



Bushvalley Primary School

Our future depends on building upon the experiences of the past, learning from the present and preparing for the challenges of the future.

Build upon the Past Progress in the Present Strive for the Future

Principal: Mrs C Irwin B.Ed

26th March 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am delighted to inform you that Bushvalley has been successful in our Shared Education application. This **fully funded** project will support the growth of partnerships between schools from different sectors.

Our Shared Education Partnership will be with St Patrick's, Glenariffe, St Ciaran's, Cushendun and William Pinkerton Memorial Primary, Dervock.

Delivery of this project will initially focus on Primary 1, Primary 4 and Primary 6. It will then progress to involvement of all year groups as the project develops. It is envisaged that the whole school will be participating by June 2026.

The Shared Education project builds on the NI Curriculum's PDMU programme of study. The project aims will be delivered through the provision of direct, sustained, **curricular-based** contact between children and teachers from all backgrounds. Through collaborative working, the participating schools will promote good relations amongst pupils, staff and parents, enhance educational outcomes for all and provide shared professional development opportunities for teachers.

Our teachers are currently meeting with staff from the participating schools to develop plans and prepare for pupil engagement. All our Shared Education projects will be commencing after Easter with each class having six opportunities to come together to achieve the aims. These six sessions will take the form of three face-to-face sessions and three online sessions.

At this stage, I wish to gather pupil participation consent for Shared Education. Therefore, I would appreciate it if you could complete the consent form, which is now available on ParentMail for your child to participate. Please can you complete this consent form by this Friday (28th March). Further communication will follow regarding each the face-to-face sessions.

I trust you will foresee Shared Education at Bushvalley as a fantastic opportunity to build a culture of good relations amongst children and equip them with the skills and attitudes needed to contribute to a society of collaboration and cooperation.

Kind Regards

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