



Scoil Náisiúnta Chnoc na Graí



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Information Booklet

Welcome to our School

A very warm welcome to Scoil Náisiúnta Chnoc na Graí. We hope that your child / children will be very happy here.

Our school is a happy and safe place where every child matters.

Without your support we cannot succeed so we look forward to working in partnership with you in the best interest of your child's learning and personal development.



Whose Child is This?

Unknown Author

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day
Seeing a little one out at play
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile
"Mine to keep a little while
To bathe his hands and comb his hair
To tell him what he is to wear
To prepare him that he may always be good
And each day do the things he should"

"Whose child is this?" I asked again
As the door opened and someone came in
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile
"Mine, to keep just for a little while
To teach him how to be gentle and kind
To train and direct his dear little mind
To help him live by every rule
And get the best he can from school"

"Whose child is this?" I ask once more
Just as the little one entered the door
"Ours" said the parent and the teacher as they smiled
And each took the hand of the little child
"Ours to love and train together
Ours this blessed task forever."



Education is a life long journey. We want your child's first steps to be as positive as possible. Join us as we walk the path of learning together.

We hope your child's years in Knocknagree NS will be extremely happy and we will help him / her to grow in all that is positive and good.

Safety

Covid-19

We will continue to follow all current public health guidelines from the HSE to maximise the safety of all families attending Knocknagree NS.

At the moment measures include:

- Sanitising stations at entrances to school and outside all classrooms.
- Staggered lunch breaks to prevent mixing class bubbles.
- Seating in pods in classrooms.
- Handwashing breaks prior to eating and after coming in from break / PE etc.
- All staff wear medical grade masks
- Parents / guardians are asked to wear masks during drop-off and when collecting their children.
- Parents are asked not to congregate outside the school wall.
- Visitors to the school are minimised and strictly by appointment only.

Children going home early

A signed written consent is necessary if a child has to leave the school during the day. You will be asked to sign your child out in a record book inside the main school door.

Children unwell in school

When the principal / teacher feels that a child is not well enough for school, either as a result of becoming sick or an accident, the parents / guardians will be contacted immediately. If your address or phone number changes please notify the school so we can amend our records.

Head lice

Head lice are regular visitors in all schools! Children with long hair are requested to keep it tied up. Please check your child's hair regularly. Please report it to the school if you have found head lice in your child's hair (where the matter will be dealt with discretely) so that we can follow protocol.

Insurance

As part of the book rental money paid your child is covered by 24 hour pupil accident insurance. This covers any injuries that may occur at home or in school

Our School

School Name: Scoil Náisiúnta Chnoc na Graí
Knocknagree NS

School Address: Knocknagree, Mallow, Co Cork.

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Chairperson Board of Management:
Mr. James Brosnan

Principal: Mrs. Eleanor O Connell

Denominational Character: Catholic School

Name of Patron: Dr. Raymond Browne
Catholic Bishop of Kerry

School Staff:

Mrs. Eleanor O Connell (Principal) - 4th, 5th & 6th Class Teacher

Mr. Pdraig Doyle (Deputy Principal)-1st, 2nd, 3rd Class Teacher

Mrs Michelle Murphy- Special Education Teacher

Mrs Carmel O' Sullivan - Junior & Senior Infants Teacher (Job Share)

Mrs Ann Marie Keane - Junior & Senior Infants Teacher (Job Share)

Ms Nicola O' Donoghue– Special Needs Assistant (Job Share)

Mrs Marcella Reen Special Needs Assistant (Job Share)

Mrs Siobhán Moynihan– Special Needs Assistant

Mrs Mairéad Cronin– Secretary

Ms. Siobhan O Donoghue - Cleaner

Our Mission Statement

Scoil Náisiúnta Chnoc na Graí is a co-educational, Catholic primary school, under the patronage of the Bishop of Kerry, which strives to provide a well-ordered, caring, happy and secure learning environment where the intellectual, spiritual, emotional, physical, moral and cultural needs of the pupils are identified and addressed.

While Scoil Náisiúnta Chnoc na Graí is a school with a Catholic ethos, it also has due recognition for all other religions. Scoil Náisiúnta Chnoc na Graí will strive to promote, both individually and collectively, the professional and personal development of teachers through staff development programmes.

Scoil Náisiúnta Chnoc na Graí will encourage the involvement of parents through home / school involvement in the Parents Association. Scoil Náisiúnta Chnoc na Graí 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 ideas of being responsible.

Scoil Náisiúnta Chnoc na Graí will promote gender equity amongst the teachers and pupils. Déanaimid iarracht Gaeilge a labhairt.

Our School Motto

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We want our pupils to enjoy school.

We endeavour to achieve quality in all that we do.

These aspirations can only be achieved through the co-operation of students, teachers, support staff, parents and guardians, Board of Management and the wider community.

Homework

The purpose of homework is to reinforce what your child learns during the day and provide a valuable link between home and school.

To support your child:

- Provide a suitable place and time to do homework
- Minimise interruptions and distractions i.e. turn off TV, radio
- Take interest in your child's work, ask questions, praise, support but never do your child's homework for them!
- Reading and learning off is a crucial part of homework. Please support your child in ensuring they are doing their best in these as well as written work.
- Please sign and check your child's homework every evening.
- Contact your child's teacher if your child is having difficulty completing his / her homework.

Communication

For general information our school issues notes or letters. Please check your child's schoolbag regularly. The school also sends texts and email or messages via Alladin or Seesaw for infants

Parents are welcome to come and discuss their child's progress with the teacher. To avoid disrupting class an appointment is necessary. Please contact the class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

We ask that you ensure the school always has an up to date and immediate contact number for you.

Healthy Eating

Knocknagree NS is a Health Promoting School. As children spend a significant part of their day in school, it is important that we encourage and facilitate them to eat healthily during that time.

- A variety of healthy, nutritious foods are encouraged.
- Water, milk, juice or cordial



- Crisps, fizzy drinks, junk food and chewing gum are not allowed.
- In order that you know what your child has eaten each day children bring home the remains of their lunch.

KNOCKNAGREE NS IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL

This means all parents and guardians need to exclude all nuts and nut products including peanut butter, Nutella, cereal bars etc. from your child's lunch box. It is extremely important that everyone co-operates in ensuring this ban is implemented to keep children with nut allergies safe and healthy while in school.

Our School Rules

Our pupils and staff are all expected to respect our school rules:

- I will be **gentle** - I will not hurt anyone.
- I will be **kind** - I will not hurt people's feelings.
- I will be **honest** - I will not hide the truth.
- I will **listen** - I will not interrupt.
- I will **respect** property - I will not waste or damage things.
- I will **work hard** - I will do my best.

Our Code of Behaviour and Anti - Bullying policies can be viewed on the school website www.knocknagreens.ie by clicking on 'downloads'.

Our School Day

Junior and Senior Infants: 9.15am - 1.55pm

First to Sixth Class: 9.15am - 2.55pm

The school doors will be opened at 9.05am.

Punctuality and Attendance

All children are expected to be punctual and to attend school everyday. Good school attendance is crucial to your child's progress. We ask that you are on time picking up your child daily.

Absences

Parents / Guardians are now obliged by law to provide a written explanation of their child's absence to the school, either prior to the absence if it is an appointment, or upon the child's return to school. This note must be dated and signed.

In accordance with the Educational Welfare Act the school has a duty to report any child who has missed 20 days or more in one academic year.

Curricular Subjects

As per the Primary School Curriculum (1999) and Primary Language Curriculum (2019) your child will be learning in the following areas and subjects:

- **Language:** Gaeilge and English
- **Mathematics:** Mathematics
- **Social, Environmental and Scientific Education (S.E.S.E):** History, Geography and Science
- **Arts Education:** Music, Visual Arts and Drama
- **Physical Education (P.E.):** Physical Education
- **Social,**
- **Religious Education:** Religion

In Junior and Senior Infants we also use the Aistear Framework to plan playful learning experiences for children's learning and development.

Further information can be found at
www.curriculumonline.ie

Extra Curricular activities in the school include

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| Swimming for all classes | Gymnastics |
| Irish dancing | Yoga |
| School Choir | Christmas Play |
| Active flag | Green flag |
| Amber flag (positive mental health) | Art classes |
| Quiz competitions | football |
| Athletics | Sports day |
| JEP Junior entrepreneur programme | |

School Uniform

Each pupil attending Scoil Náisiúnta Chnoc na Graí is required to wear the full school uniform.

Junior infants to 6th Class (Boys and Girls)

Blue crested jumper
Light blue polo shirt
Plain navy joggers
Runners

P.E. Uniform

Plain navy joggers, light blue polo shirt & runners

All the above can be purchased at either O'Keeffe's Ballydesmond or The Washbasket Rathmore.