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NOTE TO EDITORS

Educate Together is the patron body for 84 national schools and 13 second-level schools in Ireland. All of its schools are non fee-paying schools and deliver the national curriculum. All Educate Together schools are co-educational, boys and girls learn, play and interact together throughout their school life. Educate Together is also a registered charity. We receive a core grant from the state which covers less than 20% of our operating costs, so we must generate funds from other sources to continue to do the work that we do.

Educate Together national schools are non-fee paying, state-funded primary schools that teach the national Primary Curriculum. They are open to all, irrespective of social, cultural or religious background. They are child-centred. Educate Together's Ethical Education curriculum, 'Learn Together', supports children's moral and spiritual development and teaches children about different belief systems. Everyone takes part and no-one has to opt out.

The Educate Together approach at second-level moves away from 'teaching to the test' and towards an emphasis on the learner. Students develop skills in creative and critical thinking, communication, teamwork, research and leadership. A broad Ethical Education Curriculum along the lines of Educate Together's 'Learn Together' primary curriculum is followed. The ethical curriculum is based on values of equality, human rights and active citizenship. Students engage in project work and problem based learning which looks to find the connections between areas of study and make learning meaningful and relevant.