



Scoil an Chroí Ró-Naofa, Urlingford N.S.

Our School Vision

Scoil an Chroí Ró-Naofa, Urlingford National School is a Catholic school with a Catholic ethos which permeates all areas of curriculum and school life.

Our vision for our school is a place where the happiness of the individual child will be nurtured and fostered thereby enabling them to develop the necessary social skills to become confident, competent and well-balanced members of their community.

On leaving our school we envisage that all pupils will have sufficient functional literacy and numeracy skills to enable them to continue their education.

Ours is a school where an awareness and appreciation of the arts, culture, language, sport and environment are promoted.

This will be achieved in a spirit of co-operation and respect between the educational partners thereby creating a high level of self-esteem and self worth.



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School Philosophy

Scoil an Chroí Ró-Naofa is a Catholic school in the parish of Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny.

The school is committed to serving the development of all aspects of those in its care.

The school aims to:

1. Create a happy learning environment for our children.
2. Equip pupils with attributes of flexibility and adaptability, so that they learn to cope effectively in a continuously changing society.
3. Contribute to all aspects of each child's development – emotional, spiritual, social, cultural, aesthetic, creative and moral as well as intellectual.
4. Develop the pupils as caring, responsible and participating members of society.

In working towards the above goals, we aim in particular:

- (a) To create within the school a learning atmosphere, where Christian values of love, trust co-operation, respect for persons and authority etc., find constant expression in daily routine.
- (b) To facilitate the discovery and acceptance of these Christian values through helping each child to know and understand his/her Catholic faith.
- (c) To help each child grow in self-worth, through experiencing success in some aspects of total curriculum.
- (d) To give to each pupil the basic skills of literacy, numeric and oral communication, consonant with his/her ability.
- (e) To foster creativity in each pupil, and to promote free and articulate self-expression through such activities as art and crafts, music, drama, sport, environmental awareness, sense of place, etc.
- (f) To help each child to work to his/her fullest potential.
- (g) To maintain as far as possible a physical environment which is stimulating, safe and comfortable.



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Scoil an Chroí Ró-Naofa (School of the Most Sacred Heart), is the primary school for the parish of Urlingford and Graine in the north west of Co. Kilkenny. The school is under the Patronage of the Most Reverend Dermot Farrell, Roman Catholic Bishop of Ossory. Reverend Oliver Maher, P.P. is the chairperson of the Board of Management of the school that maintains a Catholic ethos, while providing a full education for all children in the locality. The school, situated at New Road in the town of Urlingford, was opened in October 1986. The school moved from Togher where it had been situated since 1973 when Urlingford National School, Graine National School and Clomantagh National School had amalgamated to form a single central school for the parish.

Urlingford is a parish of approximately 1500 people consisting of a small town with a rural hinterland. The town is close to the main Dublin-Cork road, (M8), and approximately 75 miles from both cities. Kilkenny City is 28 kilometres away, while other large towns nearby are Thurles (16 kilometres), Cashel (32 kilometres) and Portlaoise (40 kilometres).

Urlingford N.S. caters for over 250 pupils, girls and boys from ages four to thirteen. The school has ten classes, from Junior Infants to Sixth Class. There are ten Class Teachers, 3 Special Education Needs Teachers (1 shared), an Administrative Principal, a School Secretary, one Special Needs Assistant and one Caretaker on staff. All teachers are responsible for a single class group. The Special Education Needs Teachers provide extra help in reading and mathematics for children from Senior Infants to Sixth Classes. The Principal performs the administrative duties of the school.

The school teaches the full range of subjects laid down by the Curriculum. The content of the Curriculum is now being revised and newer subjects are being added to Curriculum each year. The present curriculum subjects taught are Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Environmental Studies, Physical Education, Art, Music and Religion. The R.S.E. and Stay Safe programmes are also in place in the school. The school has a full Information Technology programme in place and all teachers are proficient in providing I.T. training for pupils. The School Choir caters for all children from Third to Sixth Classes.

In addition to these formal subjects, the school provides a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. Each year, all classes receive Speech and Drama lessons from Ms. Joanne Bannon. First to Sixth Classes all have the opportunity to go swimming for a seven-week period at the Watershed Swimming Pool, Kilkenny. The school has a very active Green Schools' Committee and has attained its sixth Green Flag. The school also has a very active Health Promoting School Committee and is working towards an Active Schools' Flag.

The school also takes part in School Competitions in Hurling, Camogie and Gaelic Football (Boys and Girls). These teams are prepared and coached by teachers in the school. The School also participates in local competitions as they arise, art, quizzes, tidy schools, etc.

Any further information can be obtained by contacting the Principal at (056) 8831512, or by e-mail – urlingfordns2020@gmail.com. The school website is www.urlingfordns.ie

Dermot Dunphy – Principal

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