

Dear Parents and Guardians



You are very welcome to O'Connell Primary School. Our school is located in Dublin's North East Inner City in the shadow of Ireland's most famous stadium, Croke Park. Our school dates back nearly 200 years to 1828 when Blessed Edmund Rice founded our school to cater for the boys in Dublin's Inner city and it is named after Daniel O'Connell who championed Catholic emancipation in the 1800s.

O'Connell Primary caters for boys from 2nd class to 6th class. We have ten mainstream classes and we also have 2 special classes catering for boys with ASD. Our approach to education is all about helping the children learn and grow in a quality child centred educational environment.

We aim to enable our boys to develop academically, physically, socially, spiritually and artistically to their fullest potential. We provide a top quality, child centred and very active educational programme for all in our care. O'Connell Primary is a happy, friendly and fun filled school where we work in close partnership with our parents and our amazing local community to ensure all our students receive a first class education.

We pride ourselves in our school in providing a safe, fun environment for your son to grow and learn. Your son will not only receive a first class education but will also be given the opportunity to explore their talents in art, drama, music and sports. As a student of O'Connell Primary your son will be able to access the vast after schools programme we run in the school, access the supports offered through city connects and access the educational psychologist, occupational therapist and speech and language therapist based in our school.

Our dedicated staff will ensure your son receives every opportunity to grow and develop during their time in primary school.

Mr. Mickey McHugh
Principal



Why Choose O'Connell Primary school?

- Child centered environment
- Small class sizes
- Dedicated Staff
- City Connects
- MDT support
- Excellent facilities & space
- After school programme
- Hot meals
- GAA
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Guitar
- Drama
- Movie making
- Coding
- Computers
- Cinema club
- Cooking
- Nurture Room
- Parents' Room



CITY CONNECTS Every Student, Every Teacher, Every Year.

O'Connell Primary is partnered with **City Connects**. **Martin Shovlin** is our full-time City Connects Coordinator and he is embedded within the fabric of our school. Martin collaborates with teachers in every classroom to review the strengths and needs of every student every year and creates a tailored support plan for every student –connecting pupils to a comprehensive range of prevention, intervention, and enrichment services in the school and surrounding community.



The City Connects Coordinator is the hub of student support and will be a great support to your son.

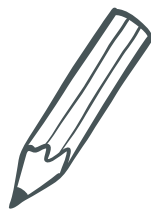
Our City Connects Coordinator - Martin Shovlin

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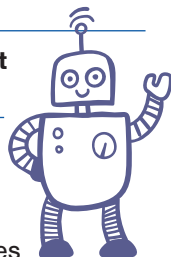
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In O'Connell Primary we are also fortunate to have access to our local **Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT)** based in Summerhill Primary Care centre. We have access to an **educational psychologist, speech and language therapist** and **occupational therapist** who are based in the school two days a week working with staff in supporting students throughout our school.

Rules of the Classroom



1. Be in uniform, be on time and be ready for school.
2. Do as you are asked, follow instructions straight away.
3. Work quietly, finish your work and do it well.
4. Keep unhelpful hands, feet, objects and comments to yourself.
5. Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak or move from your seat.
6. Wait until the correct time to sort out problems.



These are the rules we follow as part of our DFL (Discipline For Learning). Boys who work hard and follow the rules get lots of nice treats and rewards. If you hear your son talking about stages it means he has not followed some of the rules. Boys are given 2 chances before being asked to choose a stage. Discuss these rules with him and help him understand the importance of following the rules of the school. **You as a parent have a very important part to play in your sons education.**



Here in O'Connell Primary we use **classdojo** so you can monitor how your son is doing in school.

Messages and videos are sent out regularly from the principal and from your sons teacher. It is **very important that you download the classdojo app** and enter your sons code so you can access his class. You will only see information relating to your son. You will also be able to message your sons teacher or the school principal with any questions you may have about your son.

Helpful Contacts



Mr McHugh

Phone 086 - 833 7549

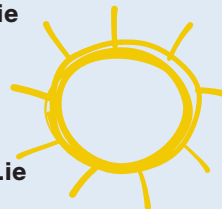
Please save this number to your phone as you will receive whats app messages from school.

Email Principal@oconnellprimary.ie

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Welcome to O'Connell Primary School

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