



## application form

First Name:

Surname:

Date of Birth:    Age of child when starting:

Address:

Male: ☐ Female: ☐ Nationality of child:

Religion:

### PARENTS DETAILS

Father:  Mother:

Address:  Address:

Home No:  Home No:

Mobile No:  Mobile No:

Date attending: Sept 2012 ☐ Sept 2013 ☐ Sept 2014 ☐

THE ABOVE WILL, DEPEND ON AVAILABILITY  
Parents of Children attending in September will be invited to a Parent Information Day some weeks before their child starts.  
This will allow parent's the opportunity to view the Pre-School, meet staff and discuss to the year ahead.



## facilities

Buntus - Physical Development Programme  
Highscope Method of Education  
Children's Computers with educational games  
Physical Education Hall  
Fully Equipped Playground  
Stage (Christmas Concert & Graduation)  
Two outside Yards  
Sand Play - indoor, outdoor  
Water Play - indoor, outdoor  
Arts & Crafts Area  
Role Play Area & Dress Up  
Child sized Toilets and Sinks  
Two New Pre-School Classrooms fully equipped with age appropriate equipment

## history

Holy Cross Mercy Primary School is a Roman catholic School situated on New Road, Killarney, next to the Garda Station. It was opened in 1977, replacing the old stone-cut Mercy Convent National School on Rock Road run by the Mercy Sisters from 1888 to 1977 and which is now the John Paul II Pastoral Centre

## location

Holy Cross Mercy School : New Road : Killarney : County Kerry  
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## mission statement

We the staff of the Holy Cross Pre-School value each child as individuals; we encourage them to grow as individuals developing awareness and understanding through active participation with their peers and adults, with materials, events and ideas. We encourage the children to plan, carry out and reflect on intentional activities. We support the children and respect their personal decision making. This strengthens the individuals confidence, self control and sense of personal effectiveness and responsibility.

## curriculum

Here in the Pre-school, we want the children to develop physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually. In order to do this we have developed a Pre-School curriculum that is child centered with a strong focus on the child having sufficient freedom of choice. We believe that parent's know their child best therefore, we promote parents as partners in their child's education. It is very important to monitor children's development at this early age. Research has shown that the first six years of a child's life is the most important in laying the foundations for future learning and development. With this in mind we continuously carry out observations on children's learning and development.

Regardless of the individual philosophy of the service, all services participating in the Free Pre-School ECCE Scheme will be required to offer programmes that reflect the principles and standards of Sfolta the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and in the future will be guided by Aistear The Framework for Early Learning.



## staff

All staff are fully trained and qualified. The pre-school may have students at different stages during the school year. Staff are always doing extra training and various different courses to renew their skills.

## who qualifies

Children are eligible for the ECCE scheme if they are aged between 3 years 2 months and 4 years 7 months on 1 September of the year that they will be starting. To establish your child's eligibility, parents will be asked for details such as the child's name, date of birth and PPS number.

## entitlements

Children on the ECCE scheme (free Pre-School) will receive 3 hour sessions for 5 days a week for 38 weeks free pre-school, only for one year. These weeks are inline with the school calendar.

## optional weeks

Optional weeks are available which are not covered under the ECCE scheme payment. The Pre-School will run Halloween, Easter and Summer camps.

## entitlements

Children that do not qualify for this scheme may attend if places are available (a fee will apply). By enrolling your child in our Pre-School it is expected that they will continue their education in the Holy Cross Mercy School.



## collection times

Pre-School Morning class starts at 9.00am and finishes at 12.00pm. The Afternoon class starts at 12.00pm and finishes at 3.00pm.

## healthy eating

The school has a healthy eating policy. Here in the Pre-School we encourage children to eat healthy nutritious food making them aware of the benefits of these foods. Lunch box foods for your Pre-School child are items such as cheese, sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, small yogurts.

N.B Chewing gum, crisps, fizzy and frozen drinks, popcorn, peanuts and sweets are forbidden.

## hse

Health Service Executive: Our Pre-School follows the Pre-School regulations. From time to time the Pre-School inspection team visits our Pre-School. The reports have always been very positive.

