

# Christian Brothers' Primary School



**Bunscoil na mBráithre Críostaí**  
**Naíscolaíocht - Irish Medium Nurseries**  
**Ard Mhacha - Armagh**



Prospectus

May I take this opportunity of welcoming your child(ren) to the Christian Brothers' Primary School, Armagh. We hope that your child will have a fruitful and enjoyable experience during his/her early years of educational life with us.

Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thapú fáilte a chur roimh do pháiste go Bunscoil na mBráithre Críostaí, Ard Mhacha. Go raibh eispéireas faoi leith ag do pháiste ar scoil linn le linn a luathbhlianta oideachais.

We welcome you, the parents, to the school. We see you as the cornerstone in your child's education and will work with you, in partnership, to offer your child the best possible start. In this booklet we give you information that will help to assure you that your child will enjoy his/her stay at the school.

We tell you about our philosophy and how children learn at our school. We have tried to explain how this fits in with government legislation, especially concerning the Foundation Stage and Revised Curriculum.

Should you find that you require further information about any aspect of school life, please come and see me or a member of staff.

It is only by communication between parents and staff that we can build an open and harmonious relationship which will both support and encourage your child during his/her stay at Christian Brothers' Primary School, Armagh.

Ba mhaith liom fáilte speisialta a chur roimh thuismitheoirí na bpáistí atá le clárú sa bhunscoil i mbliana.

## Nial Smyth

Principal



### School Information

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The Christian Brothers' Primary School is inspired by the vision of Br. Edmund Rice and is committed to the development and growth of each child in mind, body and spirit, whilst recognizing that each child is an individual with their own special abilities, gifts, personality and cultural background.

### GENERAL AIMS / AIDHMEANNA GINEARÁLTA

- To provide a broad and balanced curriculum which fulfils the requirements of the NI Curriculum.
- To develop each child so that they can realise their full potential.
- To involve parents as active partners in the education of their children.
- To develop a respect and understanding of the various traditions and beliefs that make up our community.
- To develop confident, disciplined and enquiring learners, able to make informed choices and decisions.
- To develop an awareness and concern for others less fortunate than themselves.
- To recognise God's love for each of us in turn fosters our love for each other.
- To see themselves as part of the Catholic Church.

|         | Applications             |                        | Admissions               |                        |
|---------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
|         | Eng. Medium<br>Primary 1 | Irish Medium<br>Rang 1 | Eng. Medium<br>Primary 1 | Irish Medium<br>Rang 1 |
| 2017/18 | 59                       | 30                     | 59                       | 30                     |
| 2018/19 | 63                       | 26                     | 63                       | 26                     |
| 2019/20 | 50                       | 32                     | 48                       | 30                     |

|                        |         |       |
|------------------------|---------|-------|
| Percentage Attendance: | 2017/18 | 96.8% |
|                        | 2018/19 | 96%   |

### ADMISSION CRITERIA / CRITÉIR IONTRÁLA

The Board of Governors will apply admission criteria to identify children who should be admitted either at initial admission to education P1/R1 or on transfer from another school. In selecting children for admission, children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to the school will be selected for admission to the school before any child not so resident.

### ADMISSION / IONTRÁIL

If the school's admission and enrolment numbers have not been reached the school will admit all children of compulsory school age whose parents wish them to attend the school. If children reach their 4th birthday by 1st July 2020 they are of compulsory school age and should start primary education in September 2020. Parents of children under compulsory school age, who wish their child to be educated through the medium of Irish will be admitted to either of the Irish medium nurseries, in accordance with the admission criteria.





## ORGANISATION & MANAGEMENT / BAINISTEOIREACHT AGUS EAGRÚCHÁN

The school is known locally as CBS Armagh but its official name is Christian Brothers' Primary School, Armagh/**Bunscoil na mBráithre Críostaí, Ard Mhacha**. It is a Catholic maintained school in the trusteeship of The Edmund Rice Schools Trust(NI).

The school enrolls both boys and girls aged between 3-11. The enrolment number is 476 of which 195 are in the Irish Medium Unit. We have an admission number of 68 of which 30 are in IME. The present enrolled number in the school is 573.

The Board of Governors meets regularly to manage and oversee the running of the school.

There are six strands to the Christian Brothers' Primary School – English Medium Education, **Irish Medium Education, Naíscoil na mBráithre Críostaí, Naíscoil na Páirce Glaise**, Key Stage 1 Autism Class and Key Stage 2 Learning Support Class.

### (i) **Primary – English Medium Education**

Caters for boys and girls of compulsory school age i.e. four years old to eleven years old. Our planned admission for Primary 1 September 2020 is 58. Classes are organised chronologically, taught through English and proceed thus throughout the school. The basic unit is class and teacher.

### (ii) **Primary - Irish Medium Education**

Bunaíodh an t-aonad lánGhaeilge seo i Meán Fómhair na bliana 1995. Teagascstar na buachaillí agus cailíní ann trí mheán na Gaeilge ó Rang 1 go Rang 7. Our Irish Medium Education strand was established in September 1995. Boys and girls from Rang 1-Rang 7 are taught through the medium of Irish.

### (iii) **Naíscoil na mBráithre Críostaí**

Tá sí suite i seomra ranga soghluaiste cóngarach do phríomhfhoirgnimh na scoile. Freastlaíonn an Naíscoil ar pháistí réamhscoile a rugadh idir 02-07-2015 agus 01-07-2016 ar speis lena dtuismitheoirí go gcuirfí oideachas trí Ghaeilge orthu. Glactar leis go leanfaidh na páistí seo ar aghaidh lena gcuid oideachais sa Bhunscoil. Glactar le huasmhéid de 26 páiste sa Naíscoil.

The Naíscoil is located in the specifically designed, blue mobile beside the parent's parking area. It caters for pre school children whose parents wish them to be taught through the medium of Irish. It is anticipated that children attending either of the Naíscolaíocht will continue their primary education in the Christian Brothers' Primary School/Bunscoil na mBráithre Críostaí – English or Irish medium strands. The present enrolment number is 30.

### (iv) **Naíscoil na Páirce Glaise**

Naíscoil na Páirce Glaise is a PEAG's run social services registered Irish Medium playgroup. It is managed by our own Naíscoil Management team. It is situated in a new purpose built Naíscoil and Parents' Room building adjacent to the all-weather pitch which was opened in May 2014. Naíscoil na Páirce Glaise has operated from our school campus for five years and has been fully subscribed with 26 pupils attending each year. The maximum admission number for Naíscoil na Páirce Glaise is 26.

### (v) **Autism/Learning Support Class**

This class caters for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder across Key Stage 1.

### (vi) **Key Stage 2 Learning Support Class**

This class caters for children in Key Stage 2 with special educational needs. The maximum number to be enrolled in this room is 8.





The Board of Governors has overall responsibility for the effective management of the school. As well as nominees of the Department of Education, Trustees and the Education Authority, its membership also includes an elected parent governor and an elected teacher governor. The Principal completes this team.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDUCTION / SOCRUITHE IONDUCHTÚCHÁIN

During the summer term, children to be admitted to Primary 1 and Rang 1 in September, will be invited to come to the school, with their parents, for a morning to meet the teacher and to be provided with additional information. More details will be sent to parents when admission has been approved.

When a child starts school, the day-to-day routine

is very different from that of home and this is a big adjustment for any child. Do reassure him/her by talking happily about school each day and showing no anxiety yourself about the new venture. Remember that your child's attitude will be caught from you.

You can explain that when he/she comes home at the end of the day everything will be waiting as before. Help your child to understand that you want to share this whole exciting adventure. Remember he/she may come home from school tired and without much to say about the day ... so wait until he/she is ready to share it with you ... perhaps at bedtime or in the bath ... and go on from there.

Try to develop a true partnership between home and school and you will have begun a relationship which will benefit your child throughout school life.

## UNIFORM

There is a school uniform which **all** pupils are required to wear.

### Primary 1,2,3 / Rang 1,2,3

#### Boys

- Burgundy round-neck sweatshirt
- Navy track suit bottoms with crest
- White polo shirt
- CBS crest on left side of sweatshirt
- Black footwear - no coloured trim

#### Girls

- Burgundy round-neck sweatshirt with CBS crest on left side
- White polo shirt
- Navy pinafore - single pleat or navy track suit bottoms with crest
- Navy tights - Hallowe'en to Easter
- White socks
- Black footwear - no coloured trim

### Primary 4-7/ Rang 4-7

#### Boys

- Burgundy V neck pullover
- Navy trousers
- White shirt
- Navy striped school tie
- CBS crest on left side of pullover
- Black footwear - no coloured trim

#### Girls

- Burgundy V neck pullover
- Navy pinafore - single pleat or navy tailored trousers
- Navy tights - Hallowe'en to Easter
- White socks
- White blouse
- Navy striped school tie
- Black footwear - no coloured trim

**School uniform is available from Dessies in English Street, Armagh and Brenda's in Main Street, Keady**  
Grants towards the cost of uniform may be available to those entitled to benefits.

## CHARGES / TÁILLÍ

Education in Christian Brothers' Primary School, Armagh is provided free of charge for all lessons and activities connected with the child's entitlement under the Education Reform Order. Swimming lessons may incur a small charge as the school considers continuity of lessons important.

The school may take part in optional extras, outside of school hours, which are connected to the curriculum. Charges will be made for these e.g. music examinations, music tuition, entrance fees, coaching which are over and above the normal class requisition. Charges will also be made for the purchase of milk and a contribution towards snack.



# THE SCHOOL DAY / AN LÁ SCOILE



The school day starts for all children at 9-00am  
*Tósaíonn an lá scoile ar 9.00r.n. do gach páiste.*  
Parents should note that teacher supervision is not provided before 8.45am or after school hours. For health and safety reasons children should not arrive at school before 8.45am, unless specifically asked to do so for extra curricular activity.

Punctuality is an integral element in the social skills that both the school and home are trying to develop so please ensure your child arrives at school on time. After school, children who are being collected should wait in the infant playground as it is dangerous to wait outside the school premises.

*Is gné riachtanach í an phoncúlacht ó thaobh scileanna sóisialta an pháiste de átáthar ag iarraidh a fhorbairt ar scoil agus sa bhaile. Mar sin de, cinntigh go dtagann do pháiste ar scoil in am.*

## ASSEMBLY FOR CHILDREN IS AT: / AN TIONÓL:

**Primary 1-7, Key Stage 1, Autism Class,  
Key Stage 2, Learning Support Class  
Friday morning 10.00am.  
Irish Medium Rang 1-7  
Friday morning at 10.45am**

## SCHOOL CLOSES FOR / CRÍOCHNÚ AN LAE SCOILE:

**English Medium classes & Key Stage 1 Autism Class  
and Key Stage 2 Learning Support Class**

Primary 1, 2, & 3 finish at **2.00pm**

Primary 3 finish at **3.00pm** Term 3 (after Christmas)

Primary 4, 5, 6, & 7 finish at **3.00pm**

**Irish Medium Classes**

*Críochnaíonn Rang 1,2 & 3 ar 2.00i.n.*

*Críochnaíonn Rang 3 ar 3.00i.n i ndiaidh na Nollag  
(Téarmaí 2&3).*

*Críochnaíonn Rang 4,5,6 & 7 ar 3.00i.n.*

## LUNCH BREAK / AN LÓN

Lunch break for Primary 1-3 and Rang 4-7 and  
ASD/LSC class: **12.00 - 12.45pm**

Lunch break for Rang 1-3  
and Primary 4-7: **12.30 - 1.15pm**

Mid morning break for  
English Medium Classes P1-P7: **10.10am -10.25am.**  
IME Classes: **10.30am - 10.45am**

During mid morning break teachers supervise children in the playgrounds on a rota system and during lunch breaks supervisory assistants are in charge.





## SCHOOL WEBSITE /SUÍOMH GRÉASÁIN SCOILE [WWW.ARMAGHCBS.COM](http://WWW.ARMAGHCBS.COM)

The school's website was re-launched in September 2018 and is now a very important tool in the communication between the parents, the school and the wider community. It provides day to day information on all aspects of school-life and parents/carers can easily download copies of letters, newsletters, school forms and other important documents. [www.armaghCBS.com](http://www.armaghCBS.com) also provides detailed information on all of the school's after-schools clubs and parents/carers can subscribe to receive e-mails informing them of when the site has been updated. The school also has a Twitter account. We can be followed @Armagh CBS.

## SCHOOL APP

We strongly recommend you download the school app available to download from the Google PLAY store and/or the Apple iStore – Search Armagh CBS. Be sure to allow notifications once downloaded.

## BREAKFAST CLUB / AN CLUB BRICFEASTA

The Breakfast Club operates daily from **8.05am – 8.45am**. The menu consists of a choice of cereal, toast/marmalade, fruit juice, milk or water. The scheme is operated by two classroom assistants.

## MORNING SUPERVISION / MAIRSEACHT AR MAIDIN

Children who are not attending the Breakfast Club will be supervised by classroom assistants and teachers from **8.45am until the bell rings**.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB / AN CLUB IARSCOILE

The after school club is available to children who attend either English or Irish Medium classes. Details are available from Orla on school telephone number 028 3752 4354. In the club children are given help with written homework. They also get at least one structured activity as well as free play. Cost is available on request.

**Sessions are:**

**First Session** (available Year 1-3) **2.00-3.00pm**  
**Full Session** begins at **2.00pm** for Key **Stage 1** children and **3.00pm** for Key **Stage 2** children finishing at **5.30pm**.

## AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES / IMEACHTAÍ IARSCOILE

The school arranges various after school activities in blocks of 6 week periods throughout the year. Activities are arranged by teaching staff and are as varied as

possible to cater for all interests and skills. Details of the after school classes and costs are sent to parents by letter.

## SCHOOL MEALS / BÉILTÍ SCOILE

School meals are cooked on the school premises and are of a very high standard. The money for the week or days in the week on which dinner is required should be brought in on Monday morning. Parents entitled to free school meals should make application to EA Southern and be aware that dinners must be paid for until notification has been received.

## PACKED LUNCHES / LÓN PACÁILTE

Parents sending a school lunch with their child are reminded that the school operates a Healthy Eating Policy.

## ABSENCE / ASLÁITHREACHT

Pupils are not allowed to leave school without permission from the class teacher and/or the school office. If a child is off school parents are asked to provide the school with a valid reason and children leaving early must be collected at the class or office.

## HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS / SOCRUITHE SAOIRE

The school will be closed for the months of July and August and for all statutory holidays. The school will issue a News Sheet, which will include information about other holidays, i.e. Christmas, Easter, Mid term breaks and some Holy Days of obligation. This will be sent to parents early each term. In the event of an emergency closure every attempt will be made to notify parents to enable them to make alternative arrangements. A fully up-to-date calendar can be found on [www.armaghCBS.com](http://www.armaghCBS.com).

## ILLNESS/ACCIDENTS AT SCHOOL / TINNEAS/TIMPISTÍ AR SCOIL

When a child is sick or injured the school will, in the first place attempt to contact the parent with a view to asking them to come to the school. If this is not possible, the child will be brought to hospital. In less severe cases it would be appreciated if parents would nominate an emergency contact. In all cases, it will be the school policy to act in the best interest of the child.



It is the aim of the Board of Governors of Armagh Christian Brothers' Primary School that all pupils will receive their full entitlement of education under the Northern Ireland Curriculum.

Christian Brothers' Primary School, Armagh will offer a curriculum that is broad and balanced and which promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual and physical development of the pupils.

We strive to give every child the opportunity to experience success. The curriculum will seek to prepare the pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life. It will also be the aim of the school to maximise the potential of each pupil.

In the CBS we follow the Revised Curriculum. The priorities of the Revised Curriculum are the development of your child's knowledge and understanding, alongside an emphasis in the development of skills.

The Foundation Stage (Primary 1 & 2 / Rang 1 & 2) is designed to give your child opportunities as they start school to learn in practical ways, for example, involving well planned and challenging structured play activities.

## FOUNDATION STAGE / KEY STAGE 1 / KEY STAGE II

### AREAS COVERED / ACHAIR CLÚDAITHE:

- Language & Literacy (English & Irish)
- Mathematics & Numeracy
- The Arts (Art and Design Drama & Music)
- The World Around Us (Geography, History, Science & Technology)
- Personal Development & Mutual Understanding
- Physical Education
- Religion

### CURRICULUM SKILLS / SCILEANNA CURACLAIM

- Communication
- Using Maths
- Using Information & Communication Technologies

### THINKING SKILLS AND PERSONAL CAPABILITIES - TSPC / SCILEANNA SMAOINTEOIREACHTA AGUS ÁBALTACHTAÍ PEARSANTA

- Thinking Problem-Solving & Decision Making
- Self-Management
- Working with Others
- Managing Information
- Being Creative

Teachers will make use of a wide range of teaching methods, balancing whole class, group and individual activities.

### SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS / SAINRIACHTANAIS SPEISIALTA

At the Christian Brothers' Primary School we aim to maximize the development of our children and to work towards realizing their individual potential. In doing so, teachers will identify children who find the education process more challenging. For those children who are experiencing difficulties, teachers will work with you, as a parent, to identify children's needs and take action to meet them. In consultation with you, the parents, the school may put in place an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) to help address the needs identified.

If educational needs are very significant, the school may seek advice or external support or assessment. (All provision for Special Education needs will be in line with the Code of Practice on Identification & assessment of Special Needs (Education (NI) Order 1996).







## ASSESSMENT & RESULTS / MEASÚNÚ AGUS TORTHÁÍ

Assessment is an integral part of the NI Curriculum and learning process. Class teachers assess children in different ways, for example by continuous assessment, oral, practical and written tests. Through assessment, teachers build a picture of the progress and the learning needs of each child in order to plan work and aid learning. Year 4 and Year 7 pupils participate in End of Key Stage Assessments and these results are sent to parents in June. The results for Year 7 children, along with their Year 7 report, are sent to their new school. A written report is sent to all parents in June.

## REPORTING TO PARENTS / AG TUAIRISCIÚ DO THUISMITHEOIRÍ

**Parents will be informed of their child's progress by:**

- (a) a yearly meeting, in which parents can discuss the school's view of their child's progress.
- (b) parents will receive a written yearly report on each pupil's progress at the end of June.

At the end of Key Stage 1 (Primary/Rang 4) and Key Stage 2 (Primary/Rang 7) pupils are assessed by the class teacher in work completed on the revised curriculum and given a level (Year 4 - Levels 1-3) (Year 7 - Levels 1-5)

## REWARD PROCEDURES / NÓSANNA IMEACHTA MAIDIR LE DUAISEANNA

The school acknowledges efforts, achievements and contributions to all aspects of school life. To reinforce this we have a system of awards:

### Merit Awards

A pupil from each class is rewarded weekly for achievement, receiving a merit certificate and badge, as well as a small reward. They may win a golden ticket which enters them in to a monthly draw for larger prizes. The Principal presents the awards.

**Duais ns Gaeilge** is a reward system used in the Irish Medium classes to encourage and support pupils to speak Irish to their peers. Five tickets are awarded to pupils in each class throughout the week with an overall winner being selected for special reward and recognition at weekly assemblies.

## HOMEWORK / OBAIR BAILE

Homework is given throughout the school as a means of revising work completed in school and to give parents an opportunity to help and encourage their child(ren) in the learning process. The amount will vary according to age but it will never be excessive or overburdening.

No set homework is given at week-ends from primaries 1-4 although children are encouraged to read every day.

Parents are encouraged both to read to their children and to listen to their children read.

Parents are asked to sign homework notebooks each night when homework is completed.

There is a Homework policy in place.

## DRUGS / DRUGAÍ

At the Christian Brothers' Primary School we are aware of our role in helping your children to develop a healthy lifestyle. We believe that pupils should develop their knowledge and understanding of the use, misuse, risks and effects of drugs (legal and illegal) and other potentially harmful substances. These issues are considered as part of the World Around Us (Science) programme and Personal Development & Mutual Understanding (PDMU) and PE programme.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / OIDEACHAS REILIGIÚNACH

Children are taught religion using the 'Grow in Love' series throughout the school.

In each class prayers are recited every morning and afternoon. Grace before and after meals is recited by each class.

The school chaplain visits the school regularly and celebrates Mass on special occasions throughout the school year. Each class is encouraged to keep a May altar/sacred place.

In Primary 4 and Rang 4 the children are prepared for First Confession and First Communion.

Primary 7 and Rang 6/7 complete work in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## Sport and Extra Curricular Activities



### PE & GAMES / CORPOIDEACHAS AGUS CLUICHÍ

We believe in the importance of a full programme of PE and games which extends the children in several ways:

- As part of a general aim to promote good health and physical well-being.
- The development in each child of a sense of teamwork, co-operation and a healthy attitude towards winning and losing.
- The development of a broad range of skills and co-ordination.
- All children in Key Stage 2 will be given the opportunity to learn to swim. Lessons are provided free for children in Years 5-7.
- On any occasion should a child be unable to participate in PE games, or swimming a note should be sent to the class teacher.
- All children should have suitable footwear for P.E. when this subject is conducted in the School Hall or Gym.

Children from Primary 4-7 and Rang 4-7 must have a PE outfit and a change of footwear to take part in lessons.

We take part in team events with other schools (see extra curricular activities).

### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES / IMEACHTAÍ SEACH-CHURACLAIM

The extra curricular activities offered at the school, we consider, add a very valuable dimension to the education of the children. A full range of activities is displayed on the school promotion leaflet.

There is an additional cost for some of the activities which involve additional coaching.

A sample of some of the activities which are given are: Irish Dancing, French, Maths Club, Art Club, Drama Club, Instrumental group, Needlework/Craft, Choir, Basketball, Athletics, Soccer, Hurling, Handball, Tae Kwon Do, ICT Club, Gaelic Football, Gardening Club, Singing, Guitar, Science, Badminton, Archery, Volleyball and Hockey.

### SPORTING ACTIVITIES - ATHLETICS / IMEACHTAÍ SPÓIRT

The School has a long tradition in sporting activities and enters teams in the following events:

#### Football

Rice Cup  
Mc Greevy Cup  
Inter School Competitions  
7-a-side  
INTO 7-a-side  
Indoor 5 -a-side  
South Ulster League  
Pearse Óg Blitz

#### Hurling

INTO 7-a-side  
Armagh League  
Hamill Cup  
Middletown Cup/Shield

#### Swimming competitions

Area board  
Championships  
Edmund Rice Shield -  
Inter CBS  
Apple Blossom Galas Inter  
Schools  
Minor School Galas

#### Basketball:

Inter school tournament

#### Athletics:

Cross-country league  
Inter school competition  
Armagh Road Race  
Own school sports  
Inter CBS Sports

#### Other Activities:

Tennis  
Rugby  
Handball  
Netball  
Cycling Proficiency  
Soccer  
Camogie  
Dance  
Hockey  
Fun Fitness





# CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES

## Reporting a concern (Child Protection)

If a parent has a concern about his/her own child's safety or safety of another child within the school the parent should:

- Talk to the class teacher
- Still concerned, talk to Mrs L. McGrath or Mrs A. Fay designated teachers OR Mr P. Doyle deputy designated teacher or the school Principal Mr Smyth.
- If still concerned write/talk to:  
Mr Brendan Oliver,  
Chairperson of Board of Governors  
c/o Christian Brothers' Primary School,  
Greenpark, Armagh.
- ***At any time, I can talk to the Social Worker - Gateway Service  
Tel: 0800 783 7745 or  
PSNI Public Protection Unit  
Tel: 0845 600 80000***



## PASTORAL CARE / CÚRAM TRÉADACH

In line with the policy for maximising the potential of each pupil the school recognises that it has a responsibility to do everything possible to care for the physical and emotional well-being of all pupils. The school will endeavour to provide a comfortable and safe environment for learning.

Each class teacher will have initial responsibility for looking after the pastoral needs of the children in his/her class.

Class teachers will attempt to resolve the worries of pupils and to relieve their anxieties.

Class teachers in turn will inform either, Head of Key Stage, the Vice-Principal or the Principal of matters requiring more urgent attention.

The school should be given any information about the child's health or allergies of which the teacher should be aware.

The school has no facilities for dealing with sick children. When a child is sick or injured the school will attempt to contact the parents.

If this is not possible and it is considered the child needs medical attention then he/she will be brought to the Health Centre or Hospital.

In all cases it will be school policy to act in the best interests of the child.

We have a Pastoral Care Policy in place in the school.

## BEHAVIOUR / IOMPAR

It is the school policy that behaviour should be based on respect for oneself, respect for other pupils, respect for adults and respect for property. We wish

to promote good behaviour through positive rewards on a class and whole school basis. There are weekly and monthly merit awards to recognize children who have stood out amongst their peers. Cases of minor misbehaviour are recorded by the class teacher and, if necessary, parents are asked to come and discuss unacceptable behaviour with the class teacher. In serious cases of misbehaviour parents will be contacted.

Parents may receive a written report, or be invited to come to the school to discuss the matter with the teacher or principal. There is a policy on behaviour in the school.





## GENERAL COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE / MODH DÉANTA GEARÁN

From time to time parents, and others connected with school will become aware of matters which cause them concern. To encourage resolution of such situations the governing body has adopted a 'General Complaints Procedure.'

**The procedure is devised with the intention that it will:**

- Usually be possible to resolve problems by informal means
- Be simple to use and understand
- Be non-adversarial
- Provide confidentiality
- Allow problems to be handled swiftly
- Address all the points at issue and
- Inform future practice so that the problem is unlikely to recur.







# Naíscoil na mBráithre Críostaí / Naíscoil na Páirce Glaise Irish Medium Nurseries

## IN NURSERY WE HOPE TO DEVELOP HOME/SCHOOL LINKS IN SEVERAL WAYS INCLUDING

- visits to the Nursery classroom before starting nursery
- parents information morning
- monthly nursery newsletters
- parents notice board containing all topic based planning and upcoming events
- parent interviews and by encouraging parents to join in and help with outings, events and topics in the school.

## ENROLMENT / TEACHT ISTEACH

During the summer term, children to be admitted to the Irish Medium Nursery Units in September will be invited to come to the school with their parents to meet the teacher and be provided with additional information. In September, enrolment will be staggered over a 2 week period. Pupils will be admitted on the basis of their age.

## HOME/NURSERY SCHOOL LINKS / BAILE/NAISC LEIS AN NAÍScoil

When a child begins Nursery there is an opportunity for an important partnership to be formed between home and school. This vital link enables information to flow freely in both directions. A successful partnership enables parents to understand how they can share and contribute in their child's education as well as helping staff to ensure that each child fulfils their potential at school. Parents are encouraged to come into the classroom in the morning and at home time so good relationships can be formed between teacher, parents

and children and that parents can become involved in what their children are doing in Nursery. They are encouraged to discuss children's work, photographs, wall displays and centres of interest as well as any problems that may arise. Parents can also view photography from their child's class on the school podcasting website at [www.armaghcbcs.com](http://www.armaghcbcs.com)





# Naíscoil na mBráithre Críostaí / Naíscoil na Páirce Glaise Irish Medium Nurseries

## THE SCHOOL DAY / AN LÁ SCOILE

The Nursery hours are as follows:

9.00am - 1.30pm

Children can be collected from 1.15pm to allow parents time to talk to staff about their children's daily progress and special events which may have happened. In the morning children will not be admitted until 8.45am, please do not expect entry before this time. Children may arrive any time between 8.45am and 9.00am.

**Snacks** A healthy mid morning snack (a selection of breads, yoghurt, cereal and fruits) will be provided for each child at a nominal cost.

**Lunch** Children in Nursery take school dinners

## THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM / AN CURACLAM SCOILE

Children are taught in line with the pre-school Curricular Guidance Document which follows the seven areas of the Pre School Curriculum:

Irish Language Development; Personal, Social and Emotional Development;

Early maths; Language Development; The Arts; The World Around Us; and Physical Development and Movement. These areas are taught through topic based structured play. The aim of Naíscoil na mBráithre Críostaí is the holistic development of each child.

## THIS WILL BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THESE OPPORTUNITIES

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- A stimulating, happy and harmonious environment in which the child feels secure;
- Encouraging children to develop at their own rate through structured topic based play;



- Helping children to adapt to class and group situations, to be considerate towards others and help develop their social skills;
- Encouraging children to communicate their thoughts, ideas and feelings clearly and to have these valued by staff and other children;
- To gain confidence through success and be given support in times of need;
- Developing an interest in the environment and to take care of living things;
- Acquiring habits of good health and hygiene;
- Time and assistance to develop and extend their concentration span;
- Encouraging curiosity, observation and interest in what goes on around them;
- Support to develop a love of, and respect for, books, stories, rhymes and songs;
- To develop responsibility for themselves and their learning;
- Help to transfer smoothly to their next stage of education.

At all times the needs of the child will be a priority. Each child will be considered on their own merits and staff will strive to enable each child to explore and fulfil their potential.

## HOME/PRIMARY SCHOOL LINKS / BAILE/NAISC LEIS AN BHUNSCOIL

Parents are most welcome to discuss their child's progress at any time. We ask you to telephone to make an appointment any morning between 9.00-9.30am on 028 3752 4354.

**NB:** Please do not go directly to the classroom.

It is always preferable to make contact before a real problem arises.

If something prevents a child from being happy, contented and successful, then home and school must co-operate to address this as soon as possible. School will contact you if we identify a problem. We would ask you to ring us if you are concerned about any matter.

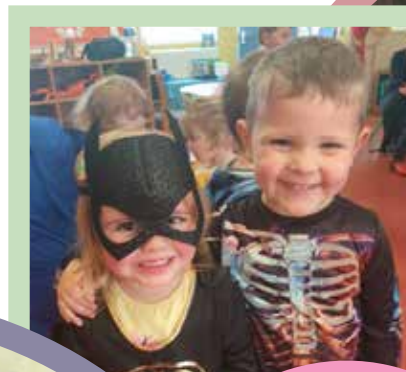






If your child becomes ill or has an accident at school, you will be contacted by the school. It is therefore helpful to leave your work telephone number and your home telephone number with the school.

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# Naíscolaíocht trí Ghaeilge - Irish Medium Nurseries



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