



Carrigaline Community Special School
A Cork Education and Training Board School
Development Plan
Monday, 14 June 2021

1. Background

As Patron, Cork Education and Training Board is very conscious of the need to provide all children who are offered a place in the new school with a positive and a safe educational experience. We will welcome children who are coming to a school setting for the first time, children who may not have been in a formal school setting for some time and are transitioning to the new school and children who are progressing from other school settings. We will also welcome an entire new staff who will be fully supported in their new roles through access to relevant support services and experienced practitioners.

We are very excited about developing this new school community which will be a new experience for all involved.

To ensure that we can meet the needs of students, their families and the entire school community, Cork ETB will work with the relevant support services and agencies, particularly the National Council for Special Education, the Department of Education and existing special schools, regarding the necessary provision to support this development. Cork ETB understands that each child will have different and specific needs.

2. Enrolment and Induction

The move to Carrigaline Community Special School will be both an exciting and a challenging time for all involved and will take place in a completely new environment.

It is important therefore, that we manage the development of the new school in a way that ensures that each child has a successful transition into the school. The staff of the school will be facilitated in supporting this transition through access to an appropriate professional learning support plan.

The priority for the 2021/22 school year is to provide a school place for children in the Cork City and Cork County area, who are currently without an offer of a place in a mainstream school, mainstream school special class or a special school for September 2021 and who are known to the NCSE as not having a school placement for September 2021.

The school will therefore have capacity for 32 students in the 2021/22 school year. Ultimately, it is expected that the school will cater for up to 48 children and this will be managed in the context of the evolving development plan for the school which prioritises the needs of the children involved.

The school, in conjunction with the child, the parents/guardians and other relevant partners, will develop and agree an appropriate transition plan for each child who is enrolled in the school.

3. Admissions/Enrolment Process 2021/22

Please see below the timelines for the enrolment process for Carrigaline Community Special School.

These comply with the legislative requirements of the Education (Admissions to Schools) Act 2018 and the regulations deriving from this Act.

Event	Timeline
Publication of Admission Notice	Monday 14 th June 2021
Application Forms available	Monday 21 st June 2021
Commencement date for the receipt of applications	Monday 21 st June 2021
Closing date for receipt of applications	Monday 12 th July 2021

Initial offers of a place in Carrigaline Community Special School	By Friday, 23 rd July 2021
Closing date for accepting a place in Carrigaline Community Special School	Friday 30 th July 2021

4. Building work

Working in conjunction with the Department of Education's Planning & Building Unit, Cork Education and Training Board have engaged a construction design team to repurpose the former Carrigaline Gaelscoil building to meet the needs of a special school. Building works will commence on site at the end of June, once the primary school term is completed and the Gaelscoil has vacated the building. Internal works include the redesign of rooms including toilet blocks and the repurposing of some spaces. External works include removal of many of the external accommodation units to provide for children play areas and a redesigned public access and set down area. Work will continue throughout the summer in preparation for the opening of the school for the 2021/22 school year.

5. Recruitment of Staff

Recruitment of the principal, teachers and special needs assistants is currently underway.