



Lanesboro Community College

Chaplaincy Policy

I, Annmarie Keenan acting as Chaplain to the above named school would consider the following elements as central to my ministry in the school environment

Objectives

The Chaplain will be very much a faith presence in the school and would try to reflect Gospel values at all times.

In reflecting Gospel values, a Chaplain would sometimes have to be a lone voice in defence of the weakest members of the school community.

Chaplaincy would be concerned with the holistic development of the person, especially the spiritual, moral, emotional and psychological

aspects. To this end the Chaplain would be a key member of the Student Support Team.

Other important functions of Chaplaincy would be

Organising School

Masses/Services/Celebrations, various liturgies throughout the year and Personal Development Days.

Meeting with pupils individually, especially 1st and Leaving Cert students.

Fastening links between the school /home/parish.

As a supportive presence in the school the Chaplain may be faced with a crisis which needs to be referred in the first instance to Management and then possibly on to professional experts in a given area.

To this end the Chaplain should be familiar with and update names of various professional personnel in different areas.

The Chaplain will do all they can to help a student but cannot always guarantee them confidentiality eg if they are a threat to themselves or others.

As Chaplain I am also available at all times to offer support to school staff if and when required.

I would also be a key member of our Crisis Management team.

As Chaplain I endeavour to be in school early in morning to be a supportive presence should issues arise.

I also lead Prayer/ Reflection every morning at Assembly.

Annmarie Keenan,

School Chaplain

Signed Willie Denny

Chairperson

Date 6/3/24

Aazel O'Connor

Principal

Date 6/3/24