



### After School Clubs:

- Soccer
- Rugby
- Netball
- Dance Fit
- Hurling
- Tennis
- ICT
- Art and Craft
- Table Tennis
- Science
- Cycling
- Camogie
- Computer
- Fashion
- Cookery
- Hockey
- Eco Club
- Games



*a school that cares  
for the environment*

**Principal:**  
Mr. Kieran O'Neill  
**Vice Principal:**  
Mrs. Leona Campbell  
**Primary 1 Teacher:**  
Mrs. Mairéad McKay  
**Learning Support Assistant:** Mrs. Angela McBride  
**Primary 1 Learning Support Teacher:**  
Mrs. Aileen McIlroy

Due to Covid 19 we won't be able to host our usual Open Morning, however, we welcome you to view the virtual Open Day video on the school website. If your child is due to start school next September 2021 then look no further than the warm, nurturing, family environment that St. Brigid's Primary School can offer.

Alternatively, you can also contact the school to speak with the principal and to find out more information about the application process.

### Some of our facilities:

- Morning Club 8 - 9 a.m.
- Afterschool Childcare Services 2 - 5.30 p.m.
- Foundation Stage Playground [P1&2]
- Outdoor Play Equipment
- Violin and Piano Tuition
- Singing, Guitar and Drama Tuition
- 18 Afterschool Activity Clubs
- Cross Community Programme
- New Reading and Maths Scheme
- £1.3 million Refurbished School Building

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# Information for Parents







# St. Brigid's Primary School

## Information about our school

### Curriculum

St. Brigid's Primary School provides a broad and balanced curriculum for all children so that they experience success in their learning and achieve high standards. Our school's curriculum secures opportunities for each child to engage in active learning. In each of the key areas of the curriculum (Language & Literacy, Mathematics and Numeracy, Information Communication Technology, The World Around Us, Physical Development, The Arts, Personal Development and Religion) our pupils develop the knowledge, understanding and skills they need in ways that suit their individual ability.

### Personal & Social Development

St. Brigid's places a high priority on children's happy transition from their home, nursery or playgroup to the school. Our P1 teacher visits the children in their pre-school setting.

The school has played a leading role in promoting pupils' Personal Development & Mutual Understanding [PDMU], an important element of the Revised Primary Curriculum. Children in Years 1 - 7 participate in structured, weekly Circle Time lessons allowing every child in the lesson the opportunity to meet in a circle to speak, listen, and interact with each other.

Mutual Understanding is also promoted through links with schools locally, nationally and internationally.

### Inspection Report

Read our very successful inspection report on the school's website.

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### Parental Partnership

St. Brigid's values the role you play in the development and education of your child. We work in close partnership with parents. This partnership begins before your child even starts school. An Induction Meeting will help you become familiar with the curriculum the pupils follow, how you can assist your child's learning and the procedures and routines of the school. After your child has settled in the school a meeting will be organised to discuss how well they are progressing. Parents will also have an opportunity to meet their child's teacher to discuss academic progress and a written report will provide an overview of your child's achievement in P1. Opportunities also exist throughout the year to informally discuss matters that arise or concerns you may have.

Many of the parents are also involved in the school's active and committed Parent Teacher Association [PTA]. It is an opportunity to meet other parents and to support the school.

### Pre-School and New After School Care for Your Child

At St. Brigid's P.S we provide a high quality child care service before and after school.

- **MORNING CLUB**
  - ◇ Supervised care from 8 - 9 a.m. each morning
  - ◇ Breakfast
  - ◇ £2 per session
- **THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**
  - ◇ Supervised after school care, each school day from 2 - 5.30 p.m.
  - ◇ Homework support, sports, creative activities, indoor / outdoor play
  - ◇ £2 per hour



### Learning Support Centres

St. Brigid's has two Learning Support Centres. Class A for P1- 4 pupils and Class B for P5 - 7 pupils. Both classes provide a secure, stimulating and supportive learning environment for children who require specialist assistance. Both classes are very much part of our school community and add much to the life and spirit of our school.

### Outdoor Play

St. Brigid's staff believe that the outdoors can provide young children with one of the best possible environments in which to learn. Children in the Foundation Stage have access to a stimulating, richly resourced separate playground in which to play daily. The outdoor 'classroom' offers children the opportunity to use effective modes of learning—play, movement and sensory experience. The design and layout of the new playground has been planned to complement and extend the learning that takes place in the classroom. We have a newly constructed canopy sheltering picnic tables, where children enjoy a variety of table top activities and creative play. In the summer term children also enjoy snack times in the outdoors.

*"...the best kept classroom and the richest cupboard are roofed only by the sky."*

- Margaret McMillan, 1925

### Healthy Eating & Positive Playtime

St. Brigid's is a Healthy Eating School. Pupils drink either milk or water at breaktime and enjoy a snack of fruit or toast. The school places a high importance on play and has led the way in developing active playgrounds, recognised by the NEELB's Innovation & Good Practice programme. The Primary 1 children share the Foundation Stage Playground with Primary 2 and under the supervision of experienced and caring staff at lunchtime they enjoy a range of fun activities.