

Chaplaincy

**Reviewed and Adopted by Board of Management: September 2017**

The Chaplaincy Service within the schools provides a wide range of supports and services within the school community. These include:

**Animating the spiritual life of the school Community through:**

Meditation  
Liturgies  
Advent and Lenten classes  
Class and small-group prayer services  
Facilitating the celebrations of the Sacraments  
Through the provision of class services  
Providing individual and group  
Accompaniment and spiritual guidance in close co-operation with the staff that assist in the area of pastoral care

**The articulation and implementation of objectives and policies, including**

The school ethos of Respect for All  
The school's anti bullying policy  
The 'Buddy' System

**Supporting the Religious faculty of the school particularly in the area of:**

Resources  
Guest speakers  
Organising student Retreats and Days of Reflection

**Assisting those involved with students and their families who may be experiencing difficulties by:**

Working in close co-operation with Year Heads  
Facilitating one-to-one interviews with students  
Arranging, where appropriate, home visits,  
Attending funerals  
Offering the Rainbows Programme to those experiencing separation or bereavement

The Chaplaincy Service is also a resource and support for staff. The Chaplaincy also maintains a close link with local church community, in particular the Parish Priest and Parish Team. In addition, the Chaplaincy strives to encourage student activities in the areas of Faith and Justice through student involvement with, for example, St Vincent De Paul, Trocaire, 24 Hour Fast, Amnesty International and the Chernobyl Appeal.

*No matter what stage of life we are at, all of us need some kind of support. The Chaplaincy at Confey Community College provides an 'open door' policy where the school community can come and receive support in a confidential and safe way.*