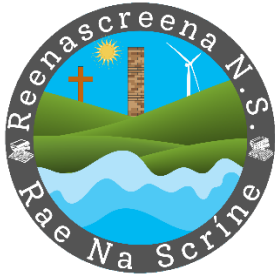


Reenascreena N.S. enrolment information Oct 2022



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Our Mission Statement

Why we do, what we do

In our school we encourage mutual respect and tolerance, through a Christian ethos.

We endeavour to develop the child's full potential while recognising the equal value of academic and non-academic areas of the curriculum.

Through co-operation with parents and the wider community, mutual understanding and trust will be the basis of our shared partnership and responsibilities.

We hope the child's journey through our school will be a happy and safe one.

Our motto is "Ní neart go cur le chéile", meaning *there's no strength without unity*.

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School Personnel 2022-2023

As educators, we are passionate about working with the next generation! We have high hopes and set high standards for all our pupils – we want them to reach their full potential during the time they spend with us. Small school does not equal small expectations! We are always researching new methodologies and new programmes to help us connect with children in this ever-changing world they are growing up in.

We strive to have a friendly, open relationship between pupils, parents and teachers. We strongly believe that education is a partnership so please feel free to come and discuss any concerns or suggestions you might have – your child's happiness and wellbeing is always our priority.

Staff:

Eimear O'Donovan: Principal and Junior Infants to 2nd Class Teacher

Colm O'Mahony: Deputy Principal and 3rd to 6th Class Teacher

Niamh Russell: Special Education Teacher 3.5 days per week (shared with Lisavaird N.S. and St. Mary's Infant School, Dunmanway)

Claire Murphy: S.N.A.

Fionnuala Cooke: S.N.A.

Vicky Deasy: Visiting Special Education Teacher from Ardagh Boys N.S.

Clare Buckley: covers the Principal Release days every Thursday

School Secretary:

Kay Duffy: 3 days per week. This year Kay usually works Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am – 1pm

We look forward to working with you and your child.

Is mise, le meas,



Eimear O'Donovan
Principal

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Fáilte go dtí Scoil Náisiúnta Rae na Scríne!

Some general information about our school

The school dates back to 1951 and was extended in 2010. Our building now comprises of 3 large, bright classrooms with en-suite toilets, a well-stocked reading / sensory room, an arts / library room, a staff room and secretary's office. The large foyer inside the main entrance has a comfortable seating area which accommodates parents and guardians as they await their children. We have a large tarmac yard area, football pitch, pond and garden. We are very lucky to have geo-thermal underfloor heating which keeps us nice and warm in cold weather!

Our school day

Classes commence at 9:15am for everyone. We offer supervision from 9:05am. While staff members are present before this time, we use this time to meet, plan and prepare for the day ahead. You will know we are ready to receive children when a member of staff comes out to open the gate. We respectfully ask you not to send your child(ren) in until someone is there to greet them.

Our first break of the day is from 10:50-11am and our second break is from 1-1:20pm. Children go to the yard at these times (weather permitting) and eat in their classroom before or after yard time.

We have 2 mainstream classrooms. The Junior room comprises of Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st and 2nd classes while 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes make up the Senior room. Multigrade teaching is common in rural communities all over the world and has many advantages – it promotes independence among pupils and offers incidental opportunities for revision as well giving pupils the chance to hear what learning lies ahead for them. It also allows pupils to collaborate and learn from each other. At present, Eimear O'Donovan (Principal) teaches the younger pupils and the older children are taught by Colm O'Mahony (Deputy Principal). Eimear has a Principal Release day each Thursday in order to attend to some administrative matters and the class are taught by Clare Buckley.

Junior and Senior Infants finish their day at 1:55pm. Prompt collection is appreciated at this time as the class teacher needs to return to 1st and 2nd class as quickly as possible. 1st – 6th finish at 2:55pm. We follow the same routine at the end of every day – we always wait until the school bus has pulled away safely before allowing the remaining children to leave. We ask you to make your way to the gate once the bus has left to avoid children crossing in front of or walking behind moving vehicles.

School work in the Infant classes

Infant teaching involves a considerable amount of pre-reading, pre-number and oral language work. Before we teach our pupils to read or write, we do a lot of preparatory work. In order to prepare pupils to learn about mathematical concepts we promote activities involving concrete objects, exposure to mathematical language and a link with real-life mathematical situations as often as possible. We endeavour to promote a love of reading by reading to our pupils regularly and encourage you to do the same at home. In addition, we provide opportunities for children to learn through play and meaningful experiences as they would have been accustomed to in pre-school. This is a vitally important part of their development in these crucial early years of primary school and we ensure children are given opportunities to engage in play every day – this is where they learn to develop essential social skills in a safe environment. A lot of work at this level is based around different themes – things like role play, imaginative play and construction are encouraged and promoted!

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Homework in Infant classes

In order to foster good habits for the years ahead, homework is introduced during the first term of Junior Infants. Homework is a consolidation of work covered in class – it gives you an invaluable opportunity to see your child’s progress and to glance through their schoolbooks and copies, reading any comments from the teacher along the way.

It should take between 10 and 15 minutes at this stage – we would urge you to chat to the teacher if you ever have any concerns about your child’s progress.

Homework from 1st to 6th classes

Continuing on from the Infant classes, it is the policy of the school to give homework each day from Monday to Thursday to children from 1st to 6th classes. There is no homework at weekends unless it has been neglected during the week. The type of homework assigned by the class teacher will vary according to different topics being covered at different stages – it is often written and contains learning but from time to time might take the form of project or presentation work, online work, physical activity or a simple instruction to get out and enjoy the fine weather!

Special Education Teacher (S.E.T.):

We know that many pupils benefit from extra help from time to time. One of the key roles of our S.E.T. is to work with children with additional needs. Niamh also gives support to other pupils as required by assisting in the classroom or withdrawing small groups for closer attention.

Child Protection:

We are fully compliant with the Department of Education Child Protection Guidelines. The Designated Liaison Person (D.L.P.) is Eimear O’Donovan and the deputy D.L.P. is Colm O’Mahony. If you have any concerns about a child in our school, please arrange to speak to the D.L.P. immediately.

Handy hints and tips to prepare your child for school:

- **School bag:** It’s a good idea to buy a bag big enough to carry all the books, copies, pencil case, lunch and drinks your child will need every day. Remember some of the workbooks are quite big so please keep this in mind! Please keep an eye on your child’s pencil case and ensure it is well stocked – it gets depleted rather quickly!
- **Belongings:** Please label absolutely **all** of your child’s belongings (jumpers, coats, shirts, stationary, lunchboxes etc.) – it saves us a lot of time!
- **Communication:** We use email as our primary method of communication to save on printing and photocopying costs, although it is necessary to send the odd letter in hard-copy format. Please add our email addresses (which you can find on our website) to your contact list so our messages don’t go to your spam / trash folder. We also use what’s app on our school mobile as we don’t have mobile reception at school.

We use an online platform called ‘Seesaw’ which has a number of key benefits – it is another way for us to stay in touch with you but it also acts as an e-portfolio where pupils can save pictures of work they are proud of. They can look back on their work as they move through the classes and see their own progress for themselves! Parents receive a unique code for their child’s profile only and can keep up to date with work being covered. Teachers may occasionally assign homework through Seesaw or share an interesting video or activity with pupils in this way.

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- **Contact details:** The school may need to contact you by text from time to time. Please make sure we have your most up to date details, including a non-Parent emergency contact. If you move house or change phone number, please let us know straight away. Please note we use a web-based programme called 'Text-a-Parent' to text you and cannot receive replies. If you need to get in touch, it is best to phone or email us.
- **Fostering a sense of responsibility:** Please encourage your child to check his or her own bag every morning to ensure they have the books, stationary, lunch etc. they need for the day ahead. Before starting Junior Infants, it would be a good idea to work on helping your child to put on and take off their jacket and zipping it up as well as opening yoghurts, drinks or anything else they will have for lunch on a regular basis.
- **Lunch:** We have a very strict healthy eating policy in this school. Treats are not allowed except on special occasions which will be communicated to you. We would ask that everyone adheres to this policy.
- **Meeting the teachers:** We firmly believe in early intervention in every sense – in terms of academic progress and behaviour. We are always happy to meet with you to discuss any issues that may be of concern to you and we will share any concerns we have with you sooner rather than later. We would ask that you make an appointment by phoning the secretary, sending an email or writing a note in your child's homework journal. Please give the teacher a general idea what the concern is so they can adequately prepare – for example we may need to monitor a specific situation before we can adequately comment on it.
- **Policies:** We have a range of policies relating to the running of our school available for viewing on our website. These are updated regularly and are ratified by the Board of Management. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with these documents. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch.

School uniform

Boys and girls from 1st – 6th classes wear a navy jumper, grey pants or pinafore and a sky blue shirt or polo shirt on 3 days each week. These can be purchased in any large department store or in Cash's shop in Clonakilty. On the other 2 days (Thursdays and Fridays at present) pupils wear navy tracksuit bottoms, a pale blue polo shirt and plain navy jumper (available in Dunnes). Junior and Senior Infants wear the tracksuit option every day.

Collection of pupils from school

In the interest of Child Protection please inform the school, in advance, (with a note or by phone or email at short notice) if your child is being collected by someone other than those specified on the enrolment form.

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A flavour of activities we offer...

Chess

Annual sports
day – fun for all
the family!

GAA training
with Carbery
Rangers

Projects

School tours
and outings!

Reading
and writing
buddies

iPads &
Interactive
whiteboards

Swimming lessons

1st – 6th

Christmas
concert

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ENROLMENT APPLICATION FORM 2022-2023

Please return the completed enrolment form with a copy of your child's birth certificate

The Department of Education and Skills operates an electronic database of primary school pupils called the Primary Online Database (POD) which involves schools maintaining and returning data on pupils to the Department at individual pupil level on a live system. The database will allow the Department to evaluate progress and outcomes of pupils at primary level, to validate school enrolment returns for grant payment and teacher allocation purposes, to follow up on pupils who do not make the transfer from primary to post primary level and for statistical reporting.

The information requested below will be uploaded to the Primary Online Database (POD) maintained by the Department of Education.

It is mandatory that this information be uploaded for all pupils enrolled in Reenascreena N.S.

First name of Child:	Surname of Child:
Birth Cert First Name: If different from above	Birth Cert Surname of Child: If different from above
Date of Birth:	Child's P.P.S. No:
Nationality:	Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Mother's Maiden Name: (Only required if no PPS No. has been supplied)	Year of Enrolment:
Is one of the pupil's mother tongues (i.e. Language Spoken at home) Irish or English? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	

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<p>Pupil's Address: _____ _____</p> <p>Eircode: _____</p>	
<p>The information requested below is optional. Do you consent to the information requested below in relation to Religion & Cultural Background being uploaded to POD?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Religion:</p> <p>Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Presbyterian <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Church of Ire (incl Protestant) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Muslim <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodox <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Buddhist <input type="checkbox"/> Jehovah's Witness <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Atheist <input type="checkbox"/> Agnostic <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other Religion: _____ <i>Please Specify</i></p> <p>No Religion <input type="checkbox"/> No Consent <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Ethnic/Cultural Background:</p> <p>White Irish <input type="checkbox"/> Irish Traveller <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Roma <input type="checkbox"/> Any other White Background <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Black or Black Irish - African <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Black or Black Irish <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Any other Black Background <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Asian or Asian Irish - Chinese <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Asian or Asian Irish <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Any other Asian background <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other (inc. Mixed background) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No Consent <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>The remaining information requested is required for the efficient running of the school and will not be uploaded onto the Primary Online Database (POD)</p>	
<p>Mother's Name:</p>	<p>Father's Name:</p>
<p>Mother's Mobile No:</p>	<p>Father's Mobile No:</p>
<p>Mother's Work No:</p>	<p>Father's Work No:</p>
<p>Mother's email:</p>	<p>Father's email:</p>

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Home address for either of the above if different from child:

Please indicate which number you select for inclusion on the school text messaging service (you may select both if you wish)

Mother's Mobile Father's Mobile

Nominated Emergency Contact Person (Name, address and telephone number)

1. _____
2. _____

Does any legal order under family law exist (pertaining to the child) that the School should know about?

YES NO

Pre-school attended:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Previous Primary School attended (if applicable):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of Family Doctor:

Telephone No: _____

Address: _____

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Does your child suffer from any medical conditions, illness and/or allergies?

YES NO

If YES, please specify:

Please list any problems your child has or may develop which may impact on their education. (e.g. behaviour, sight, hearing, speech, etc.)

It is the sole responsibility of parents/guardians to inform the school in writing of any changes to the information provided on this form.

CONSENT AND PERMISSION FORM 2022-2023

Reenascreena N.S. is fully compliant with G.D.P.R. requirements for primary schools.
It is your right to change your mind with regard to consent in any of the areas below at any time.

Accident and/or emergency consent

I/we _____ (PARENT(S)) OF _____ (child's name) give permission to the staff of Reenascreena N.S. to act on my behalf in case of serious illness, emergency or accident and to take such action as might be necessary for the benefit of my child.

Do you give permission to take the child straight to an available doctor and / or hospital if necessary?

YES NO

Data Protection

From time to time the school is asked to provide information to the H.S.E. to facilitate their work for immunisations, sight and hearing tests and dental appointments etc.

Do you consent to the school sharing your child's details with the H.S.E.?

YES NO

Permission for outings

Pupils may partake in tours and various other excursions involving travel outside the school grounds during the school year as organised by school authorities.

Do you give permission for your child to take part in tours/excursions outside the school grounds?

YES NO

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Diagnostic and standardised testing

During your child's time in Reenascreena N.S. he/she will undergo standardised educational tests to monitor progress. On occasion it may be necessary for some pupils to undergo further diagnostic educational/behavioural assessments.

We operate a system where pupils are withdrawn individually, in small groups or with in-class support. This is a flexible system that accommodates all pupil's needs in so far as is possible.

Do you give permission for your child to engage in diagnostic testing and learning support as outlined if deemed necessary by the school authorities?

YES

NO

Permission to be photographed and/or video-recorded

From time to time, we may publish photos of students engaged in school related activities either in newspapers, videos or on the school website. This is done to promote various school activities (fund-raising, Sports Day, Christmas performances etc.) We are seeking your permission to publish photos/videos of your child, should the occasion arise. The Board of Management cannot be held responsible for pictures/videos, taken by parents at school outings, celebrations, concerts, sacraments etc.

Do you give permission for your child to be photographed / videoed?

YES

NO

Online learning platforms:

The Department of Education requires schools to establish online learning platforms to facilitate remote learning if required and to enhance home-school links.

Do you give permission for your child to use the platform(s) chosen by school?

YES

NO

I/we will co-operate with the staff and support the ethos of the school. By enrolling _____ in Reenascreena N.S., I/we accept responsibility for ensuring that he/she co-operates with and adheres to school policies and procedures as ratified by the board of management.

Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian

Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Principal

Date: _____

NOTE: PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE

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