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Welcome to S.N. Naomh Ceitheach, Runnamoat.

We would like to introduce you to our school and provide you with some useful information.

**Contact Information**

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**Current School Staff**

Ms. Siobhán Neary Principal and Special Education Teacher

Ms. Claire Casey Deputy Principal and Junior Room Teacher

Mr. Michael McCormack Senior Room Teacher

Mrs.Marion Kelly Full-time Additional Needs Assistant (ANA)

Ms. Mary Crowley Shared Special Education Teacher

Mr Cathal Connolly Administration Day Cluster Teacher

Mrs. Mabel Hynes Part-time Secretary

Mrs Mary Concannon School Cleaner

Mr Alan Feeney School grounds and garden maintenance

**Timetable**

* School opens at 9:30 am and closes at 3:10 pm (junior and senior infants finish at 2:10 pm). In certain circumstances children in the junior room are permitted to remain in school until 3:10 pm.
* Small break is from 11:00 am to 11:10 am.
* Lunch break is from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm.

**School Facilities**

* Two spacious Mainstream Classrooms
* One spacious Additional Needs Room/Library
* Large General Purpose Room/Hall used for Art/ Drama/ Games/Mass/indoor P.E. when wet/ School Assembly/ Concerts/ Dancing Classes and Computer Classes
* Coding (Microbits and Beebots) STEM resources
* Large outdoor play areas with soccer pitch, tennis court, basketball court, bicycle shelter and GAA pitch
* We also have the use of Ballinaheglish Community Centre when needed.

**School Ethos**

S.N. Naomh Ceitheach is a Catholic school under the patronage of the Bishop of Elphin. Children of all faiths and none are welcome in our school. Those wishing to make the sacraments of First Penance, Holy Communion and Confirmation are prepared to do so. Important religious events are marked throughout the year by completing associated activities such as making Christmas tree decorations, making St. Brigid’s crosses, making pancakes, creating Easter crafts, etc.

**Class Size**

Smaller class sizes mean every support and opportunity is given to pupils and we are very lucky to have a full-time special education teacher on site, a visiting special education teacher four days a week and a full time SNA. Due to our smaller class sizes, each pupil benefits from a substantial amount of one-to-one teaching time in class and also from station teaching and in class support (where the special education teacher and class teacher work together alongside pupils in small group settings.

**Community Links**

Being part of the community of Ballinaheglish is a role our school is proud of. This sense of belonging is important to our children for their social development. Being a small rural school means our pupils have a sense of identity and they look after one another, play together and get on very well together. We support the community through Tidy Towns activities, Church events, activities in the community centre and annual walk/barbeque. Children also take part in bingo which takes place in the community centre and play with Oran GAA Club. We have strong links with Roscommon Sports Partnership and local coaches regularly visit our school to teach hurling and football. We regularly welcome coaches and visitors to share their skills/expertise with the children such as; yoga instructors, tennis coaches, skipping workshops, RSA Road Safety demonstrations, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Agri-Aware etc to name but a few!

**School Choir**

Our pupils sing and play instruments at various Masses throughout the year including Christmas Day, St. Patrick’s Day, Easter Sunday, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

**Typing**

Children who are exempt from Irish are withdrawn and taught how to touch type on our school iPads. Children also benefit from professionally taught typing lessons and while children with Irish exemptions are exposed to oral Irish informally, one to one and small group support is provided during Irish lessons.

**Coding/STEM**

Our school is very well resourced to provide learning in the area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths). We are learning to code using microbits and also have as set of bee bots for the junior room. We host STEM and Coding workshops.

**School Uniform**

Our uniform colours are blue and grey. The blue crested school jumper is sold in school. We also sell a grey jog pants. The cost of both are subsidised by the school. A grey polo shirt/blouse is worn inside. Girls may wear grey jog pants/trousers/skirt or pinafore.

**Lunch**

We operate a healthy eating policy, which means children do not bring crisps, sweets or fizzy drinks to school. Children eat their lunches inside before going out to play. Each child has a cubby hole where they store their lunch. Our school is actively involved in the Food Dudes programme and Healthy Ireland Schools Initiative.

**Green Schools**

We are a ‘green school’ and so ask that children bring a reusable bottle and lunch box with them every day to school, to reduce waste. We aim to recycle as much as possible.

**School Bus**

If a seat is needed on the school bus, please contact Bus Éireann at [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie).

**Aistear**

The Aistear programme which promotes learning through play, is a very important part of our curriculum in the infant classroom. Through constructive play children are introduced to several themes and really enjoy this learning experience. Guest speakers are regularly invited to talk to the class at the end of a topic e.g. Gardaí, fire brigade personnel, estate agent, dentist, florist, builder, hairdresser, baker, optician, etc. Keep an eye on our Facebook to see all the fun themes we are working on!

**Parents’ Association & Board of Management**

We are extremely thankful to our very active and supportive Parents’ Association and BOM who, due to our small numbers, highly subsidise school trips and organise various fundraising activities throughout the year. They contribute to costly trips such as; sporting events, visit to the Helix Panto at Christmas and transport to various fun events throughout the year. We thank them for their continued generous support helping to make our regular fun outings less expensive.

**Fees**

We do not look for any voluntary fees for registration, art, photocopying or general school expenses. Swimming/Computer classes, STEM workshops, school tours, trips to reading workshops in Roscommon Library, school trips to Pantomimes etc are highly subsidised by our Board of Management and Parents’ Association and we are very grateful of the difference this makes.

**Extracurricular Activities**

As well as the core subjects your child will also be given the opportunity to take part in the following activities during their time with us:

* Cumann na mBunscoil (small schools County Champions 2022 & runners-up 2023)
* Trips to Connacht Centre of Excellence, Bekan
* School Choir
* Swimming Lessons
* STEM Workshops
* “Something Fishy” Project(Inland Fisheries Ireland)
* Coding Classes
* Computer Classes
* Soccer Training
* FAI Competitions
* Basketball blitzes
* Gaelic Training
* Hurling/Camogie Training
* Green Schools Programme
* Drama and School Concerts
* Tin Whistle Classes
* Amber Flag
* Active Flag
* Greener Schools Award Winners
* Credit Union and Library Quizzes
* Laya Super Troopers
* ‘Dare to Believe’ Olympian project
* Book Club/Book Fair
* Annual School Tours
* Gardening
* Skipping
* Heritage in Schools
* Readathon
* Cycling – Cycle Right Programme
* Library Art Competitions
* Blast Arts in Education
* Artist in Schools Programme
* Food Dudes
* Christmas Performance for Sonas Nursing Home
* Christmas Cards and Letters to Sonas Nursing Home Residents

**Charity Support**

The school has a long history of supporting various charities including MS Readathon,Trick or Treat for Sick Children, Christmas Shoebox Appeal,Goal and Jack and Jill Foundation.

**Sports Days/Active Week**

All staff come together to create a day of sporting activities for all our budding athletes. This is always a very enjoyable day for the children. The ice-cream van usually visits our school on this day! We love organising active events such as tennis coaching, yoga, skipping workshops, cycle right programmes and work closely alongside the GAA to organise trips to the Connacht Centre of Excellence for fun days throughout the year.

**Dressing Up**

The children enjoy dressing up at different stages of the year including Hallowe’en, Christmas Jumper Day and World Book Day.

We are like a big family here in Runnamoat N.S. and we hope that the warm, welcoming and friendly atmosphere with our low pupil teacher ratio and exceptional one to one support will offer every opportunity to your child to reach his/her full potential.

Our door is always open should you wish to come in and visit us. We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you.

Le dea-ghuí,

Scoil Náisúnta Naomh Ceitheach,

Runnamoat