



HAROLD BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL



Harold Boys' National School, St. Patrick's Road, Dalkey. Established 1901.
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Teresa Buckley, *Principal*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Fáilte is fíchead chuig Scoil Haróid, Deilginis. We welcome you and your child to Harold Boys' National School, and look forward to a happy and successful association over the coming years.

I hope that you will find this booklet both informative and enlightening. It gives a brief and general account of the various activities in our school. By promoting a positive and progressive ethos, we endeavour to cater for the needs of our pupils and to develop their talents. We, in Harold Boys' National School, are committed to providing a caring environment in which understanding and mutual respect is fostered.

The vital role of parents/guardians in education is recognised and acknowledged in our school. Great emphasis is placed on the meaningful participation of parents in the education of their children. Parents/guardians are encouraged to meet with teachers throughout the year.

Primary education provides the foundation for all subsequent advancement in the education system. The most formative years in a young person's development are spent at primary school. We hope these years in the Harold Boys' National School will be happy ones, and the pupils will leave with good work habits formed; with a keen understanding of the arts, and above all with sound social, moral and religious ethic. Mar a deirtear, 'Tús maith leath na hoibre'.

If you would like to visit the school or if you have any queries please contact the school secretary at 01 2856193 and make an appointment.

Cuirfear fáilte romhat i gcónaí.

Yours faithfully,

Teresa Buckley, Principal.

HAROLD BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL DALKEY

Harold Boys' National School was opened as a three-roomed school in January 1901, to commemorate the Harold brothers John and George, both priests, who lived in the area in the mid -nineteenth century. A new wing was added to the school in the mid-sixties, and in 2007 a major refurbishment was carried out. This included the modernisation of the building and an extension to the school. The redevelopment of the school's play areas and grounds was also completed. A further extension to the school was built in 2012. The newly refurbished school provides modern facilities including:

- Five classrooms
- Computer Room
- Learning Support Room
- Resource Teaching Room
- Assembly Hall
- Two Play Areas (one designated for Second Class only)

The school, which caters for boys from Second to Sixth class, has a proud tradition in nurturing academic ability, developing sporting skills, and fostering concern and awareness of social and cultural issues. Our prime location in the centre of the town of Dalkey, which is on the DART line, results in our pupil population coming from both the local and wider community.

STAFF

Harold Boys' National School prides itself in having a dedicated team of teachers. The Principal of the school is Ms Teresa Buckley and Ms Jennifer O Carroll is the Deputy Principal. The staff includes five mainstream class teachers, and three Learning Support/Resource Teachers. There are also six Special Needs Assistants in the school.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí.

- Provide the ethos in line with the Catholic Church teaching
- Encourage every pupil to work to the best of his ability
- Ensure the success of the school's Code of Behaviour
- Develop self-confidence, self-reliance and self esteem
- Instil a sense of pride in the school
- Promote an interest in sport and leisure activities
- Foster concern and awareness of social and cultural issues

CURRICULUM

- Language: English and Gaeilge
- Mathematics
- Social, Environmental and Scientific Education, History, Geography and Science
- Arts Education: Visual Arts, Music and Drama
- Physical Education
- Social, Personal and Health Education
- Religious Education



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The school provides and encourages a broad range of activities:

- Basketball
- Gaelic Football
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Hurling
- Computers
- Cycling
- Athletics



Close links are maintained with local Sports Clubs including Cuala GAA Club, Dalkey United and Seapoint Rugby Club.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Chess
- Drama
- Guitar
- Gaelic Football and Hurling
- Basketball
- Lego Club



Recent initiatives undertaken by the school include:

- Promotion of “Green School”
- Discovery Primary Science and Maths (Award of Excellence received for the past 11 years)
- Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine,
ag cothú speise i labhairt na Gaeilge
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- School Choir
- Christmas Carol Service and Concerts
for parents
- History Week
- Write-a-Book / Scríobh Leabhar Competition
- In-Schools Competitions in Art and Poetry
- Dublin Primary Schools’ Mini Basketball League
- Leinster Schools’ Swimming Gala
- Local GAA Football and Hurling Leagues
- Christmas Carol Service and Concerts for parents



SCHOOL UNIFORM

The uniform consists of a navy blue V-neck jumper, navy blue tie, pale blue shirt, navy trousers and black shoes. A school crest is purchased from the school office and attached to the jumper. The school tracksuit is navy blue and the wearing of shorts is optional.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Harold Boys’ National School has a very active and dynamic Parents’ Association. Numerous events are organised throughout the year which support the continued development of the school.

- The school holds annual Parent/Teacher meetings.
- There is informal individual parental contact with the school when needed.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

There is an eight member Board of Management comprising two Nominees of the Patron, the Principal Teacher, a Teacher Representative, two Parent Representatives and two from the Community. The Board of Management ensures that the school is managed in a manner that provides all pupils with the best possible education.





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