SCHOOLS OF SANCTUARY
What is a School of Sanctuary?

• A place of welcome, safety, and inclusion, especially for families seeking sanctuary and fleeing war, persecution or threat.

• A school that helps students, staff and the wider community understand what it means to seek sanctuary.

• A school that celebrates diversity and equips young people to stand against prejudice and racism.

• A part of the wider Sanctuary Movement.
Ireland - A Changing Demographic

• Ireland’s unique history and the changing meaning of ‘migration’.

• Rapid demographic changes during the 21st century.

• Recent trends, fears and expressions of solidarity.
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- Help children and families feel welcome, safe and included, especially those seeking sanctuary in Ireland
- Celebrate and value diversity across the school
- Provide learning opportunities around global issues, human rights and international protection
- Help future generations to resist racism, intolerance, and hate speech
- Connects schools with a vibrant community all over Ireland
The Sanctuary Principles

LEARN

ACTION

SHARE
● Learn the facts about refugees, migrants and people seeking asylum in Ireland and in the world.

● Learn about the cultures and languages in the school and wider community.

● Learn about racism/anti-racism, including the barriers that face many ethnic minorities.

● Hear stories from refugees, including a school visit from a Sanctuary Ambassador.
● Celebrate the multiculturalism of students and their families
● Ensure your school is visually diverse and welcoming for people with varying language ability
● Ensure student and parent committees are representative and inclusive
● Support vulnerable students in their participation in all activities
● Find creative ways of working sanctuary values into all curriculum areas
- Display information about SoS prominently on the school website and in the school building
- Share the message of sanctuary with local or linked schools and in your school communications
- Collaborate with other schools when possible, with teachers and students exchanging ideas about the sanctuary journey
1. Mount Sion CBS Secondary School, Waterford
2. Bunscoil Loreto Primary School Gorey, Co Wexford
3. Largy College, Clones, Co. Monaghan
4. Scoil Bhride Shantalla, Galway
5. Stepaside Educate Together Secondary School, Stepaside, Co. Dublin
6. Kilrane National School, Co Wexford
7. Creagh College Gorey, Co Wexford
8. Bunscoil McAuley Rice Primary School, Callan, Co Kilkenny
9. St. Mary’s National School, Bishop Street, Limerick
10. Blarney Street CBS Primary School, Cork
12. St. John the Baptist Boys’ National School, Pennywell, Garryowen, Limerick
13. Desmond College, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick
14. Ardscoil na Mara, Tramore, Co. Waterford
15. Mercy Secondary School, Kilbeggan, Co Westmeath
16. Meanscoil Iognáid Rís/Naas CBS, Naas, Co Kildare
17. Buncloy Vocational College, Buncloy, Co. Wexford
18. Loreto Secondary School, Wexford
19. St Nathy’s College, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon
20. Kilkenny City Vocational School, Co. Kilkenny
21. Presentation Secondary School, Wexford