

Spires Integrated Primary School was established in 1999, through the recognition of both parents and the local community of the need for an Education System that would provide a forum for all and every faith and none.

Through successful pioneering and lobbying this was achieved for the greater good of the Mid Ulster Community.

For the last 15 years this School has thrived and every year we are over subscribed. One long term barrier to us, is that we have a limited number of places to allocate and as a result every year we are turning families away that wish to avail of Integrated Education.

As the demographics of our Society change, we now more that every needs to offer our children and young people the opportunity to integrate and socialise with other faiths and cultures, to widen their opinions, address prejudices and widen outlooks throughout their school lives.

The school still receives great support from the community, for example we have great attendance at open events, we have partnerships with various local companies for reading schemes and we received generous sponsorship for different elements of our recently added Outdoor classroom.

Finally may we remind you of the statutory duty to encourage and facilitate the development of integrated education in article 64 of the 1989 act, there was a judicial review that clarified that the education policy should enable the expansion of integrated education to meet local demand - we have demand in Magherafelt at both primary and secondary level.

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