ICT School Policy

Computers in the School

The present level of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure in the school is as follows:

- A range of Pentium multimedia computers (Gateway, Dell, Fujitsu and RM)
- A Cat5e cable network linking all classrooms to a server cabinet in the computer room - the operating system is Windows NT Server and Windows 95/98 clients
- A dedicated computer room with 14 PCs, a B/W laser printer, a colour inkjet printer and a scanner
- A double channel ISDN line (128kbps) providing internet access to each classroom
- A colour inkjet printer in each classroom
- 3 scanners and a digital camera (used by pupils to provide images for the school website)
- A wide range of educational software.

Each class in the school is rostered for approx. one hour per week in the computer room and teachers use their classroom computer to integrate ICT into the school curriculum. With regard to Internet safety, the school implements the guidelines outlined in NCTE's document (Acceptable Use Policy Guidelines for Irish Primary Schools). www.ncte.ie/support_qui.htm

It is the intention of the staff that the school will be at the leading edge of technological development in the provision of ICT infrastructure - a target for the future is the acquisition of a CD Server and a projector. The resource and remedial teachers in the school make particular use of ICT because of the requirements of special needs pupils.

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2. Artane/Coolock Credit Union

3. The Department of Education and Science

4. Gateway

5. Tesco Computer for Schools promotion

6. Eircom Information Age Project.