

## St. Mary's National School Digital Learning Vision:

- In our school we believe that digital technology should be used as a tool to enhance teaching, learning and assessment across the curriculum. Digital learning needs to be an integral part of the teaching and learning in schools today, and should be used to support and improve teaching and learning rather than replace it. .
- **We wish to promote a school-wide basic digital literacy in both pupils and staff, and create an environment in which staff and pupils support each other by the sharing of relevant strengths and experiences**
- The management will promote a culture of collaborative and reflective practice amongst staff (teachers and SNAs) when using digital technologies
- We want to use Digital Learning as an exciting, engaging and creative medium for expression whereby the pupils in our school can create meaningful digital content as opposed to passively engaging in digital technology. As stated in the *Digital Strategy for Schools 2015-2020* we realise “The potential of digital technologies to enhance teaching, learning and assessment so that Ireland’s young people become engaged thinkers, active learners, knowledge constructors and global citizens to participate fully in society and the economy” is key for our pupils.
- We recognise the positive impact that digital technologies can have on the learning of pupils with special and additional needs and aim to harness this potential in our school moving forward in order to promote and sustain inclusion and integration.
- We also aim to enhance pupils’ ability to use technology in an ethical and safe way, and to engage critically with online content.
- To achieve these aims, we plan to make better use of the equipment we have (interactive displays, iPads and laptops), provide opportunities for continued professional development and peer learning among our staff and invest in maintenance and purchase of further equipment as needed and when financially possible