



# Ballyfinane National School

## Information Booklet



One Small School – One Big Family  
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# Welcome to Ballyfinane National School

Ballyfinane National School is a vibrant rural primary school which strives to promote a caring, happy and secure learning environment for our children. Our dedicated staff aim to enhance the intellectual, spiritual, physical, moral & cultural needs of our pupils. Ballyfinane N.S. values all of our children and recognize that children learn in different ways, through various mediums, have different abilities & talents, all of which will be actively celebrated and nurtured in our school.

While our school may be small, there are big benefits for our pupils. Some of which can be seen below. Our school, with its dedicated staff members, are determined to enhance the self-esteem & well-being of every young pupil under our care. We commend our past pupils, encourage our current pupils and welcome with open arms any family who wishes to join the Ballyfinane School Community.



**Catherine O'Shea**  
Principal

- Excellent Pupil/Teacher Ratio
- Small class sizes where everyone knows your name
- Individual Attention
- 8:40am drop off

- Additional supports to meet the needs of individual children
- Stronger relationships with peers of all ages
- We provides an avenue for all children to blossom

- Makes class participation easier & more inclusive
- Allows for fun activities, life skills and wellbeing initiatives



## Facilities

We are extremely lucky in Ballyfinane N.S. to have such a spacious building consisting of Two Modern Classrooms, S.E.N. Room, Multi-Purpose Room & Sensory Room. We also have some wonderful outdoor facilities available to all our pupils. These include; a playground, sensory garden, yard games, football pitch, basketball court and access to the Community Halla.





# Other Services Provided

Ballyfinane National School understands that family life can be busy. We have a number of different options to help parents with the drop-off and collection of pupils. These include;

## AFTER SCHOOL SERVICES

After school services are provided Monday to Friday by Puffins Childcare, Furies.(06697 11004)

Children are picked up by Puffins from the school at 1.30pm for Junior & Senior Infants and all other classes at 2.30pm. Children can return to the school for 2:30pm pick up or be collected from Puffins at any time up until 6pm each evening.



## EARLY MORNING SUPERVISION

Early supervision is available for all pupils from 8.40am with school starting at 8.50am

## SCHOOL BUS

There is also a school bus in operation in the school. Please contact the school for more information on the various routes in the locality.



# Activities & Initiatives

Along with our curriculum, our small class sizes allow our children to engage in a wide range of extra activities throughout the school year. Below are just some of the additional educational activities and initiatives our children partake in;

- Aistear
- Drama and Music Classes
- Spanish Classes
- Swimming Lessons
- Art & Crafts
- Baking
- Irish Dancing
- Gymnastics
- Football & Hurling
- Coding & Robotics
- STEM Activities
- Multiple School Trips
- Local History Outings
- Active, Digital and Amber Flags
- Blue Star

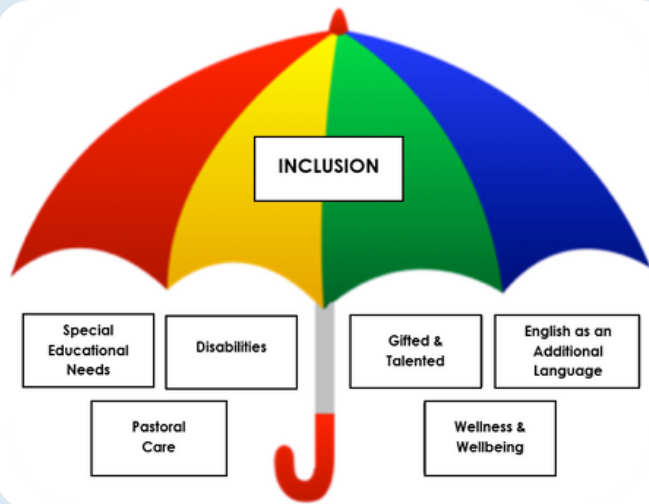


Ballyfinane National School also places a major emphasis on adopting a Positive School Culture in order to enhance & foster the self-esteem and growth of all of our pupils. Our wellness activities include;

- Yoga
- Mindfulness
- Nature Walks
- Gardening
- Wellbeing Week
- Friendship Week
- Active Week
- Sensory Activities
- School Anthem
- Drumming



# Pupils With Additional Needs



We currently have two Additional Needs Assistants and one Special Education Teacher along with a sensory room, sensory garden, sensory path, accessible toilet and a brand new S.E.N. classroom.

Parents of pupils with any identified needs are advised to meet with the Principal prior to enrolment in the school. We will make every effort to accommodate & fully support any child with specific needs as their well-being is our priority.

## Contact Information

Many thanks for taking the time to read our Information Booklet. For further details, to request a viewing of the school or an enrolment pack please contact our Principal, Catherine O'Shea, by any of the means below



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You can also keep an eye on all the fun things we do here in Ballyfinane National School by checking out our school website or by following us on Facebook or Instagram.



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