



## WILLOW PARK *Junior School*

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WILLOW PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL  
IS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL THAT  
WORKS WITH PARENTS IN  
THE MORAL, SOCIAL AND  
INTELLECTUAL FORMATION  
OF THEIR CHILDREN.

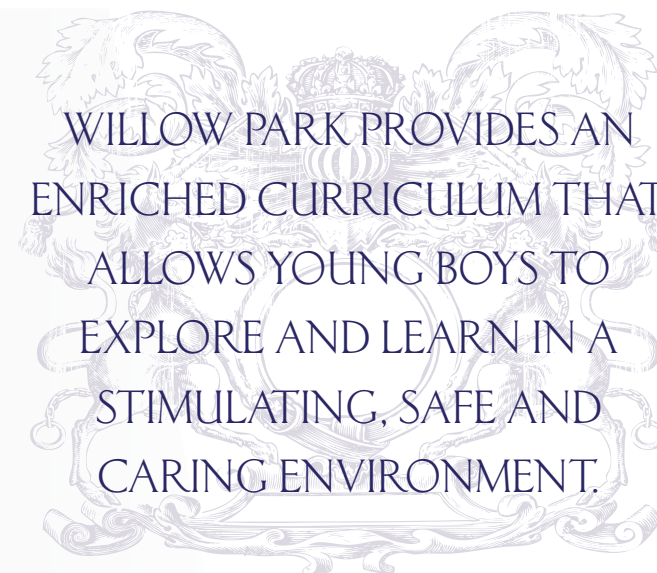
## ETHOS

Willow Park is a school that cares for each pupil, recognising and fostering his particular talents within the context of a Catholic community. In the long journey towards self-knowledge, Willow provides a spiritual compass for life. It is in these early years of learning that Willow boys follow the Christian path of living and gain the confidence to explore and question their world. Willow boys come to appreciate the value of learning and the pursuit of truth. Willow offers a broad education that prepares and enriches a boy for life.

 Catholic education has been present on our campus for over 150 years. 'The French Fathers' founded Blackrock College in 1860 and thereafter, under the direction of The Holy Ghost Fathers, Willow Park School was created in 1935. Names and educational visions evolving, the Spiritan Congregation ([www.irishspiritans.ie](http://www.irishspiritans.ie)) developed Willow Park Junior School as an independent, Roman Catholic junior school with its own Board of Management and primary school vision. A Willow education is, at heart, a moral grounding for life, where excellence is cultivated, tolerance expected and courtesy the norm.







WILLOW PARK PROVIDES AN  
ENRICHED CURRICULUM THAT  
ALLOWS YOUNG BOYS TO  
EXPLORE AND LEARN IN A  
STIMULATING, SAFE AND  
CARING ENVIRONMENT.

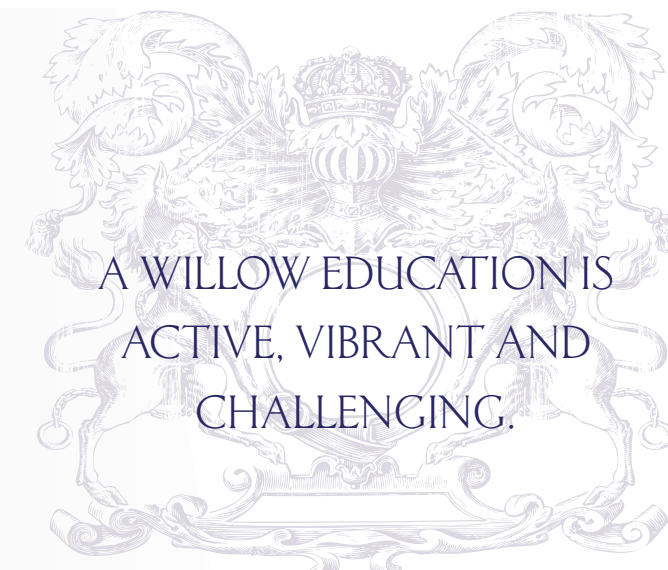
## EDUCATION

Delivering an education that has morality, literacy and numeracy at its core, Willow teachers provide their pupils with a foundation that allows each boy develop his own especial interests and talents as he becomes an independent learner. School and family work together so that each boy is suitably supported and challenged: a complementary process that results in an informed and balanced young man who is socially confident, academically prepared and intellectually curious.

Music, French, P.E. and I.T. are especially staffed and timetabled, whilst the many activities outside the classroom (cultural, creative and sporting) complement and enrich the core curriculum.







A WILLOW EDUCATION IS  
ACTIVE, VIBRANT AND  
CHALLENGING.

## EDUCATION

Structured Physical Education and Swimming classes allow for physical expression, whilst a modern computer facility gives the boys the I.T. skills necessary for the modern world. All class-rooms are equipped with Interactive White Boards, whilst our well-stocked and much-used Library entertains, informs and facilitates boys from 8.30am every morning. Both avid and reluctant readers are encouraged and welcomed.

Discovery and 'doing' are central to the learning process in Willow. Pupils explore, experiment and play – and in doing so, they learn to ask the right questions.



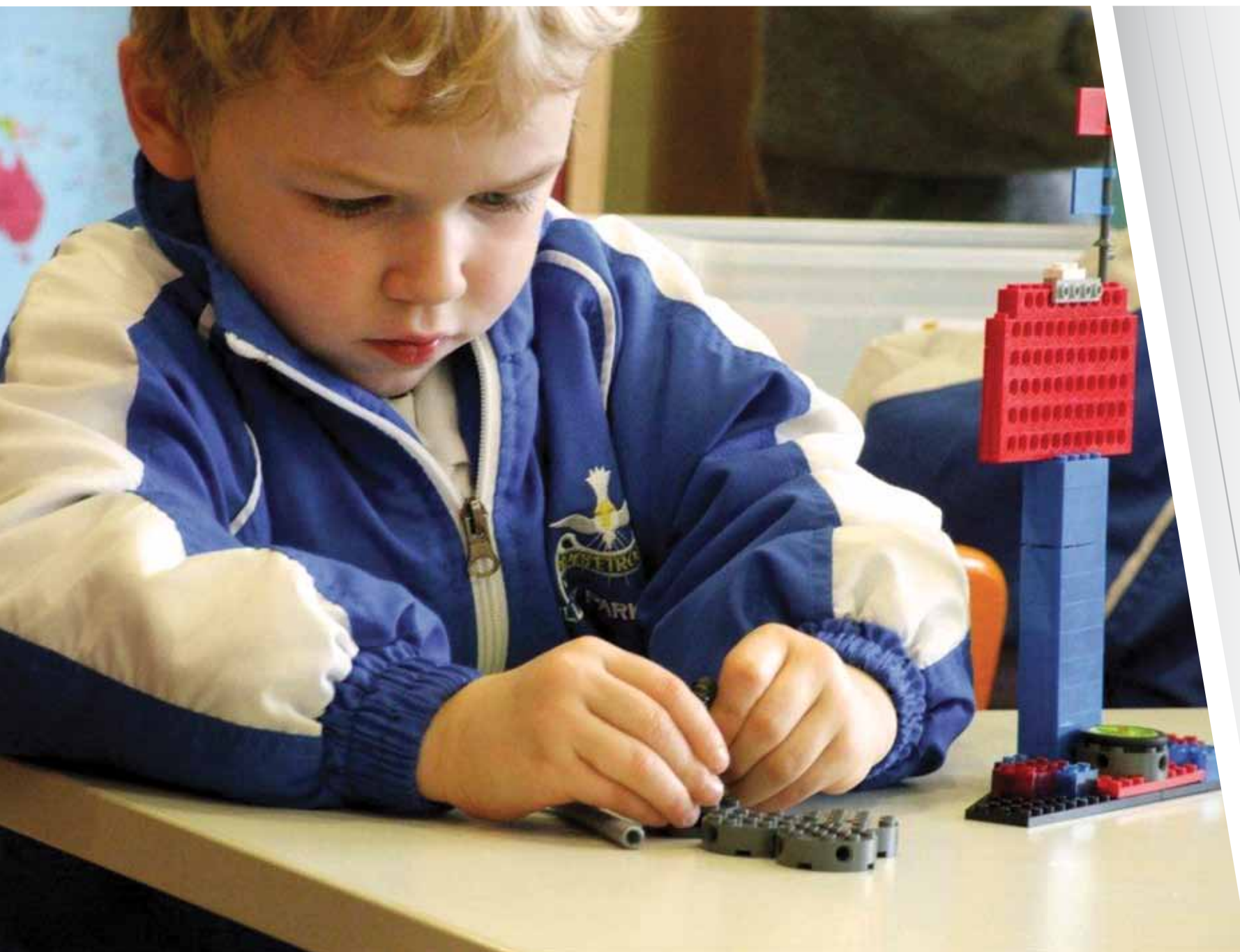




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ON ACTIVE LEARNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT AT INFANT LEVEL  
AND BY EXTENSION, PROVIDING  
OUR PUPILS WITH RICH  
EXPERIENCES DURING THESE  
CRUCIAL EARLY YEARS.

– PRIDE FROM THE BEGINNING –

At Willow Park, we believe in providing the best possible start for young boys as they begin their education. The Willow Infant Programme is delivered in a structured and progressive format, enriching the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework of 'Well-being', 'Identity And Belonging', 'Communicating' and 'Exploring And Thinking'.

By providing a purposeful learning environment that encourages play, exploration, discovery and interaction, we enable all boys to become independent learners with a thirst for 'finding out'. The combined skills of perseverance and experimentation are key components in equipping the boys for the more academic demands of First Form and beyond, ensuring both a successful and enjoyable journey through Willow Park and on to Blackrock College.







AT WILLOW PARK, SPORTING  
AND CULTURAL PURSUITS  
ALLOW WILLOW BOYS TO  
EXPRESS THEMSELVES  
PHYSICALLY AND ARTISTICALLY.

## — THE ARTS AND SPORT —

Cultural pursuits are embedded in the Willow curriculum. Classrooms are hives of creativity, expression and cultural learning, whilst the school corridors reflect the imaginative spirit within each Form. Our annual Willow Arts' Week allows pupils display and express their creativity. Visiting artists in the performing /visual arts enter classrooms and allow the boys to experience the joy of live performance. Cultural and sporting pursuits develop creative and healthy individuals and Willow is blessed with playing fields and performance space a-plenty to allow pupils full expression therein.

Rugby, swimming, basketball and fencing are regular pursuits, whilst sailing, soccer, tennis and golf are also available. A busy calendar (including Book Week, Science Week, the above mentioned Arts' Week, Seachtaine na Gaeilge, various performances and educational trips) makes for a stimulating and vibrant school - both inside and outside the class-room.







MUSIC PERMEATES  
THE WILLOW DAY,  
BE IT IN THE  
CLASS-ROOM,  
THE CHAPEL OR  
THE AUDITORIUM.

Willow has a rich musical tradition and all pupils actively participate in the Willow Music curriculum. Boys are encouraged to join Choir, instrumental classes and Orchestra. Recorder is introduced in 2nd Form. Boys are then encouraged to play an instrument through our 'Sound it Out' Programme and the school Choirs and Orchestra complement our many Liturgical and artistic events.

Through music, Willow boys learn to express their spirituality and joy in living.







WILLOW IS A SCHOOL WHERE THE PUPILS SEE TEACHERS AND PARENTS WORKING TOGETHER; WHERE COMMUNICATION IS OPEN AND WHERE RESPECT IS EARNED BY ALL INVOLVED IN THE LEARNING PROCESS. OUR CAMPUS PROVIDES CONTINUITY IN EDUCATION, WITH INCREMENTAL ENRICHMENT IN LEARNING.

#### THE WILLOW FAMILY

Central to the success of Willow is the positive relationship between school, pupil and home. Willow boys quickly recognise that parents and teachers work together in a positive and supportive manner. Courtesy is the norm, relevant homework is set (and corrected), Progress Reports are issued regularly, achievable (yet challenging) standards are met and participation in all the school activities is expected.

Willow Park Sixth Formers proceed to Willow 1st Year and then onto Blackrock College, our campus thus providing a continuum in education for the whole community - our pupils and their families. This focused and seamless progression in learning provides Willow boys with a sense of identity and community that is a bedrock for living and learning in future years.





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AT WILLOW, BOYS COME TO  
UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE  
OF HONESTY, JUSTICE AND  
CARING FOR THE POOR AND  
MARGINALISED IN OUR WORLD.  
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DIRECTION FOR LIFE.

#### — A SPIRITUAL COMPASS —

The Liturgy and prayer are a core part of school life in Willow. Boys learn their prayers, attend mass and are properly prepared for the sacraments. First Holy Communion and Confirmation are celebrated and the moral principles developed in Willow act as spiritual bearings to guide boys in adulthood. Willow boys learn of their responsibilities towards those less privileged in life. They actively support charitable causes in Ireland and abroad, helping the St. Vincent de Paul, Goal and Spiritan missions world-wide. Care for one's neighbour is at the heart of a Spiritan education.







WILLOW IS A SPIRITAN SCHOOL  
THAT CARES FOR EACH PUPIL  
WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A  
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AND  
ENCOURAGES EACH BOY TO  
DEVELOP HIS PARTICULAR TALENTS  
AND ENRICH HIS WORLD.


## APPLICATION

### Application Form and Enrolment

An Application Form is available at  
[www.willowparkjuniorschool.ie/Application](http://www.willowparkjuniorschool.ie/Application)  
or by phoning The Registrar, Willow Park  
Junior School @ 01-2881651.

A copy of the school Enrolment  
Policy is available at:  
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### Links:

Spiritans: [www.irishspiritans.ie](http://www.irishspiritans.ie)   
Blackrock College: [www.blackrockcollege.com](http://www.blackrockcollege.com)  
Willow Park 1st Year: [www.willowparkschool.ie](http://www.willowparkschool.ie)

