

# Knocknacarra Educate Together National School

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# About the school

- Opening in September 2014
- One class of junior infants
- Pre-enrolment now open
- One of six new ET schools



Educate  
Together

# About me



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# School ethos



Multidenominational  
Co-educational  
Child-centred  
Democratically run



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# Creative expression



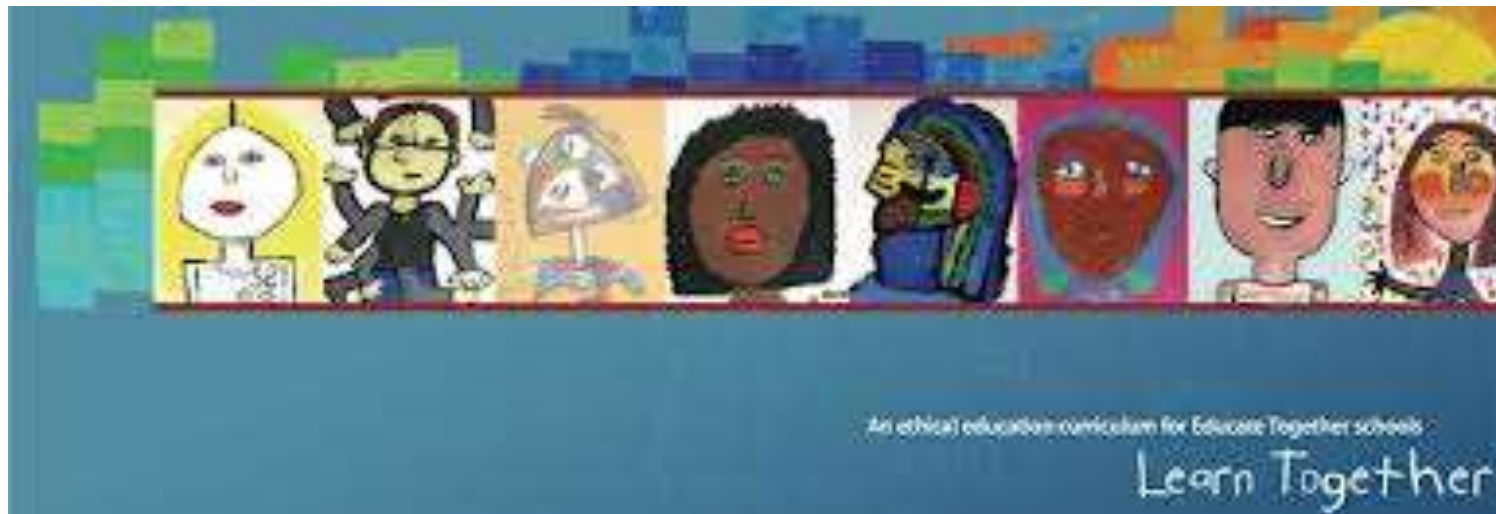
# Environmental awareness



# Active and cooperative learning



# The ethical curriculum



Belief Systems

Moral and Spiritual Development

Ethics and the Environment

Equality and Justice



# The infants classroom

- Focus on learning through play
- Language development grounded in interaction facilitated by teachers
- Introduction to numeracy
- Developing early reading skills
- Irish language
- Emphasis on creative exploration
- Physical activity

# Supporting your (future) junior infant

- Cutting and pasting
- Colouring
- Number awareness
- Sounds
- Story
- Independence

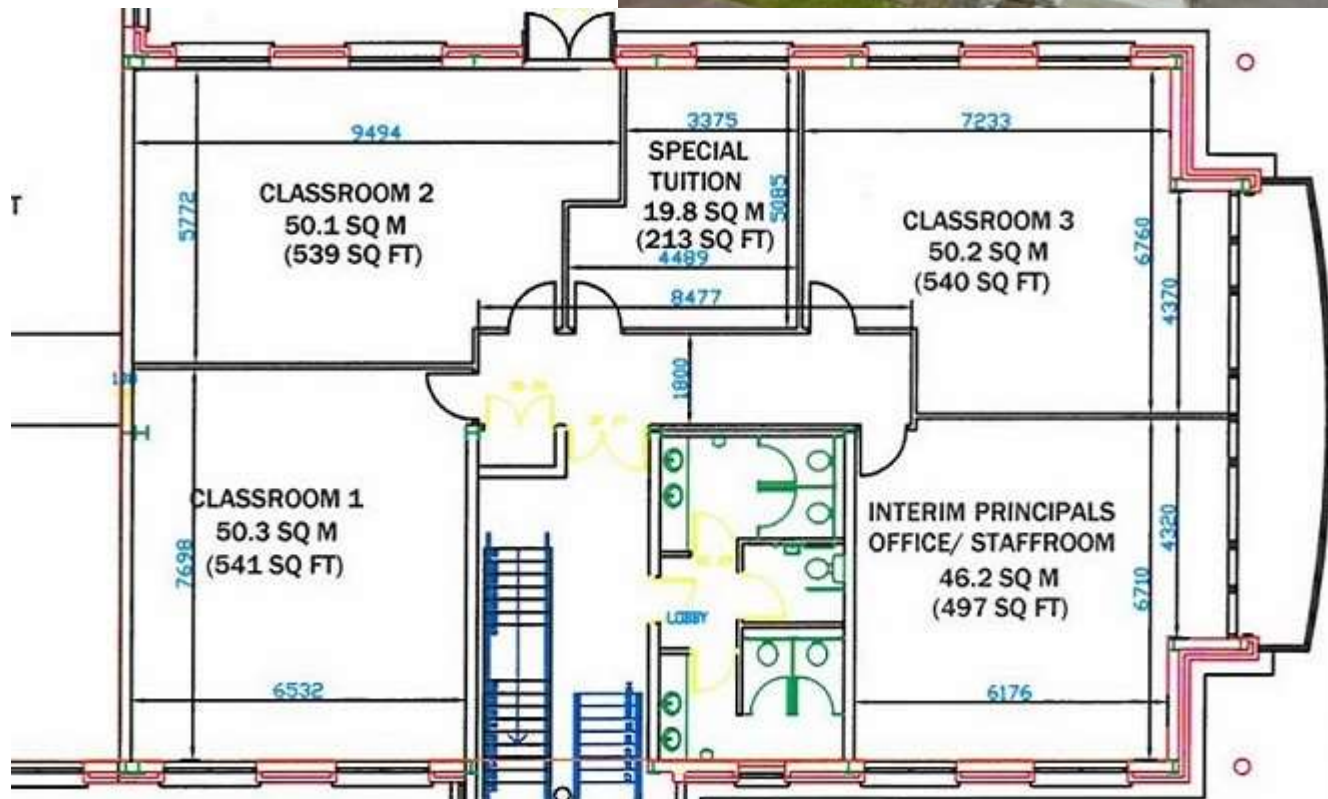


# Role of parents

- Participation on committees
- Sharing expertise
- Supporting children's work at home
- Participating in policy development
- Fundraising on behalf of the school
- Working in the classroom
- Open communication is the cornerstone



# Premises



# Immediate decisions

- Calendar
- Appointment of second teacher
- School governance
- School hours
- After-school care
- Outdoor space
- Furniture and resources

# Long-term vision



# Ways to get involved

- Attend the next meeting for parents
- Join our newsletter mailing list
- Find us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/ketns](http://www.facebook.com/ketns))
- Look for updates on our website, [www.ketns.ie](http://www.ketns.ie)
- Pre-enrol your child for this or subsequent years
- Attend upcoming events
- Help design our school logo
- Inform others (take some leaflets)
- Assist with fundraising
- Donate items to the school
- Help prepare the school building

# QUESTIONS



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