

# **Carriganima National School**



## **School Prospectus**

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# Awards & Achievements





## Message from the Principal

Carriganima National School is a three teacher primary school located in a picturesque rural setting. Our staff include two mainstream Class Teachers, a Special Education Teacher, full-time Special Needs Assistant and Ancillary Staff.

There is a tremendous atmosphere in the school with staff, parents and children, all working together in a caring environment. The work of the school is supported by a diligent and hardworking Board of Management and a progressive and energetic Parents Association.

In recent years, our school building, playground and car park facilities have been developed and upgraded. A new energy efficient heating system was installed, fire, burglar alarm and CCTV systems were fitted.

This has been achieved with the support and generosity of the local parish and community.

Through the various links and photographs on our website, you will gain an understanding of the principles and values in our school, the wonderful wide range of activities and the fun and enjoyment in learning offered to our pupils.



The school website can be located at [www.carriganima-ns.weebly.com](http://www.carriganima-ns.weebly.com). It is updated regularly so as to provide visitors to it, with updated notices, bulletins and other news on a variety of topics.

School letters, dates for your diary and important announcements such as school closures can be found on it along with photographs and special events.

We would be delighted to welcome new children and their families into our school community.

Looking forward to meeting you.



Kind Regards,  
Patricia Dineen  
Principal

## Home / School Links



We aim to develop channels of communication between Parents and Teachers in the following ways.

- Homework Journals
  - Text a parent
  - School Website
- Parent / Teacher Meeting
  - School Newsletter
  - Annual Reports
- Meeting with teachers by prior appointment

## School Uniform

### Boys:

Navy jumper, Blue Polo Top,  
Grey Trousers

### Girls:

Navy Cardigan, Blue Polo Top,  
Grey Skirt, Pinafore Dress or Trousers

Please ensure all your child's possessions,  
especially jumpers / cardigans are clearly  
labelled with their name.

## Absenteeism

A written explanation is requested if your child is absent from school for any reason. Please send a note to the class teacher.

## Book Rentals

In order to keep the cost of school books to a minimum, there is a book rental scheme in the school which results in **substantial savings for parents.**



Please contact the Principal or Class Teacher for more information.

## Mission Statement

- Carriganima National School is a co-educational, Catholic Primary School, which strives to provide a well ordered, caring, happy and secure atmosphere where the intellectual, spiritual, physical, moral and cultural needs of the pupils are identified and addressed.
- While Carriganima National School is a school with Catholic ethos, it also has due recognition for all other religions.
- Carriganima National School will encourage the involvement of parents through home/school contacts.
- Carriganima National School will endeavour to enhance the self-esteem of everyone in the community, to imbue in the pupils respect for people and property and to encourage in them the idea of being responsible.

## School Hours

9.20 am to 3.00pm  
Junior & Senior Infants  
finish at 2.00pm



“There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets in the future” G. Breen

## Achievements

- Digital Schools of Distinction Award
- Junior Entrepreneur Award
- Discover Primary Science Excellence in Science and Maths
- Green Schools Programme
  - Scríobh Leabhar
- Muintir na Tire School Gardens Award
  - Table Quiz: Credit Union / Library
  - Scór na bPáistí
  - Cork City Sports in Páirc Uí Chaoimh
  - West Muskerry Schools Cross Country
  - Art competitions: Credit Union / Library



- Art / Craft materials, Photocopying & Text a Parent (**Free of charge**)
- Allianz Individual Children's Insurance (**Paid by the school**)
- **Free** French Classes (Taught by a Native French Speaker)
- **Free** Instrumental Music Lessons
  - **Free** Drama Lessons
  - **Free** Dance Lessons



You are welcome to visit the school, see the grounds and facilities, meet the staff and parents and see what they say.

Every opportunity of visiting classrooms to see the children and teachers at work is offered. We aim to make visits as informative as possible and to answer any questions you may have.

New pupils can attend the school prior to term one, to facilitate the transition to Primary School. This "easing" experience is very beneficial to both parents and children.

We have small class sizes and are accepting children of all ages so if you think that some schools are just too big for the needs of your child, come and see what we have to offer.



# About us



- Excellent Pupil / Teacher ratio
- Individual attention (small class sizes)
- The school is ideally situated on the main Macroom / Millstreet road approx. 6 miles from each of these towns
- School is wheelchair accessible
- Dedicated teaching staff
- Extra teaching supports available for children with learning difficulties
  - Educational Assessments
  - Special Needs Programme

- Bright spacious classrooms
- Sports Coaching (Football & Hurling)
- Free Access to Clondrohid All Weather Astro Pitch and 250m Running Track
  - Active Parents Association (Networking with other parents)
  - Interactive Whiteboard and Data Projectors in all classrooms

- Book Rentals – keeping the cost of school books to a minimum
- Baking – every child takes part
- Swimming Lessons (Castle Hotel)
- Supervised computers classes with access to Broadband
- All classes have access to Computers, Laptops and iPads on a regular basis
- Basketball Court & Football Pitch
- Mobile Library visits once a fortnight



- Pupils have access to laptops, computers and iPads for a variety of educational applications
  - School Tours
- Annual educational trips with an emphasis on local history
  - Digital School
- Car Park – safe and easy access with ample parking

- Green Schools Committee
- Healthy Lunch Policy
- Music & Drama Shows
- Aistear Programme

## Curriculum

In Carriganima National School, we follow the National Curriculum as laid down by the Department of Education and Skills. The smaller class size and the emphasis on the individual allows each child to develop at their own pace. Their development is further enhanced by an emphasis on Music, Irish Dancing, Physical Education, Art, Drama and French.

## Parent / Teaching Meetings

Parent / Teacher meetings take place every year to provide a forum to discuss any matters pertaining to your child's progress in school. Parents will be notified in advance of date / time of individual meetings.



## Contact Details

It is very important that you keep us up to date with contact numbers in case of an emergency. Let us know if you change your mobile or landline number or email address.

## Healthy Lunch Policy



Carriganima National School has a healthy eating policy. Children are encouraged to eat a well-balanced, nutritional lunch.

Chewing gum, crisps, fizzy drinks, glass bottles or lollipops are not allowed in school. Friday is a treat day (optional).

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**Allianz Individual  
Children's Insurance  
(Paid by the school)**

**FREE  
Text a  
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Instrumental Music Lessons,  
Dance Lessons and  
French Classes**

**ENROL  
NOW**

**July / August**

Contact number during

July and August, 086 – 794 3289

## Security

We take the security of the children, staff and the building seriously. The school is protected by an intruder alarm, a CCTV system and a door entry system. All staff and volunteers, including parents who help out around the school are all Garda vetted.

*All enquiries welcome.*

**Now enrolling for September**