

Testimonials:

Our Parents-

"As a mum of 3 children who have all attended the school over the past 11 years I can say with confidence that they have gained a great primary education. They were nurtured and nourished throughout their time in our school; they were socially and emotionally mature, making them fully ready for secondary school life. I am proud to have sent my children to Castledockrell N.S., it is a huge asset to our community"-

Carmel Byrne, Parent

Our Pupils-

"Everyone is always friendly, we know one another and we all fit in." *Adam, 3rd Class*

"We have fun, games, art and surprises around every corner; I love Castledockrell N.S. and I will miss it when I move to secondary school." *Jamie, 6th Class*

"We play lots of music; concertina, accordion, flute, keyboard, harp and tin whistle. I think we have lots of talent for a small school." *Chloe, 4th Class*

"I like the different sports we do and using the iPads." *Annabel, 1st Class*

"The ethos of our school is Catholic but all religious beliefs are welcomed and included in all aspects of school life. Our School Motto is "Ar Aghaidh le Chéile" which means "Going Forward Together"; it really encompasses what we are about here in Castledockrell National School. We are privileged to share part of your child's journey through life, and we treasure each new milestone reached and each smile shared. Our school is at the heart of this community and we thank you for supporting your local school."

Ms. Deirdre Ryan, Principal.



Castledockrell National School



NOW ENROLLING

Castledockrell National School is a small, country school located off the N80, just halfway between Enniscorthy and Bunclody. The school was established in 1946 and has had two large extensions behind the original school building. The teaching staff includes two classroom teachers and a Special Educational Needs Teacher, who provide a warm, welcoming atmosphere where the children learn, grow and play together.



Take a look at our school website: castledockrellns.weebly.com or our Facebook page: [Castledockrell N.S.](#)



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Why choose Castledockrell National School?



We are a small school and we will always be a small school; the benefits to which are plenty:

- **Transition from Pre-school** - The school has a familial feel, with children of different ages working and playing together, just like at home.
- **Favourable Pupil Teacher Ratio** - High achievement across all areas, including academic, for all pupils.
- **Individualised Curriculum** - From their very first day with us children receive the individual/small group help and attention they need and thrive in.
- **Multi-Grade Classes** - Children learn from one another and become independent learners who take ownership and pride in their work.
- **Active, Child - Centred Learning** - Small numbers allow for hands on, activity based, discovery methods, group work, thematic approaches and integration across all areas.
- **Arts Curriculum** - We place a huge emphasis on the Arts; Music, Art and Drama; thus developing the whole child.
- **Pupil Voice** - Every pupil has a voice, a role and a part to play; this is explicitly nurtured throughout the school.
- **Social Development** - Children become more mature in this small setting and they learn to look out for one another. Younger children learn a lot from older ones while older children take on a mentoring role. Positive interactions and behaviour within the school are emphasised in our 'Friendship Week' and 'Buddy Activities'. Yard time is less chaotic for younger children.
- **Digital Learning** - We have received our Digital School of Distinction Award; we embrace technology and now have iPads, along with our well-equipped computer room and interactive whiteboards.
- **Inclusive School Community** - We are truly blessed with a great network of parents and community members; whom we invite into the school regularly throughout the year for Grandparents Day, Open Evenings, Teddy Bears Picnic, Knitting Projects etc.



Unique Advantages of Castledockrell National School:



- All junior infants get **free** books and materials for their first year; reduced costs thereafter for all pupils and no voluntary contribution sought.
- Infant classes are allowed to remain in school from **1.40-2.40pm** under teacher supervision, free of charge.
- **Early drop off facility** for parents. Option of after-school pick up from local creche (numbers dependent)
- Large, safe playground and pitch for all children.
- All children are involved in school initiatives including Green Schools, Active Flag, Digital School of Distinction, and Junior Entrepreneur Programme.
- All children learn tin whistle and a variety of other instruments from junior infants up in school. Our Music Teacher also provides after-school music classes.
- Emphasis is placed on sport throughout the year; GAA, Zumba, Tag Rugby, Athletics, Rounders, Rackard League and the highlight is our annual Sports Day.
- Swimming lessons are provided at a reduced cost for all children every year from 1st class to 6th class.
- Children are given the opportunity to perform regularly from School Masses to Christmas Concerts, Sing Out Loud to Busking locally.
- Weekly assembly to celebrate achievements and successes.
- Our small numbers allow for **mini school trips** which provide opportunities for active learning throughout the year; from Altamont Gardens to Christmas Pantos, the Library to Local Nature Trails. Our end of year school tour is always hugely popular. Pupils get to experience alternative activities like Golf, Kung Fu, Cycle Safety and Mindfulness.

