**Provision for non – Catholic pupils**

Murrintown N.S. is a primary school of Catholic ethos under the patronage of the Catholic Bishop of Ferns. We aim to provide a holistic education for all pupils.

We aspire to treat all pupils equally and to cherish the uniqueness of each child and to foster their individual talents through a balance of spiritual, academic, creative and cultural activities.

We support equality of access and participation in school life. A deep respect for the diversity of values, beliefs, traditions, languages and ways of life is fostered.

We accept enrolment of pupils whose religious observance is non Catholic or those who don’t practice any faith.

It is essential that all pupils respect each others views, beliefs and practices regarding religious observance.

**Religious practice in the school includes the following:**

* Display of religious images in the corridors and classrooms.
* Daily prayers in class.
* Attendance at Mass in the local Church at regular intervals during the year.
* Religious instruction for 30 mins per day following the Alive – O programme.
* Visits by the priest to classrooms.
* Preparation of pupils for Sacraments :

Second Class : First Confession, First Communion

Sixth Class : Confirmation.

**We fully respect the religious beliefs of non-Catholic pupils in the school.**

**The following are provisions that exist for these pupils when instruction in the Catholic faith or prayer is on going in the class.**

* Non – participation in prayers in class.
* Extra work in other subjects provided by teacher to pupils during religious instruction.
* Supervision of pupils by school secretary while rest of school attends Mass.
* Late arrival at school on days when classes are attending Mass.
* Supervision by other class teachers when practice for sacraments is taking place in the local Church.