



# ST. RONAN'S N.S.

## Deansrath

### Mission Statement

St. Ronan's is here for our children, parents and staff to work together in a safe environment. We aim to create an inclusive school culture that fosters acceptance and respect for diversity. In doing so, we seek to deepen understanding and knowledge, promote student and staff well being and help everyone achieve their full potential. Children are prepared for life and can become confident, competent, responsible and happy members of their community. This school is enriched by and celebrates the diversity of our whole school community.



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[www.stronans.ie](http://www.stronans.ie)

## Information Booklet

St Ronan's welcomes you and your child to our school.  
We hope your time here will be a happy one.

### **Background**

St. Ronan's NS is a vertical co-educational primary school under the patronage of the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin. The school was founded in 1980 and the present school building opened in 1985. St Ronan's strives to develop every aspect of the child, including their social, emotional, spiritual and educational development.

### **School Board of Management**

The school is managed by a Board of Management, which has seven members.

Chairperson:	Mr. Dan Kennelly
Principal:	Áinnle O'Neill
Patron's Representative:	Fr. Eddie
Community Representatives:	Vincent Jackson Maria Shannon
Parent's Representatives:	Kim Tran Lakhuir Singh
Teachers Representatives:	Mary Hassett

### **School Staff**

At present there is a staff of 38;  
32 teachers  
3 SNAs,  
Secretary, Caretaker and Librarian.

Principal: Mr Áinnle O'Neill  
Deputy Principal: Ms. Mary Fitzpatrick

### **Pastoral Care Initiatives**

The school offers play therapy, counselling, Dina programme and parental support as required.  
The School Completion Programme, based over the four schools in our area, gives support and help to children and adults where needed.

### **School Website**

Log on at [stronans.ie](http://stronans.ie)  
Our school website features information on your child's class activities, areas such as the Yellow Flag and Green Schools, sport and a specially designated parents page.

### **Home, School, Community Liaison**

St. Ronan's both acknowledges and stresses the importance of the family and school working closely together to make sure your child gains the maximum benefit from their time in our school. Our HSC teacher is available at all times to discuss issues or difficulties that arise. Adult courses/classes are run, some to help you the parent/guardian with your child's learning and others for your leisure. Our school has a parents room which is used for many activities. We really love to see parents come onboard and help out or get involved with school life, and it is of great benefit to your children!  
Contact Joan Young at 01-4573939

### **Keeping Yourself Informed**

We like to make sure that you, the parents, know what is happening in the school at all times via

- Annual parent/teacher meetings
- Text messaging service
- A school journal where notes are placed

It is important to keep your address and contact information up to date with the school.

In addition the principal and teachers are available to meet with parents **by appointment.**

## **Anti-Bullying**

We have an anti-bullying policy drawn up between staff and parents. All reports of bullying are treated seriously and will be dealt with by the school. Bullying is unwanted negative behaviour, verbal, psychological or physical, conducted by an individual or group against another person (or persons) and which is repeated over time. The best way to stop bullying is through the development of friendship and respect among our children. Children also need to understand the need to “tell” what is happening.

## **Healthy Eating**

St. Ronan’s has a policy of healthy eating in school. Children receive lunches daily and parents and children select their choices at the start of the year from a wide menu of sandwiches, baps and rolls with a variety of toppings and fruit and snacks. Water filters are fitted in each class for the children to drink from. These lunches are free. Children will bring home any rubbish or leftovers in their schoolbag.

## **After School Activities**

Many clubs and activities have been put in place to cater to the wide variety of personalities in St. Ronan’s. Breakfast club, homework club, art, drama and activities club are run with the support of the School Completion Programme. Table tennis, hill walking, choir, cross country running, soccer, gaelic, knitting, music, draughts and Spanish classes are conducted with the help of teachers who generously volunteer their time.

## **School Policies**

All school policies are available via the school website.

## **School Hours**

The school day is from 8:50 am to 2:30 pm  
Infant classes finish at 1:30pm

## **Breakfast Club**

If your child is attending breakfast club they should come between 8.10 and no later than 8.40 to allow them time to eat before classes begin.

## **Attendance:**

Being in school every day is very important. Please try to make sure that your child is in school, on time, every day. If your child has missed school, for any reason, please write a note to the class teacher explaining the absence. By law, absences of more than 20 days or a noticeable pattern of absences in a school year must be reported to the Department of Education.

## **School Uniform**

The uniform has no crest and can be purchased in any major retailer.

### **Uniform:**

Grey trousers, pinafore or skirt  
Navy blue jumper or cardigan  
Pale blue shirt  
Plain navy tie (available in office)

### **P.E.**

Plain navy tracksuit  
Plain white polo shirt  
Non-marking runners

If you think your child may have an accident in school you may leave a change of clothes with the class teacher.

## **Curriculum**

The following subjects are taught in our school:

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| 1. Gaeilge     | 7. Religious Education |
| 2. English     | 8. S.P.H.E             |
| 3. Mathematics | 9. Music               |
| 4. History     | 10. Visual Arts        |
| 5. Geography   | 11. PE                 |
| 6. Science     | 12. Drama              |

**Literacy:** Reading, writing and oral language are taught using a range of methodologies and specific language programmes. The first steps model is used and specific writing genres, reading strategies and oral language activities are targeted each term in every class.

**Numeracy:** In St. Ronan's there are many fun and hands on activities for the teaching of maths. We have visual and concrete materials for the teaching of all maths strands in curriculum.

## **Resources/Activities**

Each classroom is equipped with an interactive smart board and projector. St Ronan's also invests every year in digital resources for the various subjects that are taught in class. Children have access to an in-class computer and a fully equipped computers suite is on-site. They receive ICT lessons and we are currently purchasing a class set of iPads.

It is important for the social and emotional development of the child that school extends beyond the academic curriculum. The school tries to make sure that all children will experience activities such as cookery and educational trips. We also invite music, drama and art groups into the school to work with the children. Sports such as swimming and Tae Kwon Do are offered to children from 3rd to 6th, while 4th class receive cycling lessons and appropriate safety training.

## **Homework**

Children receive homework four nights a week - Monday to Thursday. Please ensure your child completes their homework and that you sign their journal every night.

Homework passes should not be used on a Monday as this is when new concepts are introduced in class.

Homework club is offered from 2.30 to 3.10 for children from second class and up. Parents must still check homework and sign their child's journal.

## **School Books**

The school operates a book rental scheme to try to ease the cost to parents. The amount on the book list covers the cost of

- Every book your child will need in school
- Photocopying extra material
- All art and craft materials for the year
- License fees for online resources

We ask all parents to pay the book rental as soon as possible. If you are having difficulty with the cost you can speak in confidence to Connie in the office to arrange a payment schedule.

## **S.T.A.R. Code of Conduct**

Our STAR code is based on a positive approach to discipline. Children are rewarded for being well behaved, we want them to "reach for the stars". This puts the spotlight on good effort and behaviour and removes it from negative behaviour. The rules are printed and displayed in every classroom. There are three booklets in the course of the year: bronze, silver and gold, with 150 stars in each. A small reward is awarded on completion of a page, and a corresponding bronze, silver or gold medal is awarded on completion of the booklet. Children who complete the gold booklet move onto the "Superstar Club" with special rewards at the end of year.