**Killean PS Admissions 2022**

Dear Parent,

Thank you for taking the time to read about Killean Primary School. I am delighted to tell you all about our wonderful school. In our school, we put the child at the centre of everything we do and we have the pleasure of teaching, learning and growing with them every day. The staff in Killean are committed to ensuring that each child is nurtured educationally, spiritually and we strive to help them fulfil their potential inside and outside of the classroom.

**Where are we?**

We are nestled in the heart of the South Armagh countryside close to the scenic Flagstaff Viewpoint, regarded by many as one of the best views in Ireland. We are conveniently located a short drive just off the Belfast/Dublin motorway outside of Newry.

**Our School**

Here in Killean, we boast a newly refurbished school with state-of-the-art indoor hall and playing facilities. All our delicious school meals are cooked onsite. We also provide dinners for other schools in the locality. During playtime, the children can enjoy the use of our two playgrounds and during the spring and summer seasons, we enjoy the use of our grass playing field.

As you make you way into school, you will find spacious classrooms and even an outdoor learning area for Foundation/KS1. There is an ICT suite with over 30 laptops available, iPads for every classroom and a school library to help nurture our young readers of the future.

**Curriculum**

Our foundation and key stage one children enjoy the opportunity to learn through play-based learning. This can be done inside or outside of the classroom with our outdoor learning area. Our foundation/KS1 team help the children to begin the educational journey in a fun and nurturing environment.

High quality teaching and learning is part of the fabric of our school. We work hard to provide fun and innovative lessons. We strive to make sure our children get the opportunity to access every part of the curriculum whether that is through languages, sport, ICT or play based learning.

**Eco Team/Student Council**

You may notice it flying proudly at the entrance to our school. We in Killean, are very honoured to be one of the very few schools in the locality to hold a green Eco Flag. We are proud to teach our children about the importance of looking after our world, promoting biodiversity, and becoming advocates for a greener world. Our Eco council and student council strive to deliver the best possible school for their peers.

**Music**

Every child from P5 to P7 is offered the chance to learn a musical instrument through our band programme. This is delivered by superb musicians and seeing the band in full swing really is something to behold!

**Languages**

Hola Amigo! Every child in Killean P.S learns Spanish from P1 to P7. Being bilingual offers many advantages. It helps to Increase brain power; it gives children an academic advantage and increases awareness of other cultures. Plus, learning about other languages and cultures is fun!

**Afterschool**

We boast a variety of afterschool clubs including:

-Football

-Camogie/hurling

-Computer club

-Eco Club

-Soccer

-Dance

-Maths club

And many many more

**Nurture**

In Killean we nurture the child academically, spiritually and through their well-being as well. We work closely with Bernardo’s PATHS programme giving children the tools to look after their own well-being. We also work closely with Family Works counselling services to help every child. In Killean P.S, along with Killeavy Parish, sacramental preparation is done in P4 and P7 helping children to grow spiritually through the Grow in Love programme.

**Community**

Here in Killean P.S. we have a proud tradition of working closely with the community. We help promote and host Coiste Cillian’s youth club on a Wednesday and Friday night and work closely with Armagh GAA, St Michael’s GAA and Killeavy GAA.

If you would like to learn more about our school and arrange a visit, please phone 02830848522 or email [cmcateer838@c2kni.net](mailto:cmcateer838@c2kni.net) and I would be delighted to show you what our school and community has to offer you and your family.

I look forward to seeing you soon

Mr McAteer