

## Our Mission Statement

St. Patrick's N.S. is a co-educational, catholic primary school which strives to provide a well-ordered, caring, happy and secure atmosphere where the intellectual, spiritual, physical, moral and cultural needs of the pupils are identified and addressed.

While St. Patrick's N.S. is a school with a catholic ethos, it also has due recognition for all other religions.

St. Patrick's N.S. will strive to promote, both individually and collectively, the professional and personal development of teachers through staff development programmes.

St. Patrick's N.S. will encourage the involvement of parents through home/school contacts, parent/teacher meetings and through their involvement in St. Patrick's N.S. Parent Association.

St. Patrick's N.S. will endeavour to enhance the self-esteem of everyone in the school community, to imbue in the pupils respect for people and property and to encourage in them the idea of being responsible.

St. Patrick's N.S. will promote gender equity amongst the teachers and pupils.

Déanfaimid iarracht Gaeilge a labhairt.

## School Uniform

**Girls:** navy blue pinafore skirt/pants, blue blouse, navy blue crested jumper/cardigan, school tie.

**Boys:** navy blue pants, blue shirt, navy blue jumper, school tie.

*Names should be clearly marked on clothing.*

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## Useful Information

School Hours:

Infant classes—9.20am to 2.00pm

First to Sixth class—9.20am—3.00pm

Break times:

11am—11.10am

12.30pm—1.00pm

Fruit break:

This five minute break takes place at 10am daily.

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Parents are requested to collect their children promptly as the infant teacher has preparation to make for the next day between 2.10pm and 3pm.

Lunches— Good, wholesome food is recommended. For safety, glass bottles are not permitted. Easy to open lunch boxes and flasks make lunchtime more enjoyable. The school has a Healthy Eating Policy which can be found on our website.

Physical Education—Pupils wear runners and a tracksuit.

St. Patrick's  
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*Welcome to our  
school*

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St. Patrick's NS,  
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to you all- especially those who are meeting us for the first time. As parents and teachers we need to help each other so that together we can ensure that each child has a happy and successful start to his or her school life.

This brochure contains information that we hope will be of assistance to you.

If you require any further information on our school, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office. I would be happy to meet with you at a time that is convenient to all.

Yours sincerely,

Ger Kelleher

***Your child's first year in school***

Your child has learned an amazing amount since you first laid eyes on him/her. Now that he/she is going to school his/her abilities will continue to expand under your guidance and that of your child's teachers. Sometimes the teacher will deal with all the children as a class. At other times children will work in groups or each child will work on his/her own, depending on progress. Through the teacher's careful guidance and planning the child's experiences will be enriched.

***What will your child learn?*** Your child will learn to find his/her way about and to work closely with others. The child's ability to listen attentively, to remember important facts and to observe closely will be fostered. Great stress will be laid on the spoken language. During the child's first year in school, most of what he/she can communicate about, what he/she understands, or does not understand, will be through spoken language.

***Reading:*** Children will encounter early reading through stories being read to them and through collaborative and shared reading of books. They will be given ample opportunity to handle and browse through books and to bring books home to read. A sight vocabulary of common words will also be introduced.

***Writing:*** The teacher will guide the children's progress from random scribbles through rhythmic patterns and simple designs, to a clear style of print.

***Mathematics***—'Learning by doing'. The children will make discoveries and solve problems by handling objects and using mathematical equipment. Collections of objects will be used for sorting, counting and ordering numbers. Great emphasis is placed on the language of mathematics and concepts will be reinforced by the completion of written and colouring activities. The child will receive guidance in forming numbers.

***Irish***—The introduction to the language is gradual. Pupils will get to hear and understand words and phrases in Irish. Rhymes and songs will be used to reinforce this knowledge.

***Religion***—The whole of the child's life in school reflects the spiritual aspirations of parents and teachers. The children receive regular visits from the clergy.

***I.T.***- The school has 18 iPads at present as well as numerous laptops. These devices are used to support and reinforce learning in the classroom and to give pupils opportunities to create and present their work digitally.

***Home / School Communication***—The school sends regular newsletters to parents. We also operate a Text A Parent service to keep parents informed of closures and other important events.

A parent / teacher meeting will be held once a year. Parents are free at any time to make an appointment with a teacher to see them before or after school.