



Dear Prospective Parents,

You and your child are warmly invited to join us for our Open Morning on

Friday 15th December from 10am – 12.30pm.

Principal's address at 10am

Our wonderful pupils make our school the place that it is today and having our Open Morning enables you to see the school at work. It also provides an opportunity for you to engage in a number of activities that showcase the life, work and achievements of our pupils.

The fundamental aim of our school, and the very reason for our existence, is to enable each child who attends to be all that they can be; to embrace and fulfil their unique, God-given potential.

Our school is a warm, happy and successful place. Visit us and you will see many smiling faces in the classrooms and hear laughter in the playground. We provide an enriching educational experience, offering a curriculum that provides opportunities for all; the musically inclined child to play an instrument and sing in our choirs, the sports enthusiast to compete and fine tune their athleticism, the budding artist to be inspired and create or the inquisitive engineering mind to be fulfilled by challenge and purpose. We achieve all of this through opportunity, challenge and expert teaching.

At St Francis', we commit to enabling every child to learn to speak well, to read and write with understanding and flair and to be able to use numbers to calculate and solve problems. These basic skills are non-negotiable and are taught systematically, every day in school by

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our highly skilled teachers. We endeavour to stretch all children beyond their current limits, fostering high expectations of what can be achieved. Practice really does make perfect.

Our modern and fully refurbished school utilises the very latest in technology, helping to enhance all areas of our curriculum and preparing our children for the exciting and hi-tech futures that await them. Yet at the very heart of our teaching, we explicitly promote and endorse the traditional values of hard-work, effort, self-discipline and good manners as the real key to future success!

Unlocking potential and removing barriers to learning is the promise and commitment of our school. We work in partnership with all of our families to make high aspirations a reality for every child.

To coin a phrase, at St Francis' Primary School we have the ambition, passion and dedication of staff who can "raise the ceiling and also raise the floor." Primarily the children are at the centre of everything we do.

Our school has grown greatly over the last 10 years due to the hard work and dedication from all stakeholders and we now have 94 pupils enrolled in the school. With the recent addition of a brand new mobile classroom, a replacement modular classroom and with future works planned, the Department of Education and Council for Catholic Maintained Schools have committed to the long term future and vision of the school, which we are very excited about and hope that you can be a part of as well.

Our school Facebook page (St Francis' Primary School, Drumaroad) and our website <http://www.stfrancispsdrumaroad.com> provides a further insight to what school life is like at St Francis' Primary School. Here you can find more information about our wrap around care, educational trips, Christmas performances and lots more about what we can offer.

If, for any reason, you cannot make Friday 15th December please do not hesitate to contact me directly at school to arrange a more suitable time.

I look forward to meeting you.

Many Thanks.

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