

Trustees Report 21-22

Naíscoil na Deirge is a pre-school through the medium of the Irish Language. We provide childcare/pre-school to those parents who wish to introduce their children to a second language and that language of choice is Irish. All activities are organised through the medium of Irish and the children develop their understanding of the language in a playful and creative environment.

Naíscoil na Deirge are registered with the Western Health and Social Services Board and adhere to all requirements of the Trust in making provision for children. Naíscoil na Deirge's primary source of funding is from the Education Authority through their pre school education expansion programme which is essentially a premium paid for the delivery of the pre-school curriculum to children who attend pre-school one year before starting primary school. Those children who are younger and are not pre-school do not attract any funding.

In 2021/22 Naiscoil na Deirge has delivered the programme as per the Education Authority's specification from 9 30 until 12 00 5 days a week whilst introducing enhanced infection control provisions to combat the on-going COVID global pandemic.

The management of Naiscoil na Deirge are delighted that the staff have had such a positive impact on our pre-schoolers for 21-22 with each child progressing on to their primary school of choice.

Each year it is essential to fundraise in order to cover the costs of our programme. Our fundraising strategy is agreed and implemented at the start of each academic year. In 21/22 we introduced new fundraising draw which ensured sustainability of the service.

Naíscoil na Deirge is non-demonational