



## What would you like to tell prospective parents about your experience as a parent in Scoil Chlíodhna?

- ★ My daughter started in junior infants in Scoil Chlíodhna this year. There is such a friendly welcome every morning at the gate being greeted by the lovely principal Teresa who knows everybody by name. My daughter has learned so much already and also has had so much fun! She loves her teacher and would go to school every day if she could. I'm so happy I've chosen Scoil Chlíodhna for her to attend and I know she will be happy for her time there, a great school with a lovely friendly atmosphere would highly recommend.
- ★ My little girl in 3rd class already and we have no problem at all with school, she is always happy and excited to go to school every morning. The teachers are all kind and helpfully, trust me, there is no doubt to choose this school. Your children will love it.
- ★ This school is amazing, it's more like a family and they give all children the supports they need 5 stars
- ★ Firstly, all the teachers are so welcoming. Múinteoir Teresa & Múinteoir Joanne brave all elements to greet each child every morning by their name!! The classrooms are very inviting and colourful for the kids. It is a very forward thinking, modern school which I love. Children learn about many different cultures and how to be a good, kind person. The school/ teachers have a strong interaction with parents & the community which is great. It enables parents to get involved & help out with different events which the school run. From Intercultural Day, Sports Day, Special People's Day to name a few. The standard of teaching is high in Scoil Chlíodhna, with young, enthusiastic teachers which make learning fun. They have a great ethos on not overloading kids with too much homework. Múinteoir Teresa is doing an amazing job along with all her teaching staff. I could not recommend Scoil Chlíodhna highly enough.
- ★ Lovely school. Very welcoming and caring atmosphere.
- ★ The teachers are very involved and it's a very modern school
- ★ My little boy is excited to go to the school every morning. All the teachers are amazing. Don't hesitate to enrol your little ones in Scoil Chlíodhna :)
- ★ We are so happy with our decision to send our daughter to Scoil Chlíodhna. I love the way the school is so inclusive of everybody and the style of learning feels very modern, up to date and in a fun and interesting way for the children. Most of the learning is done in the school and I feel the amount of homework is just right. Seeing Teresa at the gate to welcome each child in the morning whatever the weather is just a lovely personal touch!
- ★ Both my children rush out the door each morning in order to get to school, I think that this tells its own story. They absolutely love the school.

- ★ It is the fourth year that we have the privilege and the luck to see our daughter thriving in and enjoying the learning and the fun in the amazing Community that Scoil Chliodhna aims to be and succeeds in being every single day. From our perspective we understand that this success, which is down to many many factors, could (in a nutshell) be put down to the following: the school's integrity, which we understand emerges from matching the ethos statement with genuine commitment and application to pedagogical practices that celebrate teaching as an interactive and democratic process. Everything our daughter and we experience in the school we experience as very real. More specifically: 1) we love every single member of the staff team that we have met and engaged with to this date, because they have not only been amazing in their roles, but they are also keen and committed communicators. 2) The school is asking for feedback frequently and further welcome it whenever a family feels the need to raise something. The feedback process is taken seriously and development and changes happen upon receiving it-it's never been superficial or tokenistic. 3) The families are often requested to participate in decision making processes through surveys. 4) There is an open atmosphere which indicates a safe environment for the children which I understand every family perceives from the school. 5) Apart from the excellent teaching methods, supports and policies that aim at helping ALL children grow at all levels (academically, physically, emotionally, socially and civically), 6) the school-being part of the ETB offers fantastic opportunities for music-learning and sports. These save money and time for the families who chose to avail of them and 7) free more FREE time for children, which is something the school highly values by following evidence-based research that indicates that children thrive when their day is balanced between age-appropriate structure time and free time during which they can relax, play and be creative. 8) Above is evident through the homework policy which focuses on quality vs quantity, as well as carefully chosen content. 9) Content of homework can be seasonal and appropriate and aims at children's well-being through and emphasis on kindness, active and creative homework. 10) The school equally values kindness, commitment and achievement (and yet in that order which again we feel is the right order...). 11) Finally (because I have to leave it somewhere...), we believe that it is pretty evident from just having a glimpse at the whole-school community to understand what a truly inclusive community Scoil Chliodhna is. Thank you again, everyone :-)
- ★ Fantastic school with great teachers who are nice to the kids. That to me is very important as they have to do the work no matter where they go. But when the kids enjoy going to school, it makes it easier 😊
- ★ Scoil Chliodhna is a great school. Teresa knows every single child's name and greets them every morning at the gate no matter what the weather is like my daughter loves this school and I couldn't be happier. The teachers are amazing and there is great communication between staff and parents. Highly recommended Scotland Chliodhna
- ★ The school is very good and very good teachers are always helpful. I am very glad that my children learn from this school !!!!
- ★ From the personal welcome every morning at the gate to the personal development encouraged by the muinteors my child has come on leaps and bounds and carries this confidence with her in all aspects of her life. Children are encouraged to embrace all differences which is hugely important and beneficial for their futures. I couldn't recommend Scoil Chliodhna more
- ★ Fab school my daughter has always been really happy here and loved all her teachers.
- ★ A great place for further development for a child . Have continued to see good improvements in my children . It's working for us as parents and I think you should give it shot too.

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- ★ Scoil Chliódhna CNS really seems to be embedded in the community in carrigtwohill. My son loves attending the school and although I work and do not do school drop offs and collections, I still feel 100% involved in my son's education. The use of the see-saw app and Aladdin all make communication easier and I can respond at a time that is convenient for me. Thanks so much to all the teachers and staff for the work that goes on behind the scenes, it doesn't go un-noticed!
  - ★ When deciding on what school would fit for our son we were blown away by the presentation, energy and enthusiasm of all the teachers and parents on the open night. Since then we have never looked back! Their ethos is one of inclusion, looking out for each other and always being kind. And I can see this every minute of every day at that school. The pace of teaching and level of homework has been 100% from day 1. Highly recommend this school!
  - ★ I am absolutely thrilled in choosing Scoil Chliódhna for my two kids .They have so much fun learning and Teresa and staff go above and beyond to make sure every child is content and happy and to make school a fun fun and happy place to go every day .
  - ★ We are so happy with Scoil Cliódhna. The teachers work so hard and have a creative approach to teaching where children learn by active participation. We have seen our son grow in confidence and he loves school.
  - ★ My daughter started junior infants this year and absolutely loves the school. From the minute we visited the school last year we felt it was the best choice for our family. It's a very inclusive school and the communication is excellent. 2020 is a year like no other and the principle and staff have made it so safe, we feel totally comfortable sending our daughter to school every day. A fabulous school overall.
  - ★ My two girls attend Scoil Cliódhna. They skip into school every morning, greeted by Muniteoir Teresa who is always standing at the entrance to welcome them. All anyone wants is for their children to be happy to go to school, as this sets the foundation for them to grow socially, behaviourally, creatively and academically. My girls are so happy and are blossoming in the caring and considerate school environment embraced by the staff of Scoil Chliódhna. I am delighted that they attend such a forward thinking, dynamic and integrative school.
  - ★ No issue is too big or too small. The school has always been so supportive and open to anything we have brought to them. The children mix very well together and their relationships are what the school embodies - a community.
  - ★ As parents of a very happy 2nd Class pupil we are so pleased to have decided to send him to Scoil Chliódhna. It is a wonderful school, from the excellent Principal to the brilliant teachers and the ethos of this growing vibrant school.
  - ★ It's a home away from home the teachers are more like mummy figures, who teach the kids so much. My 2 run in the gate every morning and I never hear a bad word about they're day. The homework is never too much and if I ever have a question I can email the teachers who respond very quickly.
  - ★ Scoil chliódhna is not just a school it's a home away from home. The teachers are so caring and kind and make the kids feel so welcome and special. I'm so grateful I chose Scoil chliódhna as a school for my children.
  - ★ Our first child started Junior Infants this year. We couldn't be happier with how he has settled in and how the school has managed under the current pandemic. We were very impressed at the opening night last year and it has definitely lived up to our expectations. The child led and individual approach is clearly evident and we are amazed at the rate of learning in such a short time. We are so lucky that our child has started school with such a kind and supportive teacher and we can now highly recommend Scoil Cliódhna.

★ “Once a little boy went to school. One morning The teacher said: "Today we are going to make a picture." "Good!" thought the little boy. He liked to make all kinds; Lions and tigers, Chickens and cows, Trains and boats; And he took out his box of crayons And began to draw. But the teacher said, "Wait!" "It is not time to begin!" And she waited until everyone looked ready. "Now," said the teacher, "We are going to make flowers." "Good!" thought the little boy, He liked to make beautiful ones With his pink and orange and blue crayons. But the teacher said "Wait!" "And I will show you how." And it was red, with a green stem. "There," said the teacher, "Now you may begin." The little boy looked at his teacher's flower Then he looked at his own flower. He liked his flower better than the teacher's But he did not say this. He just turned his paper over, And made a flower like the teacher's. It was red, with a green stem. On another day The teacher said: "Today we are going to make something with clay." "Good!" thought the little boy; He liked clay. He could make all kinds of things with clay: Snakes and snowmen, Elephants and mice, Cars and trucks And he began to pull and pinch His ball of clay. But the teacher said, "Wait!" "It is not time to begin!" And she waited until everyone looked ready. "Now," said the teacher, "We are going to make a dish." "Good!" thought the little boy, He liked to make dishes. And he began to make some That were all shapes and sizes. But the teacher said "Wait!" "And I will show you how." And she showed everyone how to make One deep dish. "There," said the teacher, "Now you may begin." The little boy looked at the teacher's dish; Then he looked at his own. He liked his better than the teacher's But he did not say this. He just rolled his clay into a big ball again And made a dish like the teacher's. It was a deep dish. And pretty soon The little boy learned to wait, And to watch And to make things just like the teacher. And pretty soon He didn't make things of his own anymore. Then it happened That the little boy and his family Moved to another house, In another city, And the little boy Had to go to another school. The teacher said: "Today we are going to make a picture." "Good!" thought the little boy. And he waited for the teacher To tell what to do. But the teacher didn't say anything. She just walked around the room. When she came to the little boy She asked, "Don't you want to make a picture?" "Yes," said the little boy. "What are we going to make?" "I don't know until you make it," said the teacher. "How shall I make it?" asked the little boy. "Why, anyway you like," said the teacher. "And any color?" asked the little boy. "Any color," said the teacher. And he began to make a red flower with a green stem. “ ~Helen Buckley, The Little Boy

“We have a narrow definition of what constitutes being smart that leaves people out and wounds people’s sense of self. We have elevated one type of brain at the expense of all the other representations of intelligence and flourishing. Intelligence is not one thing, it’s many things. The problem is a set of institutional practices that reinforces the idea that difference is the problem. #NormalSucks” -Jonathan Mooney “Don't do things the way people are telling you to. Look at the way that you feel is the best. Your way may be better” Mike Cammarata #1in5 #beautifulminds #saydyslexia #fishinatree This is Scoil Chliodhna

★ The staff at Scoil Chliodhna are second to none! They are the kindest, most interactive and willing teachers we have ever come across. Their attention to detail is amazing. Between Muinteoir Teresa greeting every child at the gate by name in the morning (rain, hail or snow might I add!) to the interesting and vibrant ways they teach their lessons. Our son always comes out smiling and full of stories of what they did that day! We love the community feel the school has. Very inclusive and always striving to be the best and provide the best for the students. As a parent, we always feel like we are kept in the loop about events, activities, etc. The communication with parents is impeccable! Our son adores Scoil Chliodhna and we do too!

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- ★ Our two girls are so happy in Scoil Chliodhna, it is an extremely inclusive school, the atmosphere is a very special one that is down to the dedication of the teachers, special needs assistants, admin staff and of course the principal. Their approach is quite unique as the children are given the responsibility to complete their homework within a week and I've found it has taught my kids to be that bit more independent and accountable for their own work.
  - ★ I first met Teresa two years ago when I attended an open night down in the school. We wanted to send our daughter to a school that focused on a child's beliefs rather than religion. From the moment I walked through the gates of the school I was blown away by how happy the students were and how approachable Teresa and all the teachers were. It felt more like a little community than a school. The care and support the children in the school get is astounding. My daughter started Junior Infants in September. She loves her teacher and although its been a tough year for her with the isolation of covid. Shes really starting to settle. Were so happy we sent her to Scoil Chliodhna and feel really blessed that she is part of such an excellent school.
  - ★ Scoil Chliodhna is catering for my son with special needs. Teresa (principal) has been a huge help to us all as a family. She has supported us through every step which was all unfamiliar to us and even still continues to ensure he is looked after in school. The same care is seen throughout the staff in Scoil Chliodhna. Teresa always keeps them informed. I don't know how they do it but they make a huge effort to learn about your child, their needs and what works for them. The school is a very friendly environment and the curriculum I would say is more open not just books and my son gets excited about the new learning topics. My child gains so much from Scoil Chliodhna. We have already experienced another primary school where my son struggled and the move to Scoil Chliodhna was the best I ever made. I'm forever grateful to Teresa & her staff. I don't know or have not heard of any principal and staff members who knows every child's name and all their interests. That basically shows in itself what Scoil Chliodhna is about and the care they give their students . Fabulous school!
  - ★ Kind and caring teachers, it's not just about education in our school. They care for the our children's well-being and mental health too. And they make everyday fun for our children.
  - ★ Our son is very happy in the school. He is a sensitive boy so his happiness means the most. Not only is he happy, we have seen his confidence grow. The communication between parents and teachers is second to none. Its just brilliant. Homework set out is clear and has an achievable timeline. Feedback on homework is next day. We are so happy we chose to send him here and delighted he got a place.
  - ★ Scoil Cliodhna is a fantastic school we are so glad we sent our child here. When making our decision on sending our child we knew it was going to be a perfect fit for our child but it has surpassed our expectations. It's creative, it's child centered and focuses on the individual child. The school has a warm friendly atmosphere, every child is treated equally and the open door policy really does exist. The staff are very quick at spotting any difficulties a child is having. They discuss the difficulties with parents and put strategies in place to help the child. If there's any issues at all the teachers put an immediate stop to it as they really do ensure a safe learning environment for the children. As parents we have seen that the school is always striving for the children to be the best they can be. Children come out smiling everyday after school. It's a great school to be part of.
  - ★ It is a great Scholl, kids are very happy to be part of scoil chliodhna.
  - ★ The school is community orientated and very welcoming atmosphere for new pupils and parents.

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- ★ Our son felt welcome the minute he walked through the front gates. Teresa our principal, muinteor joanne our deputy principal and all the staff are fantastic. Our son loves everything about the school, from golden time which is done on a Friday, where you get to chose to play soccer, basketball or just relax and watch a movie. Each child in the year receives the Principals Award and star of the week, this a great confidence booster as it highlights there many talents, such as handwriting, good work ethic or for handwriting. They learn through fun. Homework is set to there capabilities. Teresa our principal greets the kids every morning with a very happy attitude hail,rain, or snow and she knows the name of every child that walks threw those gates. In the strange time of covid19, all the kids returned to school with ease as they knew they were been well looked after. Sending your child to scoil chliodhna is not just a school it is a family..
  - ★ My son has grown so much in confidence since he began school. He adores it and runs in the gate every morning. We are so happy with scoil chliodhna and everything the school stands for. I can't get over how much he has learned in such a short time and what a wonderful little person he is becoming because of the values the school helps to instill in him. Our daughter cannot wait to start in September!
  - ★ We have 2 kids in SC CNS. While they are both getting on great academically.. Most importantly they are very happy in school . They have different personalities and the school suits them both.... As parents what we love about SC is that not only are they learning subjects they are learning the most valuable things to be in life Kind , Truthful, Happy, Socially well mannered amazing ethical humans .... It's like a lovely little happy community in the school and it's open to new ideas and change .. It also celebrates we are all different and that's a good thing to be celebrated . We all have different beliefs and faiths and they are all to be respected and celebrated .
  - ★ I can not say enough how happy we are that we choose this school. Its been absolute pleasure to watch our daughter growing everyday and learning so much. Everyday she comes home with a smile on her face and with new stories to tell. She made lots of friends and love all her teachers. Our son will be starting in September as well and there is no doubt in our minds about sending him to Scoil Chlíodhna.
  - ★ Scoil Chliodhna is truly amazing. Couldn't be happier about the school environment, teachers and parent- school communication. Very well organized by people who love children and work what they are doing.