

MERCY PRIMARY SCHOOL
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*School self-evaluation summary report for school
community*

Evaluation period: *September 2023-June2024*

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Summary School Self-Evaluation Report

1. Introduction

Our school has its own context. There are 13 teachers and 125 pupils in the school. We have a number of programmes operating in the school including DEIS, HSCL, School Completion Programme, Lift-Off to Literacy, Maths Recovery, music, camogie. Our attendance levels are good and are improving every year. Our pupils' behaviour is excellent and they are a credit to the school and their families. Mercy Primary School is a DEIS Band 1 school.

1.1 The focus of the evaluation

A school self-evaluation of teaching and learning in Mercy Primary School was undertaken during the period September 2023 to June 2024. During the evaluation, teaching and learning in the following areas was evaluated:

- Digital Strategies and Digital Learning Plan
- Primary Language Curriculum

This report summarises the strengths that were identified and the areas that have been prioritised for improvement.

2. Summary of school self-evaluation findings:

2.1

- In our school to date technology is used in line with the available infrastructure. More focus is needed on the student's engagement with digital technology for learning.
- All classroom teachers use digital technology on a daily basis to enhance lessons by accessing various educational websites and using self-created content such as power point presentations.
- Pupils currently use technology to source information, drill and practice activities but not to create their own digital content

2.2 We have decided to prioritise the following areas for development:

Areas for development

- Teacher and Pupil IT skills – this is laid out in detail in our Digital Strategies Plan, which is on our website. The IT skill set of the children has increased in the last year and teachers will continue to focus on this. A new plan for 2024-2026 will be created early in the first term of the new school year.
- Primary Language Curriculum – A two-year plan was devised for the Primary Language Curriculum in both English and Gaeilge. This was coordinated by the In-School Management team, with input from all teachers.

