



Here at St Columba's GNS with Facility for Deaf Children, our Deaf and hearing pupils integrate throughout the school day. All pupils benefit from access to:

- A beautiful five acre campus which includes a bog garden, outdoor classroom, Geo-dome, four yards including a Junior yard with a playground, a built preschool playground, walking trail and a vegetable garden
- Computer Room
- Access to iPads
- School Library
- Nurture Room
- Sensory Room
- Stage
- School kitchen
- Two school halls
- Access to local GAA amenities including pitches and hall

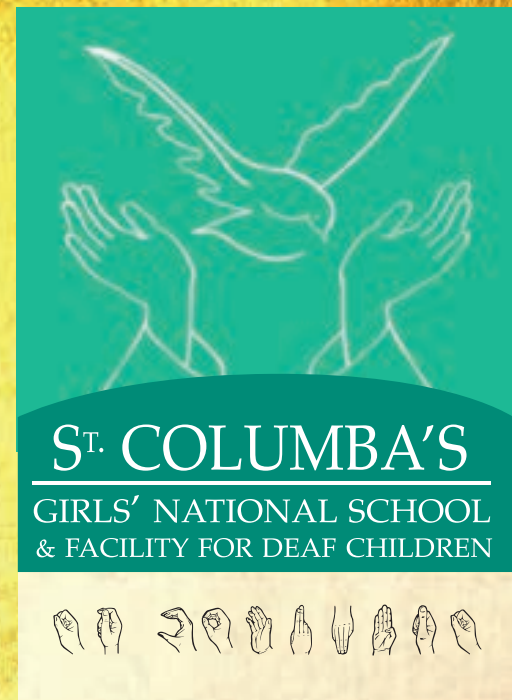


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Welcome to
**St. Columba's GNS with
Facility for Deaf Children**





OUR SCHOOL

To ensure their holistic development, our school is proud to cater for the individual strengths and needs of each child. Through enrolment in our Deaf classes, children will have access to:

- Qualified Teachers of the Deaf
- Special Needs Assistants (SNAs)
- Staff who engage with Continuous Professional Development, particularly in the area of Deaf Education
- Staff who are trained in Irish Sign Language (ISL)



OUR DEAF CLASSES

Our Deaf classes range from pre-school to 6th Class. Pupils benefit from small class sizes (maximum seven children). They also engage with hearing peers for a range of subjects and activities. Every child in the school learns ISL.

Through the use of Total Communication (spoken English and ISL simultaneously), children are encouraged to choose their own preferred method of communication as they grow and develop.



OUR RESOURCES

Pupils benefit from the most up to date and modern classroom audiological equipment. This ensures an optimum listening environment in which Deaf children can thrive and learn.

Deaf children have the opportunity to attend sessions with their HSE Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) on-site during the school day.

Pupils living throughout the county attend our Deaf classes. This is facilitated through a school-transport service. Children are accompanied by experienced taxi escorts to and from school.

