

E-LEARNING

C.B.S. Primary School is rolling out the use of new technologies including laptops, tablets, e-readers. This will allow our pupils to experience new approaches to learning.



USEFUL WEBSITES

- www.cbsennis.com School website
- www.ncca.ie Primary School Curriculum
- www.npc.ie Tips for Parents
- www.staysafe.ie Parent's Guide to Stay Safe Programme
- www.scoilnet.ie/ Providing a range of resources, worksheets, and project information for all subjects within the Irish primary curriculum broken down by class levels.
- www.sphe.ie
- www.askaboutireland.ie Primary School Section about history and geography
- www.starfall.com Phonics & reading
- www.rainforestmaths.com –Interactive maths activities
- www.literacycentre.net Online numeracy & literacy lessons for kids in a variety of languages
- www.helpmykidslearn.ie
- [www.schooldays.ie](http://www schooldays.ie)
- www.fooddudes.ie

C.B.S. PRIMARY SCHOOL ENNIS

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome you to C.B.S. Primary School Ennis. This prospectus seeks to give you information and answer some of the questions that parents/guardians might ask about our school.

C.B.S. Primary School Ennis aims to create a happy and friendly school where the focus is on children and their learning. Your child will be joining a school rich in tradition and history going back to 1827 when the Christian Brothers first arrived in Ennis.

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CODE OF DISCIPLINE

The Board of Management of C.B.S. Primary School, Ennis has prepared a Code of Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policy for its pupils, staff and parents.

On enrolment of their child, parents/guardians agree to abide by the Code of Behaviour and the Anti-Bullying Policy of the C.B.S. Primary School and support the principal and staff of the school in implementing the code of behaviour.

The school Code of Behaviour details the levels of inappropriate behaviour and the sanctions that are applied for such inappropriate behaviour.

The Code of Behaviour Policy Document is presented to each family on enrolment.

The homework diary contains the school rules and a list of what constitutes rough play

COMPLAINTS

C.B.S. Primary School operates a Parental Complaints Policy. Further information on the “Parental Complaints Policy” is published on the school website under “School Policies”

SCHOOL POLICIES

Ennis C.B.S. Primary School has published a number of school policies that can be viewed on the school website (www.cbseennis.com)

HEALTHY LUNCH POLICY

C.B.S. Primary School Ennis operates a healthy lunch policy in the school. Detailed information on the “Healthy Lunch Policy” is published on the school website under “School Policies”

Suggested foods for a healthy lunch	Food not allowed
Sandwiches (preferably wholemeal bread)	Sweets
Scones	Biscuits
Crackers	Crisps
Raw Vegetables: carrot / celery sticks / cucumber	Bars
Fruit: Apples, oranges, kiwis, pears, plums, raisins, melon slices.	Fizzy Drinks including cartons
Salad Box	Isotonic Sports Drinks
Cheese - triangles or diced.	Cereal Bars
Water	Yogurt
	Chewing Gum



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We hope that your child's experience of our school will be an enriching and rewarding one. With a dedicated staff at C.B.S. Primary School Ennis every effort is made to combine academic excellence with a wide range of sporting and extracurricular activities.

My wish is that this school will rise to the challenge of giving your child a balanced holistic education, developing personally and academically.

Yours sincerely,

Dara Glynn

Principal



SCHOOL ETHOS

C.B. S. Primary School Ennis is a Catholic school under the patronage of the Catholic Bishop of Killaloe and under the trustees of Edmund Rice School Trust (E.R.S.T.). The school models and promotes a philosophy inspired by belief in God and traditional Catholic values. The school promotes the education of pupils in accordance with the doctrines, practices and ethos of the Catholic Church and promotes the formation of the pupils in the Catholic Faith.

While C.B.S. Primary School Ennis is a school with a Catholic ethos, sensitivity is always shown to pupils of all faiths and no faith.

The school cannot, however undertake to educate children of other faiths in their own faith, nor can it provide supervision during the religious education period apart from the class.

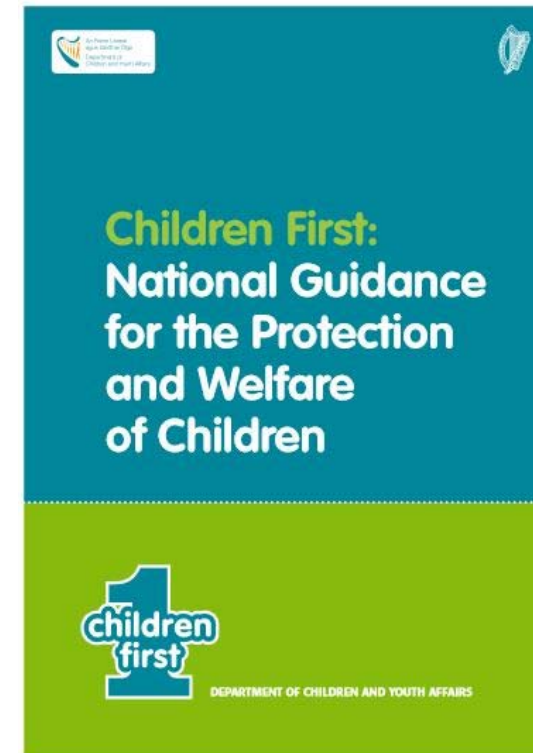


*Edmund Rice ~
educating the hearts
and the minds of
the young.*

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

C.B.S. Primary School Ennis has adopted and implements the Department of Education and Skills Child Protection Procedures for Primary Schools. Any suspected incident of child abuse should be brought to the attention of the Designated Liaison Person (D.L.P.) who is the school principal.

Further information on the “Child Protection Policy” is published on the school website under “School Policies”



ENROLMENT

- C.B.S. Primary School Ennis operates the Ennis Parish Catholic Primary Schools Agreed Application System.
- Parents seeking to enrol their child in C.B.S. Primary School Ennis should contact the school secretary for a School Enrolment Form.
- The timeline for the submission of written applications will be notified in the month of January each year both in the Ennis Parish Newsletters and in the Clare Champion and the Clare People.
- Further information on the school's "Enrolment Policy" is published on the school website under "School Policies"



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THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management of C.B.S. Primary School Ennis has overall responsibility for the running of the school. The principal has responsibility for the management of the school on a day to day basis. The Board of Management operate on a totally voluntary basis.



The Board of Management of our school is composed of the following:

School Principal	1
Patron's Nominees	2
Elected Parents Representatives	2
Elected Staff Representative	1
Community Representative	2

The names of the Board of Management members are available at the school office.

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

All parents and guardians of children attending C.B.S. Primary School Ennis are members. The Association is self-financing and run by a voluntary committee. The Committee works on behalf of the school in the areas of Education and Social affairs, Fundraising and PR.

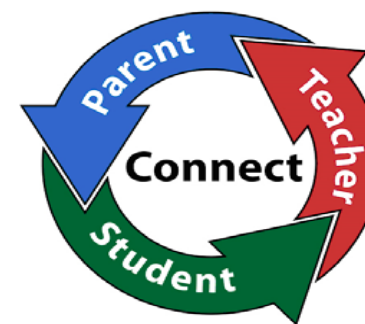
- **Education Talks** – with guest speakers on various issues that help parents.
- **Newsletter** - This is compiled and published by the parents and for the parents.
- **Pupil Accident Insurance scheme.**
- **Parents' Association Calendar.**
- **Participation in the schoolbooks online scheme:** this allows for ease of school book purchase and the raising funds.
- **Uniform rental scheme:** for students making their Confirmation.
- **Assistance** to the school when requested. e.g. the First Communion breakfast.
- **Fundraising:** Social events which raise funds for the Association are Quiz nights, Social events, garden fete days.

Parents Association

HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

In C.B.S. Primary School Ennis communication between parents and teachers is facilitated in the following ways:

- Individual consultation by appointment with class teacher
- Parent/teacher meetings held annually
- Written report cards from second class onwards
- School newsletter (The Scribbler)
- Data Display Information Board located in entrance to Junior Building
- Website: (www.cbsennis.com)
- Class blogs
- Text-a-Parent facility



ATTENDANCE

Under the Education Welfare Act 2000 every child between 6 years and 16 years **is obliged by law to attend school every day on which the school is in operation unless there is a reasonable excuse for not attending.**

In the event of a pupil being absent through illness or for any other reason, the class teacher should be informed by note on the pupil's return to school. If it is anticipated that the absence will be of a lengthy duration, the class teacher should be informed by note as soon as possible.

Please do not ring the Secretary.

In accordance with Education Welfare Act 2000, C.B.S. Primary School Ennis is obliged to notify the National Educational Welfare Board (N.E.W.B.) if your child has been absent for more than 20 days in any school year with or without a medical cert.

Written or verbal notification from Parents / Guardians is required when a pupil wishes to leave the school for any reason (doctor or dental appointment) Parent/ Guardian are requested to complete the '**Sign-in, Sign-out Book**' when a pupil leaves and returns to school during a school day. This is on table by secretary's office in Junior School Building.



SCHOOL HOURS

8.40a.m.	School open for pupils
8.59 a.m.	Children assemble in class lines
9.00 a.m.	School commences
11.00 – 11.10 a.m.	Sos
12.40 – 1.10 p.m.	Lón
1.40 pm	Finish (Junior & Senior Infants)
2.40 pm	Finish (Other pupils)

C.B.S. Primary School Ennis will not accept any responsibility or liability for any pupil arriving on the school grounds prior to 8.40 a.m.

The school cannot be responsible for any Junior/Senior Infants not collected at **1.40 p.m.**

The school authority will not accept responsibility or liability for any unsupervised pupil remaining on the school grounds after **2.50 p.m.**

Pupils are not permitted to remain in the school building or grounds after normal school hours, unless they are under the specific supervision of a member of the school teaching staff or other authorised person.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Wearing of the School Uniform is compulsory.

Girls	Boys
Navy pinafore/ navy pants	Long Grey Pants
School tie	School Tie
Grey Shirt	Grey Shirt
Grey cardigan with school crest	Navy V- neck jumper with school crest
School tracksuit with school crest	School tracksuit with school crest
Flat shoes (no high heels)	
Optional Fine Weather Uniform	Optional Fine Weather Uniform
Plain navy or grey shorts	Plain navy or grey shorts
White polo shirt	White polo shirt

Boy's uniform / school tracksuit available from Neylon's, Market Square.

Girl's uniform / school tracksuit available from Neylon's, O'Connell Street.

Pupils may wear either school uniform or school tracksuit each day except on P.E. day when tracksuits must be worn.

We ask parents to ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name so that lost items can be returned to their rightful owners.

Body piercing is not permitted apart from one stud earring in the ear-lobe.

HOMEWORK

- Homework is prescribed Monday – Thursday with occasional exceptions.
- Weekends are usually free.
- **All** pupils are expected to do homework. (Phased in gradually with Junior Infants)
- The class teacher, keeping in mind the ages and abilities of the pupils, determines the amount of homework to be done.
- Reading, spellings and tables should be examined by one of the Parents/Guardians.
- Never **do** the homework for your child.
- Parents/Guardians will be notified in cases where homework is being neglected or carelessly done.
- If you find that your child is having continuous difficulties and getting upset at not having the homework completed please contact his/her teacher.
- **Parents/Guardians** are asked to sign the homework diary each night to ensure that the homework given is fully completed and neatly done.
- If the child is unable to do or complete the homework assignments, the parent should inform the teacher.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We encourage pupils to join some extra-curricular activity provided by our staff or outside personnel whom we invite in. The range of the activities we run depends on our resources. The list of the activities given below can vary from year to year.

- Hurling/Camogie
- Gaelic Football
- Art
- Basketball
- Athletics
- Indoor Games
- School Band
- Speech and Drama
- Swimming
- School Concert
- Irish Dancing
- Homework Club
- Chess
- School/Class Educational Trips



Communion:

Boys: Wear a white shirt with the school uniform.

Girls: Wear Communion dress.

Confirmation:

Boys: Wear a white shirt with the school uniform.

Girls: Wear a white shirt with the school uniform.

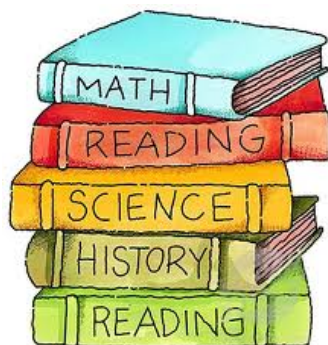


THE CURRICULUM

The curriculum is presented in 7 subject areas comprising 12 subjects

Languages	English
	Irish
Mathematics	
Social Environmental & Scientific	History
	Geography
	Science
Physical Education	
Arts Education	Visual Arts
	Music
	Drama
Social Personal & Health Education	
Religious Education	

The curriculum specifies the amount of time to be allocated to each curriculum area. Each teacher devises an individual timetable to ensure that each subject gets its allocated time.



SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Children are assessed annually from first class onwards to establish their educational needs. Standardised assessments are carried out in Maths and in English by class teachers. Support will be provided for children who are entitled to it by our support teachers. Should your child require any special assistance, be it short term or long, a member of staff will contact you and invite you to the school to discuss your child's needs.

The school also has the services of an educational psychologist, who works closely with the school in assessing children who might be experiencing difficulties in learning.

Further information on the provision of special education is published on the school website under "School Policies"

