



## **Derryooper National School Policies**

**Roll Number: 17547R**

**Patron: Most Rev. Michael Duignan, Bishop of Clonfert**

**Chairperson: Fr. Kieran O'Rourke P.P.**

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**Principal: Padraig Lohan**

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# **DEIS Policy & DEIS Plan 2022 - 2025**

## **1. Introduction**

Derryooper National School received **DEIS status in 2022** as part of the **Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools (DEIS)** initiative by the **Department of Education**. The aim of the **DEIS Action Plan** is to ensure that the educational needs of children from disadvantaged communities are met. This plan aims to **increase students' academic attainment, participation, and holistic development** while fostering strong community and parental involvement.

## **2. School Context**

- **Patron:** Most Rev. Michael Duignan, Bishop of Clonfert
- **Chairperson:** Fr. Kieran O'Rourke P.P.
- **Principal:** Padraig Lohan
- **Staff:** 2 Mainstream Class Teachers, 2 Special Education Teachers (shared for 15 hours per week), 1 Special Needs Assistant, 1 Secretary
- **Pupils Enrolled:** 37
- **Parents:** Active Parents' Association

## **3. Our DEIS Philosophy**

Derryooper National School exists for its pupils. The **educational progress and welfare of each child** is the **overriding priority** in decisions made by the teachers and the **Board of Management**. The school values **equality, inclusion, and holistic education**, ensuring that every child is given an opportunity to reach their full potential.

## **4. SMART Targets & Key Actions**

**Literacy**

**Target:** Improve comprehension skills by 10% in standardised testing by 2025.

- Implement **Literacy Lift-Off** and **guided reading programmes**.
- Encourage daily **reading activities and book reviews**.
- Use **comprehension strategies** such as predicting, questioning, summarising.
- Organise **author visits and literacy week activities**.

## **Numeracy**

**Target:** Improve mathematical problem-solving skills by 15% by 2025.

- Implement **Maths for Fun** initiatives.
- Use **real-life problem-solving scenarios** in lessons.
- Encourage **maths games and competitions**.
- Administer **Drumcondra Tests in Maths annually in May** to monitor progress.

## **Attendance**

**Target:** Maintain 95% attendance rate and reduce chronic absenteeism.

- **Reward full attendance** with certificates.
- Engage with parents on **importance of attendance**.
- Monitor and follow up on **absenteeism trends**.

## **Retention & Progression**

**Target:** Ensure 100% progression to secondary school.

- Implement **transition programmes** for 6th class students.
- Conduct **visits to secondary schools**.
- Support students with **career guidance and secondary school applications**.

## **Parental & Community Engagement**

**Target:** Increase parental involvement in school activities by 20%.

- Organise **parent workshops and coffee mornings**.
- Use **Aladdin Connect for parent communication**.
- Encourage parents to **participate in school projects**.

## **5. Monitoring & Evaluation**

- **Standardised test scores, attendance data, and parental engagement** will be reviewed annually.
- **Feedback surveys from students, parents, and teachers** will inform improvements.
- **Regular reports to the Board of Management** will track progress.

## 6. Policy Approval

This **DEIS Policy & Plan** has been prepared by the **Principal** and approved by the **Board of Management**.

**Signed:**

**Chairperson, Board of Management:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal, Derryoover National School:**



**Date:**

*19 February 2025*

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