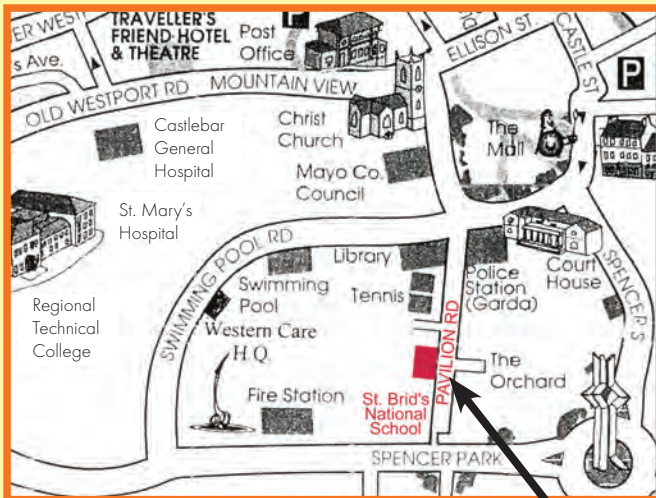


## School Facilities include:

- Well resourced classrooms
- Large multi purpose hall with gym equipment, sensory and soft play areas.
- Safe, enclosed playground with hard and soft surfaces and playground equipment.
- Extensive computer facilities which include a dedicated computer room, classroom computers, internet access, interactive white boards, specialist assistive technology and communication aids.
- Well equipped rooms for Art, Woodwork and Home Economics.
- Multisensory room.
- Escorted transport for all pupils to and from school.
- A school minibus.



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## Community Involvement

St Brid's has very strong links with the local community. We are very fortunate to have dedicated and energetic groups who support us financially by organising various fundraising events. Many groups and organisations welcome us into their facilities and provide valuable experiences for our pupils.

The pupils of St Brid's are given every possible opportunity to participate in the life of the local community.

## Welcome

The Principal, Staff and Board of Management extend a warm welcome to parents, carers and professionals who may be interested in the work of St Brid's.

If you wish to enquire about enrolment, please telephone the school for an informal chat or to arrange a visit to our school.

Catherine Craughwell (Principal)



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# St. Brid's

## Special School

School for pupils with moderate, severe / profound learning disabilities & pupils with Autism



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## About St. Brid's

St Brid's is a non-denominational, co-educational Special National School located in the centre of Castlebar.

St Brid's is funded and regulated by the Department of Education, is under the patronage of Western Care and is managed by a Voluntary Board of Management.

We cater for pupils from 4-18 years of age who have a moderate, severe or profound learning disability. We are well equipped to support pupils with physical disabilities. We have a specialised unit for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

We work in partnership with the local, multi-disciplinary teams of the Health Service and Western Care, to provide a very supportive environment for our pupils.

Our in-school supports include

- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Psychology
- Behaviour Specialists
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Dietetics
- Medical Care
- Family Support Services

## The Curriculum

At St Brid's we follow the NCCA Curriculum Guidelines for teachers of pupils with general learning disabilities. These guidelines seek to 'develop curriculum experiences for pupils that are broad, balanced, relevant, differentiated, progressive and continuous'.

We employ a wide variety of approaches to delivering the curriculum and seek to provide our pupils with a rich and stimulating school experience.

We place a great emphasis on developing independence skills and social skills. We use several local community facilities to provide cross-curricular activities such as

- Swimming
- Horse-riding
- Bowling
- Shopping
- Restaurant visits
- Library visits
- Music and Drama events
- Art and Science Workshops
- Annual School Tours

Art and Music therapies are made available to all pupils by specialist teachers.

Catholic pupils, with the consent of their parents, are prepared for the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. Ceremonies take place in the school and are always joyful occasions.

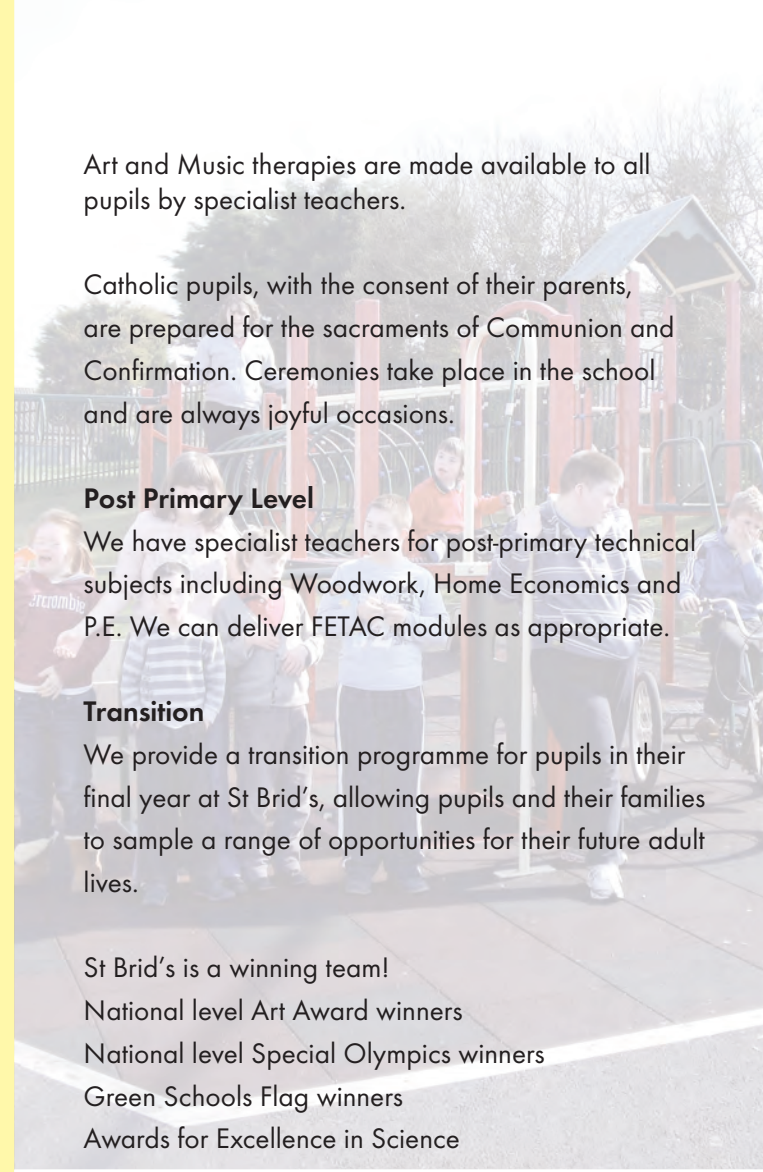
### Post Primary Level

We have specialist teachers for post-primary technical subjects including Woodwork, Home Economics and P.E. We can deliver FETAC modules as appropriate.

### Transition

We provide a transition programme for pupils in their final year at St Brid's, allowing pupils and their families to sample a range of opportunities for their future adult lives.

St Brid's is a winning team!  
National level Art Award winners  
National level Special Olympics winners  
Green Schools Flag winners  
Awards for Excellence in Science



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