

Central Model Infants' School, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1

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Information Booklet for New Pupils 2014

You will find lots of news and photos on our Website:

www.centralmodelinfantschool.ie



"Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí."

"Praise children and they will flourish."

OUR ETHOS

The Central Model Infants' School is a co-educational school, under the patronage of the Minister of Education. The Central Model Infants' School is an inclusive, child centred Learning Community. Respectful relationships are fundamental to us. We achieve excellence through high expectations, teamwork and shared leadership. We aim to nourish and develop each child's sense of their own self-worth as an individual and celebrate their unique gifts and talents.

Board of Management

Our Board of Management has overall responsibility for managing the school. There are eight members of the Board:- two Patron Representatives two Parent Representatives, two Community Representatives, the Principal and one Teacher Representative.

The Principal is Catherine Groves.

The Deputy Principal is Catherine O'Connell



Office

The Principal's office is usually open from 8.45am to 3.00pm. Our Secretary is Valerie. We welcome you and will help you as best we can. Check our website for information, calendar, policies and news from the classes about their work. Our website is www.centralmodelinfantschool.ie.

The Infants' cycle is three years. The children are usually enrolled in:

- Junior Infants when they are 4 / 5 years
- Senior Infants when they are 5 / 6 years
- First Class when they are 6 / 7 years

After First Class they leave this school and may transfer to the Central Model Senior School here beside us where they will be enrolled in 2nd class.

This is how you can help with your child's education in the Central Model Infants' School.

School Times 9.30a.m. – 2.10p.m.



School starts at 9.30a.m.

- Please come on time as latecomers disrupt the class.
- Children should never be left alone in the playground or parents' room before 9.30a.m. You are welcome to wait in the parents' room or our school yard with your child until the bell rings at 9.30a.m.
- School ends at 2.10p.m. and the children should be collected promptly at that time.
- Please do not collect your child before this time except in an emergency and with the Principal's permission.



Book Costs

All parents are asked to contribute €30.00 per pupil on enrolment day and then every June for the following years. This goes towards the rental of school books, buying stationary, art materials, photocopying etc. There are no other book costs.



School Uniform

- Every child should wear the school uniform **or** school tracksuit every day.
- The uniform is available in Dunnes Stores, Penneys, Tesco, Marks & Spencer and other shops. It is a grey pinafore/trousers, grey cardigan/jumper, pale blue blouse/shirt and navy tie.
- Tracksuits are available from The Uniform Warehouse, 39 Hill Street.
- Phone: 872 0220 (Uniform Warehouse)
- On P.E. days (Tuesday & Thursday) children should wear tracksuit and runners.
- Please ensure tracksuits have **Infants'** School Logo.
- Please write your child's name in marker or biro on the labels on their uniforms, tracksuits and coats.
- Only stud earrings may be worn, no loose hanging jewellery.



School Uniform



School Tracksuit



Liaison with teachers

- All Parents/Guardians are very welcome to meet with the teachers in this school. Please ask the teacher to arrange to meet you at a time that suits you both.
- In September you will be invited to a meeting for all parents/guardians of children at each class level. The teachers will discuss the curriculum for the year with you.
- You will be invited to meet individually with your child's teacher in November to discuss his/her progress.

Behaviour

- Please ensure you have read and are in agreement with the school's **Code of Behaviour**. You must sign a form of agreement prior to enrolment.
- These guidelines are set out to ensure that a happy secure learning environment exists in the school and that communication between all in the school community is clear and courteous.

Address / Contact

- Please inform the school immediately of any phone number or address changes.
- School uses 'Text a Parent' to send you information, please ensure the school has your up to date Mobile number.
- It is very important that we can contact you or another named adult in case of emergency e.g. accidents / sickness/non collection etc.

Attendance

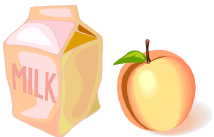
- Please ensure that your child attends school regularly. It is important that the children attend every day and that they go to bed early every night.
- The school is obliged to inform the Educational Welfare Board when a child is absent from school for 20 days or more or is regularly late for school.
- If your child is absent please inform the teacher of the reason or please send a note which will be kept on record.



Homework

- Your child's teacher will let you know how to help with their homework.
- Your child may bring home a reading book and/or Library book every night. They may also take home a written activity/maths worksheet.
- You should take up to 20 minutes to read and help your child with their homework.

Lunch



The school has a healthy eating policy, which is on our website.

- The children are provided with a choice of fruit/sandwiches/rolls/healthy snacks, water and milk each day. These are supplied by the school. You will be offered a choice by the teacher.
- It is not necessary to bring any lunch to school.



Swimming

- Children go swimming on Monday in Belvedere Swimming Pool from 11.00a.m – 12.00p.m.
- Each child will get approximately 8 swimming lessons during the school year.
- Swimming costs €2 per lesson per child and children should bring swimming togs and a towel to school. Parents/Guardians are welcome to accompany children to swimming and to help undress and dress them. Try and teach your child to do this by themselves.



Home School Community Liaison

Our **Home School Community Liaison Teacher** is Marie Yvonne Hegarty. She may be able to help you with parenting issues/English classes/after school activities. You will find Marie Yvonne in the Parents' Room or you may contact her on **087 0525960**.

You will be invited to help in the classroom or come on trips to support your child's education. The teachers will keep you informed.

From time to time there may be shared reading or maths games in the classroom. You are welcome to come and share in the learning experience with your child



School Policies

School policies are updated regularly and available to read on our website or on request from our office.