



**Holy Family Community School
Education is Opportunity
Development Education Policy**

Title:	Development Education Policy
Approved by:	The Board of Management
Date:	3rd December 2024
Responsibility for implementation:	The Board of Management, the Principal and all staff
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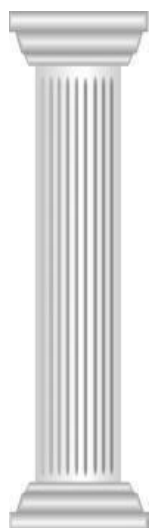
Introduction:

Since 2013, Holy Family Community School has participated in the World Wise Global Schools (WWGS) programme in conjunction with Irish Aid. This program, which follows the mission statement and ethos of the Holy Family Community School, aims to enable our students to become more responsible members of society.

We strive to encourage our students to play a positive role in contributing to the life of the school and the wider community, both locally and globally. In so doing, we help to develop their role as global citizens.

Objectives:

The Development Education Department program is centred on the ethos of our unique **T.R.A.I.L** program. This program consists of five pillars, with each pillar focusing on a major strand of our program:



Trust: To understand what makes for good relationships with others.

Respect: To be thoughtful and responsible members of our school, our community, our nation and our world.

Awareness: To deliver a high-quality global education to our students.

Inclusion: To recognise that there is only one human race and to strive for a united and peaceful world for all.

Leadership: To become active informed members of our democratic society and to make informed choices regarding social issues.

Past Specific Strategies 2016 - 2024:

- To further embed Development Education into the different subject department and to develop cross-curricular links.
- To achieve the 'Special Passport' award from WWGS for our work.
- To support our school staff in training in Development Education topics.

Specific Strategies 2024 - 2027:

- To further embed Development Education into the different subject departments and to develop cross-curricular links.
- To continue to apply for and receive the 'Special Passport' award from WWGS for our work.
- To revive a Global Citizenship Education staff committee.
- To revive a Global Citizenship Education student committee.
- To rise awareness within the school community about the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.