


OUR LADY OF MERCY - DEIS

WHAT IS DEIS?



DEIS stands for Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools. It is a national programme, aimed at addressing the educational needs of young people. We here at Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School want to improve the learner experience for our students and especially for students who are experiencing additional difficulties. It is monitored on a continuous basis by a team of teachers called the DEIS Team and Mr. O'Mahony & Ms. Fogarty coordinate this team of teachers. Every school has to come up with a DEIS Action Plan that is specific to each DEIS school. Several targets for improvement have been identified. The DEIS Team has come up with actions (ideas, projects), to help the school meet these targets. At the end of each academic year a summary will be made available for parents to view these targets and how we as a school plan to attain them.

WHAT AREAS ARE ADDRESSED IN THE PLAN?



The DEIS Action Plan for Our Lady of Mercy covers the following eight areas: Literacy, Numeracy, Attendance, Retention, Attainment, Educational Transitions, Partnerships (with Parents and others), Wellbeing.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE MERCY COMMUNITY SCHOOL?

- Breakfast Club
- Hot lunches
- Home School Community Liaison Coordinator
- Parents Room
- Parents Courses
- School Completion Programme
- Involvement in Colleges Access Programmes
- Access to the Centre for Schools Leadership
- And more...

GOOD
START



WHAT HAS IT ACHIEVED NATIONALLY?

- Levels of Literacy & Numeracy have increased.
- Retention rates have improved.
- More effective school planning is taking place.
- The gap between students in disadvantaged areas and other areas has closed but not enough.



well done!

THANKYOU