



St. Mary's P.S. Draperstown
Principal
Ms C. Coyle



Moneymore P.S.
Principal
Mrs A. Cunningham

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Dear Parents,

We are writing to introduce you to the Shared Education programme. This is an initiative that a large number of schools, both primary and post primary are involved in.

In June 2016 the Department of Education (NI) published their Shared Education Policy. This initiative aims to:

1. Create greater collaboration between schools of various management types.
2. Raise educational attainment and achievement.
3. Promote school improvement.
4. Build respect for diversity, equality and good community relations.

We are delighted to announce that a partnership between St. Mary's P.S. Draperstown and Moneymore P.S. has been accepted onto the Shared Education programme for the next five years.

This year the project has three core aims:

1. The members of both school communities developing a deeper understanding of the Shared Education programme.
 2. Developing collaborative partnerships with the management and Foundation Stage staff in both schools.
 3. Professional Development for Foundation Stage staff of both schools led by Joan Henderson, Early Years Education Consultant. Time to plan together and deliver a 30 hour face to face P.1 programme that will further enrich Play Based Learning in both schools.
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1. There already exists a positive, professional relationship between both Principals.
 2. Both Principals have developed a clear vision for Shared Education and its implementation.
 3. Shared Education is a high priority for both schools as outlined in the School Development Plans.
 4. Careful consideration will be given to the priorities for staff development and training needs in both schools as we move forward.

The P.1 classes in both schools will begin the project in late February, early March. You will receive more information about the work they will be doing before they start, including consent forms for photographs and websites. We look forward to this exciting project which will enhance the learning and teaching in both school

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