

## GRACE PARK EDUCATE TOGETHER RECEIVING A DEFIBRILLATOR



On the 1<sup>st</sup> of September this year, Grace Park Educate Together National School opened their doors on a temporary site on ChildVision in Drumcondra. They have 28 Junior Infants and offer equality based learning for all. This week at Grace Park ETNS they received a defibrillator from The Stephen Gately Trust.

“We are so grateful to accept this kind donation from the Stephen Gately Trust. It is a great resource for our school and the wider community. Our children have been learning all about the function of the heart and the importance of keeping our hearts healthy. With this defibrillator onsite we are able to raise awareness of Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome (SADS) and the importance of saving lives by using a defibrillator”, says Marcus Wynne, Principal.



Following Stephens tragic death on 10th October 2009 at the age of only 33 from an undiagnosed heart condition the Gately family underwent extensive medical tests to ascertain if they had inherited the same medical conditions or had any other underlying conditions. It was confirmed that Stephens only sister Michelle has Long QT Syndrome (LQTS) and is currently undergoing genetic testing and receiving treatment.

Michelle decided in memory of Stephen to set up the “Stephen Gately Trust” to raise awareness of Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome (SADS) and to hopefully prevent other families having to go through the pain of losing a loved one. All money raised will be used to raise awareness of SADS and provide medical and other needed equipment to Hospitals, GPS, Schools, Colleges and Sports Clubs.



Marcus Wynne, Principal of Grace Park ETNS receiving the defibrillator

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[www.graceparketns.com](http://www.graceparketns.com)

[www.stephengatelytrust.ie](http://www.stephengatelytrust.ie)

[www.irishheart.ie](http://www.irishheart.ie)