

Our Lady of Mercy Convent School





Message from our Principal, John O' Boyle:



I am truly honoured and excited to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you to Our Lady of Mercy Convent School.

I am looking forward to working with the staff, students, parents and community of this school. Together, we will create a safe, nurturing, and inspiring atmosphere that empowers our students to excel academically, socially, and emotionally. Our goal is to work hand in hand with our dedicated educators and staff to provide an education that not only imparts knowledge but also cultivates curiosity, critical thinking, and a love for learning.

As we embark on this journey together, we are eager to get to know you, your children, and the unique qualities that make our school community special. With your support and involvement, I am confident that we can achieve remarkable things and create a legacy of excellence.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education and thank you for considering our School. I look forward to the exciting times ahead and the positive impact we will make as partners in shaping the future.

Warm regards,

John O' Boyle

Principal, Our Lady of Mercy Convent School.



Our Mission Statement and History:

To educate, encourage and celebrate our children and the wider school community as together we grow in body, mind, and spirit. Tá ár dTíarnna Linn.

The connection between the sisters of Mercy with primary education and Booterstown dates to 1838 when their foundress Catherine McAuley opened a convent in Booterstown and many of the sisters took up teaching roles in nearby schools. Thereafter in the year 1887 a new Primary School St Annes in was opened on Booterstown Avenue for 600 pupils.

Following the purchase of new land and the success of the sisters in their Primary School, a new school called Our Lady of Mercy Convent school was opened in 1955. Upon the opening of a boy's school on the Grotto Avenue in 1968, Our Lady of mercy Convent School became an all-girls school.

In July 1969, St. Annes school and Our Lady of Mercy Convent School were amalgamated thus increasing the population of this school. The school was then refurbished in 1988. This refurbishment was completed by September 1991.

To this day, Our Lady of Mercy Convent School continues to promote the ethos instilled by the Mercy Sisters. It has a happy, friendly atmosphere, and is staffed by a group of highly qualified and committed teachers. Over 250 girls are enrolled in the school, which offers a robust primary education taught with innovation, care, and respect.



For more info, visit our website,

www.ourladyofmercy.ie





School spirit and community:

Our Ethos:



As a Catholic school, religious education is provided for pupils in accordance with the doctrines, practices, and traditions of the Catholic Church. Catholic children will be provided with religious experiences that will help them to develop their faith, such as prayer and sacramental preparation. Children from all faith traditions are welcome in are school.

After Schools Clubs



Our school offers a variety of afterschool clubs that cater for all students' interests, talents, and curiosity. Our afterschool clubs range from sports, arts, music, drama and cooking. We love to see our students participate in our after-school programme.

Parents Association



We are very fortunate to have a very active and productive Parents' Association and they are always delighted to welcome new, interested members. Each class has a representative on this committee through whom a lot of the communication regarding the association's activities is made.



School Life:

Green Schools



We have an amazing Green School Committee with teaching staff and students working together to ensure our school is green and environmentally friendly. We have been awarded flags for work on a number of these such as Litter and Waste, Water, Travel, Energy, Biodiversity, Marine and global citizenship.

Student Council



We encourage student agency in Our Lady of Mercy Convent School. Two elected children represent each class from 2nd – 6th classes. The School Council meets regularly with dedicated members of staff to discuss school life and areas they would like to see change in the school. They offer a great insight into our students see our school.

School Garden



We are so proud of our School Garden. It is a peaceful and tranquil place, where our students enjoy and learn from. Our Outdoor Garden is set up and ready for lessons when the sun is shining, where great learning and engagement happens for all our pupils.

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Sports in our School:

At Our Lady of Mercy School, we see the benefits of sport and fitness in the life of a student. It develops skills, but also self-esteem, fitness and friendship. We have many sports in our school with opportunities for students to participate in afterschool sports as well.

Tennis: We have a professional tennis coach coming to the school and working with all students to develop their Tennis abilities, as well as their throwing, hitting and movement skills. We hope to put teams forward for the Leinster Primary School Tennis League.

GAA: Gaelic Football and camogie coaches train our students in a summer program to enhance the skills of these students.

Gymnastics: A gymnastic module is completed with our students annually to develop their coordination, agility and balance, which further contributions to development in all sports.

Athletics: We work with Athletics skills of our students in PE lessons, and we look forward to school participation in Cumann Na mbunscoil Athletics events

Our afterschool sports programmes include:

- Soccer
- Irish Dancing
- Hockey
- Self defense





Activities in our School:



School Trips

The world is a classroom and we find that going on educational trips and enhance our students learning. Each class goes on a number of school trips or outings per year. Each trip is linked to the curriculum and helps our students both academically and socially.



Drama and Music

Music, drama and the theatre are big parts of our school fabric. Theatre shows occur within the school which are amazing productions. We also have a school choir who sing at various events throughout the year.



STEM Activities

STEM (Scientific, Technology, Engineering and Math Education) is becoming a big part of the Irish Curriculum and we recognise its power and importance. Our school organise many STEM activities for our students throughout the year, including Maths week and school outings.



School Library

We have a school library, fully stocked with books for all ages, which all students enjoy. Students get an opportunity to go to the library and select books that are age appropriate and of interest to our students.

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Our Curriculum:

Primary education consists of an eight-year cycle: Junior Infants, Senior Infants, and First to Sixth Classes. The Primary Curriculum aims to provide a broad learning experience and encourage a rich variety of approaches to teaching and learning that cater for the different needs of individual children. The primary curriculum is designed to nurture the child in all dimensions of her life — spiritual, moral, cognitive, emotional, imaginative, aesthetic, social and physical.

The curriculum is presented in the following subjects and Areas. These are: Language: Gaeilge and English, Mathematics, Social, Environmental and Scientific Education (SESE): History, Geography and Science, Arts Education: Visual Arts, Music and Drama, Physical Education, Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE), and Religious Education.

We in Our Lady of Mercy Convent School cater, care for and teach students of all abilities, gifted and talented, and students with learning difficulties and diagnosis. We work with students who have limited English abilities on language acquisition.



NCCA

An Chomhairle Náisiúnta
Curaclaim agus Measúnachta
National Council for
Curriculum and Assessment

Our School Uniform:



- The school uniform consists of a navy skirt/pinafore and a light blue shirt, and may be purchased in normal retail stores, or trousers (style 301 only), available at 'The Uniform Warehouse, Cranford Centre.
- Children from 1st to 6th class wear the school uniform (as detailed above) and the tracksuit for P.E. days. Junior Infants can wear our tracksuit, while Senior Infants can mix.



- The crested jumper (for Snr Infants to 6th class) is also available in 'The Uniform Warehouse, Cranford Centre.
- All other items, skirt, pinafore, light blue shirt and polo shirt, navy socks/tights may be purchased in any other retail or department stores.

Healthy Eating in our school:

Here in Our Lady of Mercy Convent School, we love healthy lunchboxes. A healthy lunchbox, (for 2 breaks combined includes a piece of food from each of the bottom four shelves of the food pyramid. As promoted by the Student Council, the first break is primarily a 'Fruit and Veg break', which we would like to encourage. We ask for no nut products, due to some allergies in the school. We promote healthier drink choices in our school as well, including water and milk.

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To ensure our School works smoothly, please see some general information:

- We have a school calendar available which documents all our school days and holidays. Check out our website for more.
- All payments to Our Lady of Mercy school are made online through our Aladdin 'epayment' system. Such a system facilitates easier payments to the school and is very efficient administratively and from a security point of view.
- An annual subscription (set each year) is charged for every student and is payable in September of the school year. This amount goes towards the cost of Sports Modules, Photocopying and Art materials, Reading Pools, Book Rental Scheme, Computer Materials and Personal Accident Insurance. Thank you in advance.
- To enable us as a school community to provide such an experience for the girls enrolled in our school, we must rely on voluntary contributions and fundraising to supplement the financial support provided by the Department of Education and Skills. This is why primary schools are awarded charitable status by the Revenue Commissioners. All additional funding provided by donations is directed towards ensuring a holistic educational experience for our students.



- Parent/Teacher meetings are arranged annually, and usually take place in November. You will also be provided with your teacher's email address.
- With the agreement of the Parents' Association, the policy on party invitations is that they are not distributed within the school buildings or grounds. Thank you for understanding.
- We are always very happy and encourage parents/guardians to volunteer and become involved in school activities e.g. assisting with the Library, supervising on school trips etc., and we are very appreciative of these efforts. In order to assist with school activities parents/guardians must apply for Garda Vetting, which can be arranged through the school office.
- We ask that all school items are marked clearly, including clothing, School bags, Lunchboxes, Books etc. with your child's name and class, and hopefully, this will help to prevent any losses. There is a lost and found property box in the school.
- We trust our students to be on time for school and present in school everyday. We don't want any of our girls missing out on something important.

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School start time: 8.20a.m.

Dismissal time: 2.00p.m. (1.00p.m. for Junior and Senior infants)