provide learning opportunities through which our pupils will develop as individuals, contributors to society and contributors to the economy and environment.



Our aims are:

- To be complementary to the Christian home and values.
- To support parents/carers in handing on the faith.
- To provide a broad and balanced curriculum.
- To develop the full potential of each child.
- To promote and enhance ICT skills ready for a technological world.
- Encourage inclusion.
- To be self-evaluating and self-improving: using data and judgements to inform and improve practice.
- As a school to be ambitious, visionary, progressive and articulate.
- To inspire confidence and ambition within every child.
- To develop a caring and secure environment where children and staff feel valued and secure.
- To support and train staff appropriate to needs.
- To develop values.
- To promote respect and tolerance of self and others.
- To encourage parental involvement in their child's education.
- To promote the profile of the school in the community.
- Promote staff development opportunities - both teaching and non-teaching staff.
- Seek opportunities to utilise local educational opportunities and resources.



Great reasons to choose St Colmcille's Primary School

1 A warm welcoming ethos where each child is truly valued and important.

2 A commitment to the continuous holistic development of each and every one of our pupils.

3 A state-of-the-art school premises, including a continuously enhanced Primary One & Two Area, our Jump & Bounce Zone, Play Park, Pond & Nature Area and Outdoor Classroom, with further building imminent.

4 An innovative and forward-thinking school that constantly seeks opportunities to improve pupils' learning experiences through embracing new Classroom Technology.

5 An extensive and varied programme of extra curricular activities which includes Arts & Crafts, a wide variety of Sporting Clubs, Construction, ICT, Cookery and STEAM.

6 Four Learning Support Centres that cater excellently for children with a wide range of Special Educational Needs.

7 We are the only school in the East Down Area with a Nurture Centre which caters specifically for children with Social, Emotional and Behavioural Needs.

8 A school connected to its local community organisations with excellent partnerships with Downpatrick Parish, sporting institutions, local businesses and external organisations.

Please visit our school website **stcolmcillesps.co.uk** to see the school in action and find out all you need to know about St Colmcille's Primary School!

