



Information for
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of
Incoming Pupils
2022/2023



Dunshaughlin Community National School is a multi-denominational school under the patronage of the Louth and Meath Education and Training Board. It opened in August 2020 with our first junior infant pupils. Community National Schools (CNS) are child-centered publicly accountable schools which strive to provide a high-quality education for every child. They give equal opportunities to all children in the communities they serve.

1. Your Child's Learning and Development

The Primary School Curriculum sets out 7 curricular areas. Your child will be learning in the following curricular areas:

- Language: English and Irish (Gaeilge)
- Mathematics
- Social Environmental and Scientific Education (SESE):
History, Geography and Science
- Arts Education: Drama, Music and Visual Arts
- Physical Education (PE)
- Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE)
- Multi-Belief and Values Curriculum: Goodness Me Goodness You

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****Please note that as a Multi-denominational school, we do not teach Religion. We also do not prepare the children for any religious sacraments. Instead we teach a multi-belief and values curriculum, of which the pupils learn about and from different beliefs of the world.**

2. School Uniform

Our school uniform over the past 2 years has been a temporary uniform, until we as a school identified the most suitable option for our school. From September 2022, we will continue to use the temporary tracksuit. Therefore, any new pupil at our school should wear:

- A navy round neck tracksuit jumper with the school crest (the crest is available from the school and should be ironed to the jumper)
- Navy tracksuit bottoms
- A red polo t-shirt.
- Runners of any colour (no laces if the child is unable to tie their own laces)
- School bag (We would advise that the school bag should be big enough to hold both lunch boxes, drink containers and an A4 size folders/books).

Please ensure that your child's name is clearly written on everything they own.

3. The School Day



Our school day commences at 9.00a.m. and junior and senior infants go home at 1.40p.m. From First class, the children finish at 2.40 p.m. The children's morning break will be from 10.40-11.00a.m., while their lunch break will be from 12.40-1.00pm. It is very important that the children are collected from the school on time. If for any reason your child must leave the school early, a signed written consent is required.

For the first 9 seven days of school, our pupils will have a shorter school day. They will start at 9.00am and finish at 12 noon. After this they will be in school for the full infant day as outlined above.

4. Healthy Eating Policy

Our school will have a healthy eating policy in place. Fizzy drinks and unhealthy foods such as chocolate bars, biscuits, sweets, crisps and chocolate spread will not be permitted. Please ensure that your child's lunch box and bottle can be easily opened and is also labelled



clearly with their name. Please make the school aware of any allergies your child has as this may affect our policy.

5. Eco- Friendly



Our school will have a policy of being environmentally aware and conscious of our carbon footprint. With this in mind, we ask parents not to send any packaging etc into the school as part of your child's lunch. Reusable products and recyclable materials are advised. The children will be asked to take home any waste and dispose of or recycle this at home.

6. Student Fees 2022/23

In advance of each academic year, the Board of Management of Community National Schools agree and ratify student costs for each class group. The following costs have been ratified for Dunshaughlin Community National School for 2022/23. All payments for these costs, should be made via the Online Payment System e.g. Way to Pay. Details of Way to Pay will be forwarded to parent(s)/guardian(s) in September. **Any parent(s)/guardian(s) experiencing difficulty regarding payment of student direct costs should contact the school to discuss further. All discussion will be treated in the strictest confidence.**

Books/workbooks/copies/stationary	€50
Pupil Insurance	€8
Printing & Photocopying	€17
Total student fees for 2021/2022	€75

7. Booklist

As the curriculum of junior classes stresses the important of play-based approaches and active learning we will be using limited workbooks. Any workbooks, stationery and resources required will instead be provided by the school from the student direct costs that parent(s)/guardian(s) are asked to pay.



8. **Open Morning:** We hope to facilitate an Open Morning either in-person or virtually for parent(s)/guardian(s) in September. During this, we will look in more detail at the curriculum for infants and supporting your child in their learning.

9. School Calendar



Dunshaughlin CNS School Calendar 2022/23



Key						
Holidays						
Start of term 1						
12pm finish for Jun.Infs ends						
Last day of term 3						
November 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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August 2022						
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December 2022						
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September 2022						
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January 2023						
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March 2023						
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May 2023						
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June 2023						
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