

We are a two teacher, Church of Ireland, co-educational school situated in the town of Rathkeale. We offer a child-centered approach to teaching and learning with the needs and requirements of each individual child at the heart of our school ethos.

The multi-classrooms offer children the opportunity to grow together in learning – children encourage, support and learn from each other. In a small class, a child can grow in confidence at a pace which suits them. The relaxed, friendly, and nurturing classroom atmosphere provides a very pleasant learning environment for the children.

As well as a full curriculum, we provide a range of activities and learning experiences for children including visiting coaches for PE, visits by Geoff Hunt to the school and outings to local nature sites provided by Heritage in Schools, Green School activities and outings, engaging with online webinars and events, school tours –previous tours included a trip to Spike Island, swimming lessons and engaging with science events.

We have a wonderful school community. Parents play a key role in their children's education, and we are fortunate to have a parent body that is eager to engage with the school and to get involved in school activities. Parents have come to the school to tell the children about various projects they are involved in and the work they do and to lead lessons with children in an art project. We are also in the process of beginning our Parent's Council which will be an invaluable addition to the school.

Please feel free to contact us by phone or email and visit the school website for policy information and to see pictures of lessons and activities.



Testimonials

“Church Street National School has brought me many happy memories such as trips to the library, sports day, going to the playground and the science fair. All the teachers, Ms. Looney, Mr. West, Ms. Lenihan and Jerry and of course all the secretaries, were very kind to me and helped me when I needed it. I liked the projects we did like bug hotels, garden & art projects. I enjoyed it with Geoff hunt going to different places studying bugs, fish, trees etc. Overall, I loved my journey in primary school”
Suzel Gonzales Blodau (Former Pupil)

I chose the school for my children because of the more personal touch experiences they provide. The small classroom number enables them to excel in reaching their full potential. The mixed class situation embraces positive friendships to form with peers of different ages due to the close group interactions they have within the class setting environments. I have found the teachers easy to approach and openly communicate with parents both formally, when needed, and informally daily. We are very happy as a family to be part of the school community spirit which exists and constantly developing within the school.

The preparation level my son attained for his transition to secondary school was exemplary. He has shared that when he went into 1st year he was grateful for the quality of the education level he had gotten in primary school as it had made him very confident in having the vast knowledge for the academic work he was expected to undertake.
Sharon Noonan (Parent)

Church Street National School provides so many other elements of education from science to environmental education, swimming and nature field trips which is not always possible in larger schools. There is no uniform which allows children to express themselves as they want. So many areas such as personal wellbeing are focused on and mental health which equips the student with skills that they will use all through life.

There are many wonderful projects for the children to engage in such as planting a vegetable patch or newly placed outdoor tables and chairs for outdoor classes (weather permitting). It is a wonderfully rounded approach which encourages and gives the students confidence.

Julianna O'Brien (Parent)



Planting Spring Bulbs



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