

DEIS Program 2024



As a DEIS school we plan actions to help us improve in the areas of:

1. Retention
2. Attendance
3. Literacy
4. Numeracy
5. Examination Attainment
6. Transitions
7. Partnership with Parents
8. Partnership with Others

Throughout all these areas we also focus on national initiatives regarding Wellbeing, Digital Learning, Junior Cycle Reform, Differentiation (Inclusion), Continuous Professional Development and Teaching and Learning.

Areas we are currently working on in our school

- Reducing the level of absenteeism in the school including partial days as well as full days
- The sharing of learning intentions and success criteria in the classroom
- Differentiation in the classroom
- Students reflecting on their learning
- To increase student confidence with regards to problem solving skills

Initiatives we currently have in place

- Athena program is being introduced to help track students progress in the school
- Class awards for attendance and end of term academic awards
- Increased use of team teaching to support students learning in the classroom

How parents can help

- Encourage attendance at school every day.
- Do not allow students to sign out (or sign in late) unless there is a valid reason.
- Organise appointments where possible outside of school time.
- Friday is a half day, but it is no less important than any other day. It is essential to attend school.
- Speak to your child on the importance of attendance and attainment and the connection between the two.
- If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, please contact the HSCL teacher in Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School.
- Check your daughter's school journal on a regular basis.
- Encourage your young daughter to read for pleasure. We encourage all students to reflect on their learning. You can help your daughter with this by sitting down with her when she gets a class test back and discussing the areas in she did well and which areas she needs to work on to improve.