



## Ethos and Our Ethical Curriculum

The Limerick School Project is one of a growing number of multi-denominational schools throughout the country. The representative organisation for our schools is called "Educate Together".

Educate Together recognizes the developing diversity of Irish life and the modern need for democratic management structures. In particular, Educate Together guarantees children and parents of all faiths and none equal respect in the operation and governing of education.

(See: ([www.educatetogether.ie](http://www.educatetogether.ie)))

The ethos of the Limerick School Project can be defined as:

- **Multi-denominational** i.e. all children having equal rights of access to the school, and children of all social, cultural and religious backgrounds being equally respected.
- **Co-educational** and committed to encouraging all children to explore their full range of abilities and opportunities.
- **Child centered** in their approach to education: The individual needs of each child will be catered for. Interaction between teachers and children is encouraged and the school aims to help children to develop tolerance, creativity and self-confidence.
- **Democratically run** - with active participation by parents in the daily life of the school, whilst positively affirming the professional role of the teachers.

There is a genuine partnership between the professional role of the teacher and the personal involvement of the parent in contributing to education and school life.

LSP draws a distinction between moral/religious education and denominational education. The Ethical Curriculum followed by the school is called "Learn Together" and has four key strands: "Moral and Spiritual", "Equality and Justice", "Belief Systems" and "Ethics and the Environment."

Denominational Instruction (specific instruction in relation to any particular faith or religion) is facilitated by the school - in that groups may use the school premises, but is organised by parents outside of school hours.