

Kilross

NATIONAL SCHOOL

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Fáilte • Welcome

Thank you for considering Kilross National School for your child's primary education.

We are proud to introduce our school to you and hope that this prospectus will give you an insight into the special qualities of our school and the extensive, all-round education we offer.

If you require any further information, please contact the school directly. We will be delighted to answer any questions you may have.

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Our School

Kilross N.S. is rural school, located between Ballygawley and Ballintogher and just 10 minutes from Sligo Town. Kilross NS has been at the heart of the community since 1909. It is a two teacher school with a shared special education teacher. Our school has a Catholic ethos and welcomes families of all religions and none. It has a warm, caring environment where children of all abilities are active in their own learning and encouraged to become independent learners. Our dedicated staff are committed to ensure that each pupil is challenged and developed in all aspects of their learning and given every opportunity to reach their full potential.

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Curriculum

The curriculum is divided into the following key areas:

- Language - English and Gaeilge.
- Mathematics.
- Social, environment and scientific education (SESE) – History, Geography and Science.
- Arts education, including Visual arts, Music and Drama.
- Physical education (PE).
- Social, personal and health education (SPHE).
- Religious Education.

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Technology

To enrich the children's learning, each child has access to an ipad or netbook on a daily basis. Each classroom is equipped with an interactive whiteboard.



Sport

There is a strong sporting tradition in Kilross NS. We believe that there is a sport for everyone. As well as providing a varied PE program, children take part in many workshops, coaching sessions, competitions and blitzes. These include:

- Gymnastics with coach from Youth Sport West.
- Swimming lessons for all classes in Sligo Leisure Centre.
- GAA coaching 12 weeks in the year.
- Taster sessions in tag-rugby, athletics and dance from local clubs.
- Competitions include Cumann na mBunscoil gaelic football interschools competition, Supervalu Athletics Festival and Tag-Rugby interschool's blitz.
- Participation in the Active School Initiative which promotes physical activity every day in school.
- Active School week including a fun sports day.
- Liaising with local schools for blitzes and mini-sports days.



Maths and Science

Each year the school participates in the Discover Primary Science and Maths Award to develop our interest and understanding of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Children learn in a practical, hands on, enjoyable and interactive way.

Literacy

Children's competency in oral language, reading and writing is a vital part of their education. The Aistear program is implemented in the junior classroom promoting literacy and numeracy skills through play. The children are provided with lots of opportunities to read books in our well-stocked classroom libraries. They take part in writing and poetry competitions, celebrate World Book Day as well as regularly presenting their work.



An Ghaeilge Bheo

Is ar chumarsáid agus ar úsáid na teanga mar ghnáth-theanga bheo a leagtar béim I SN Cill Ros. Tá béim ann ar líofacht cainte agus ar leathnú chumas cumarsáide an pháiste i gcoitinne. Cuirfidh foghlaim na Gaeilge ar chumas an pháiste cumarsáid a dhéanamh in dhá theanga.

We believe that Irish is best learned when it is heard in a natural environment as a living language. We encourage children to communicate in both Irish and English.

Feis Shligigh/Drama

Every year children are encouraged to participate in Feis Shligigh. Children from all class groups have an opportunity to compete in poetry, singing, comhrá and drama competitions, all 'as gaeilge'.



Green Schools

We have been awarded several green flags for our work on recycling, gardening and biodiversity. Children develop a strong awareness of the importance of working together for a sustainable future.

School Garden

We recognise the importance of teaching children to grow their own food. We have several raised beds where children plant a variety of herbs, fruit and vegetables every year. The children maintain the beds and are always very proud of their harvest every year when their hard work pays off.



Music Generation

We are currently involved in the Music Generation initiative where children are taught by experienced and trained tutors and given opportunities to explore music, learn an instrument and perform in concert.

School Uniform

Children wear a school uniform comprising of the following:

- A navy skirt/pinafore or navy school trousers
- Blue shirt/polo shirt
- Grey jumper
- Navy school tracksuit for P.E. days.

Our school crest (available from school) designed by a past pupil can be sewn on to school jumpers.



Parents

We believe that children learn best when parents are involved in school life. We feel that we are more likely to succeed in our aims if there is a close partnership with parents based on mutual trust. Parents are involved in many aspects of school life in Kilross NS, from being members of the Board of Management, to being part of our very active Parents' Association, volunteering their skills as well as regular communication with teachers regarding their children. Our Parents' Association regularly organise fundraising events, which fund a variety of school resources and activities.

Healthy Eating Policy

Kilross N.S. operates a healthy eating policy. Parents are asked to support this initiative when packing school lunches.

Transport

Bus Éireann operates a school bus to and from Kilross N.S. (The bus will also leave children to local afterschool facilities.)



Why choose our school?!

- Low pupil-teacher ratio. Small classes sizes means more one-to-one teaching and individual needs catered for.
- Large safe play area divided into zones for team games, imaginative play and junior play area. Outdoor play equipment including goals and basketball hoops, large construction toys and a well-stocked cupboard of playground resources.
- Open-door policy allows parents to chat to teachers about their child's progress or any concerns they may have.
- High emphasis on technology. Access to technology daily for all pupils and individual pupil accounts educational websites which can be accessed at home and monitored by class teacher.
- Low cost book rental scheme in place.
- Regular educational outings and trips subsidised by the school Parents' Association and Board of Management.
- Local pre/afterschool childcare including drop off and collection facilities.
- High emphasis on sport. Links with St. Michaels G.A.A. club, Sligo County GAA squad and Sligo Rovers, Youth Sport West Partnership and Community Games. Swimming class, GAA training and winter P.E. classes.
- Annual school Christmas concert.
- Active Parents' Association and Board of Management.

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