

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL



Dream • Believe

Flourish • Achieve



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About Our School

Holy Family Schools are co-educational national schools which operate under the rules and regulations set down by the Department of Education and Skills. They enrol both boys and girls from Junior Infants to Sixth class and while the majority of these come from Ennis, the schools' inclusive enrolment policies ensure that all families are welcome.

Early Years Education

Preschool facilities catering for children ages 2-5 years following Síolta Curriculum

- **'Ms Gráinne's Montessori'** ☎ (087) 2033328
- **'Lara's Little Angels Pre School'** ☎ (086) 8438888

Specialist Infant School

Junior Infants to First Class, with a dedicated early years programme supporting individual learning needs of all children

- **Aistear** best practice play based learning in classrooms and in well resourced playroom.
- **Literacy Lift Off Reading Programme** small group instruction with a highly qualified specialist teaching team
- **Reading Recovery** individual reading programme
- **Mata sa Rang** small group instruction with a highly qualified specialist teaching team
- **Maths Recovery** individual maths programme
- **Incredible Years** whole school positive behaviour management

Specialist Classes

- Speech and Language class
- Class for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired
- Special classes for pupils with Autism
- Reading Class for 3rd and 4th class children with a Severe Specific Learning Difficulty (Dyslexia) who live in Co Clare and beyond.

School Activities & Achievements

We encourage the students in our schools to take part in school based, local and national projects to enhance learning and self-esteem. These include the following:

- Annual whole school **musicals /variety shows**
- **Nativity** story production in our local Cathedral.
- Award winning **school choir**.
 - Peace Proms
 - Féile na hInse
 - Walton's Music for Schools
- **Strings Programme** Whole class violin instrumental tuition
- **Music Generation** music lessons for our students in a variety of instruments.
- **Traditional Irish music school band.**
- **Rock band**
- **Artists in Residence Scheme**
e.g. Felt, Mosaics, Sculpture, Murals, Community Art Competitions
- **Debating and Quiz teams**
- **School teams** in basketball, badminton, tennis, soccer, football and hurling/camogie.
- **External visiting coaches** from Munster Rugby, Clare GAA and Clare Sports Partnership
- **Indoor sports hall athletics** . All Ireland medal winners
- **Weekly assemblies** with student achievements acknowledged pupil of the week and principal's badges of honour awarded.
- **Junior Entrepreneur** programme (JESSIES) and **Junior Achievement** programmes
- **Junior Scientist** Competitions





Facilities & Services

- Breakfast club from 8.30am and after school pick up services from classrooms
- School cafeteria serving free hot lunches daily and an option of packed lunches chosen from an online menu
- Home School Liaison teacher to support parents and families
- Parents' Room where parents can meet and also attend courses both educational and recreational
- Book rental scheme and easy payment system for school expenses
- Annual school uniform recycling sale
- School garden, sensory area, poly tunnel and volunteer parent horticulturalist.
- Football pitch, hurling wall
- Sports hall and stage
- Computer rooms and ipads
- School library managed through a computerised software package and monitored by a designated teacher and volunteer parents
- Supervised, free after school sports
- Subsidised music tuition classes e.g. bodhrán, concertina, ukulele and drums
- Easy access to local library and heritage sites.
- Onsite Art Therapy, Play Therapy sessions for children
- In school NEPS (Educational Psychology) services
- In house therapy services and close links with local children and family support services.
- Well resourced playroom



School Statement

- **Extensive School Library**
supported by Active Parents' Group

*Reading skills
in English were
developed very
effectively.*



*We help people
that are new to
the school
-Atiful
5th Class*

- **Book Rental & Accelerated Reader**

*"I loved the challenge of
doing the book quizzes
in Accelerated Reader.
It was fun competing
with my friends to see
who could read the most
books."
- Cillian, Past Pupil*

*An established
culture of
improvement,
innovation and
creativity in
learning and
teaching exists*

- **CLIL**

(Content Language Integrated Learning)
to promote competence
in speaking the Irish language

*Pupils 'basic
structure and
language functions
in Irish are
developed
systematically.*



*The only way I would
have learned guitar was
through Holy Family
School. My confidence
has been boosted in
Holy Family School
- Gabriella 5th Class*

- **Small Group
Teaching Models**

*Our Café
food is great
- Ryan
6th Class*

*The provision of
support for pupils
through team
teaching is highly
commendable;.*

*Opportunities
to read, play
and nourish in
Holy Family
School
- Mounia*

*Mathematical
vocabulary and
problem-solving
skills in numeracy
are being developed
to a very good
standard.*

- **A broad range
of resources**
including maths
through ICT, iPads
Maths for fun and Izak 9



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• Arts Education

has always been central to the fabric of Holy Family School.

'Great school to pursue Music and Sports interests.'
– Keelin, Past Pupil



Pupils' achievements in the visual arts are highly commendable. In particular, the pupils' musical performance skills are developed to a very high standard.

• Student Voice / Students Council

All pupils experience an inclusive school environment characterised by caring supportive relationships between teachers, pupils and parents

'Academically-great supports and preparation for secondary school.'
– Alannah, Past Pupil

The pupils' learning in Social Environment and Scientific education is at a very high standard

• Green Schools Committees

If your child loves learning they will love this school-Oscar 6th Class



The quality of support for pupils well-being is highly commendable.

It is praiseworthy that teachers provide a range of extracurricular activities for pupils on a voluntary basis

Reading books is lots of fun especially when your library is full of fun
– Sarah 6th Class

• Active Schools flag broad Physical Education Curriculum

The school does a really great job of making a true community of children and parents from various backgrounds'.
– Karine, Parent.

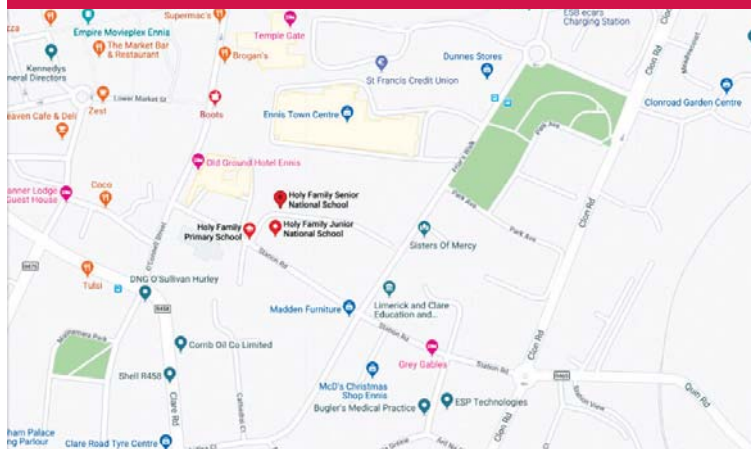


'As a student with ASD, I felt included. My teachers knew my strengths and interests; they were very supportive'.
– Jack, Past pupil

• Culture of positive behaviour and respect

*A child is like
a butterfly in the wind.
Some can fly higher
than others;
But each one flies
the best it can.
Why compare one
against the other?
Each one is different.
Each one is special.
Each one
is beautiful.*

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