

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL



Dream • Believe

Flourish • Achieve



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What can Holy Family School offer your child?

Holy Family Junior and Senior Schools share their large campus in the heart of Ennis town with a Preschool, Montessori School and an Afterschool Facility. Pupils progress to the Senior School after finishing first class in Holy Family Junior School. We recognise that children need to feel happy, confident and secure at school in order to learn successfully and our staff is dedicated to helping each child to achieve their full potential; academically, socially, and creatively. Children should be inspired and actively involved in their learning and our school motto 'Dream, Believe, Flourish, Achieve' expresses our commitment to delivering high quality education.

Childcare

Ms. Gráinne's Childcare Centre offers Preschool, Montessori and Afterschool childcare for children aged from 2.5 years to 13 years.

- **Ms. Gráinne's Montessori**  (087) 2033328

Early Years Education

From Junior Infants to First Class, Holy Family Junior School provides a bespoke nurturing, caring, stimulating environment in which our young pupils start their primary school education journey. The following initiatives and frameworks help to support the children on this journey:

- **Aistear** - the curriculum framework for children from birth to 6 years
- **The Incredible Years Programme** - provides parents and teachers with the skills they need to promote social-emotional learning, academic skills, and positive behavioural outcomes for children
- **Reading Recovery** - a licensed, school-based, short-term, early literacy intervention
- **Maths Recovery** - a unique approach to extending children's number knowledge, understanding and strategies
- **Mata sa Rang** - a group or whole class approach to numeracy using Maths Recovery teaching approaches and assessment tasks

Specialist Classes

- Speech and Language class
- Special classes for pupils with Autism
- Reading Class for 3rd and 4th class children with a Specific Learning Difficulty (Dyslexia)

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
- **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

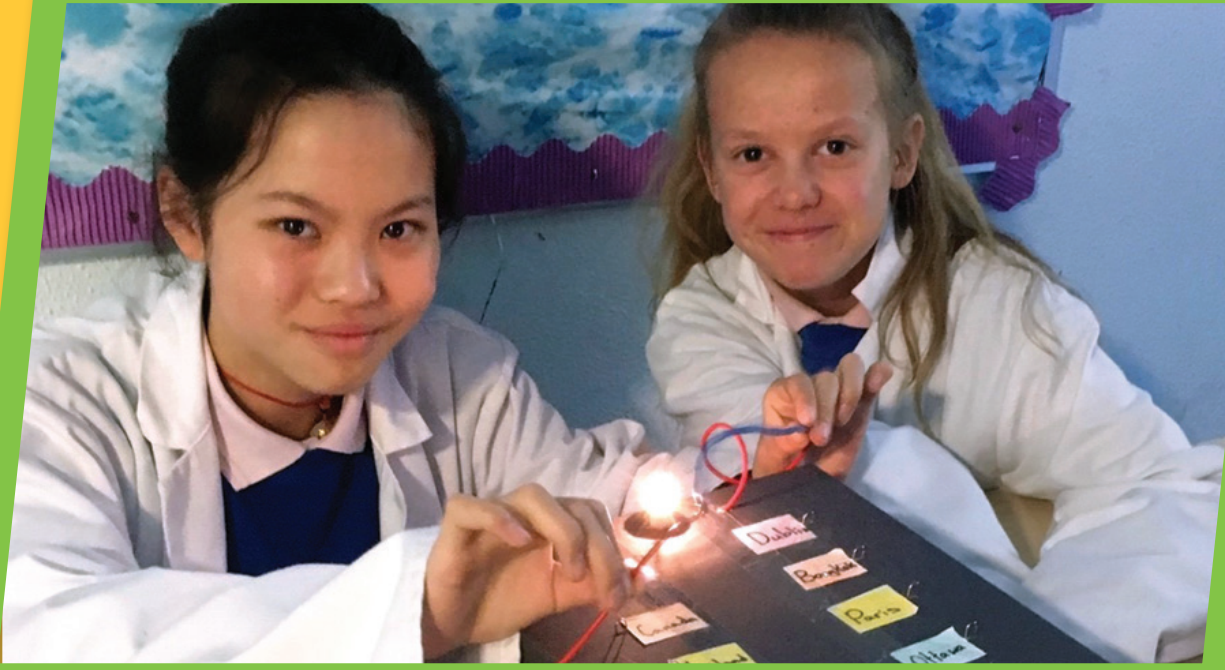
e.g. Felt, Mosaics, Sculpture, Murals, Community Art Competitions

- **Debating and Quiz teams**
- **School teams** in basketball, badminton, tennis, soccer, chess, 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 8.40am
- After school collection service from classrooms
- School cafeteria serving free hot lunches daily and an option of hot lunches chosen from an online menu
- Home school liaison teachers to support parents and families
- Parents' Room where parents can meet and also attend courses both educational and recreational
- Annual school uniform recycling sale
- School garden, sensory area, poly tunnel
- Football pitch and hurling wall
- Sports hall and stage
- Computer equipment: interactive whiteboards, laptops, i-pads
- School library digitally managed, with a dedicated teacher and volunteer parents
- Supervised free after school sports
- Music classes including bodhran, concertina, ukulele, drums, piano, guitar, and strings
- Easy access to local library and heritage sites
- Onsite art/play therapy sessions for children
- In school NEPS (National Educational Psychology) service

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- **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.

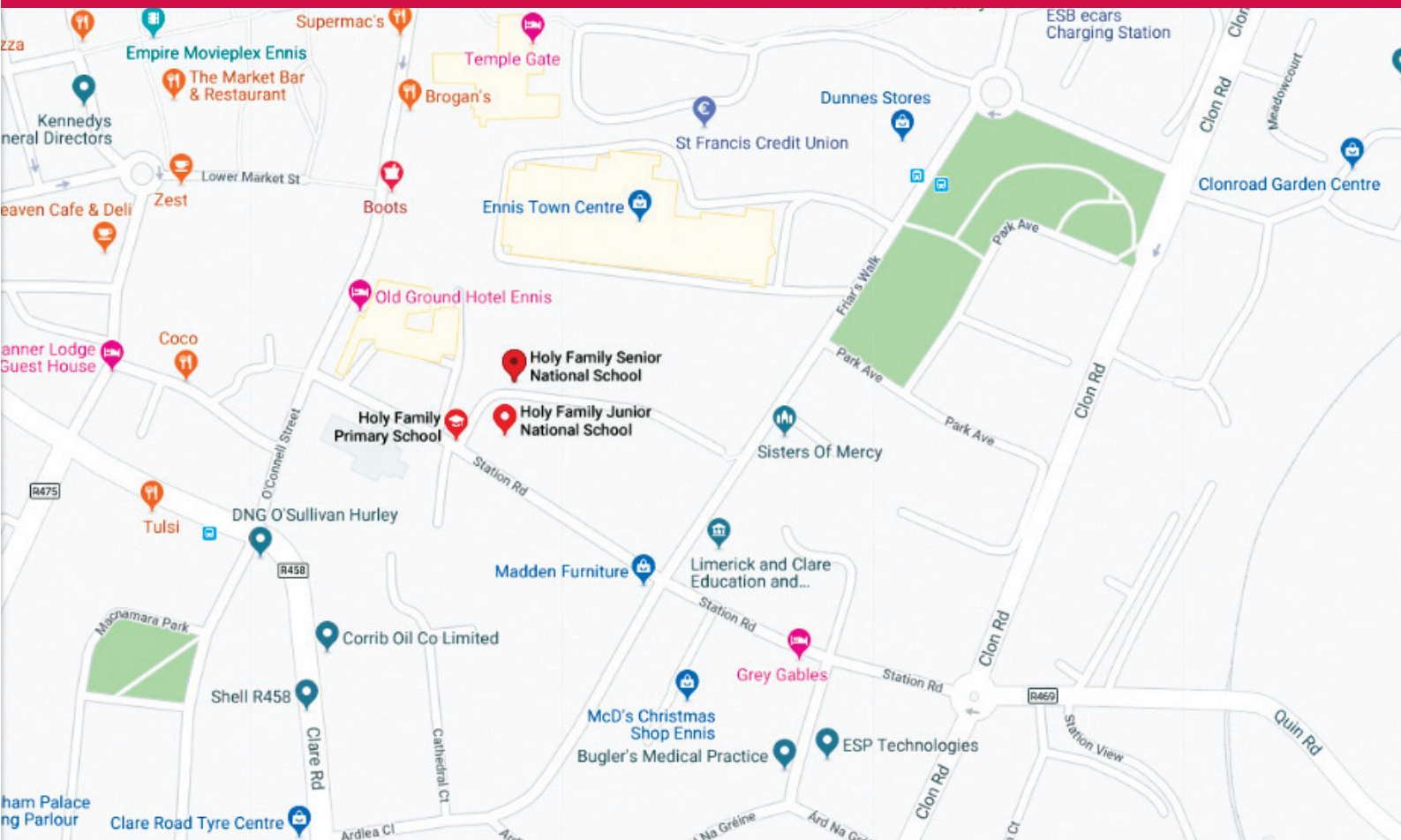


'As a student with ASD, I felt included. My teachers knew my strengths and interests; they were very supportive'.
– Jack, Past pupil

• 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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