

Summary of key findings from inspection - January 2025

- ❏ The leader, management committee and staff are wholly committed to the vision of “enhancing the development of the Irish language and Irish-medium education by providing high quality Irish-medium pre-school education in a safe, happy, and inclusive environment for all of the children”.
- ❏ The highly strategic and pro-active management committee, the early year’s specialist from Altram and the staff engage collaboratively in regular and robust self-evaluation processes to inform well the continuous development of the provision.
- ❏ The strategic development plan and associated action plans have been informed by the views of all key stakeholders and sets out clearly the school’s key priority for development which is to increase the children’s outdoor learning experiences across all areas of the pre-school curriculum.
- ❏ The experienced staff work very well together to create a happy, stimulating, well-resourced and language-rich learning environment where the children develop their use and understanding of Irish as they engage in high levels of collaborative and purposeful play for extended periods.
- ❏ The children’s understanding of mathematical language, in particular, positional language is developing well through their active engagement in stories, number rhymes and songs.
- ❏ The staff have availed of a range of relevant professional learning opportunities, on areas such as the promotion of positive behaviour, speech and language support, and autism and, as a result, have created a caring and enabling environment which is responsive to the abilities, needs and interests of all of the children.
- ❏ The well-considered arrangements for induction into the naíscoil and transition to the bunscoil supports very effectively the families and the children. The children are confident, ready to learn and are prepared well to make a smooth transition to the bunscoil.
- ❏ The naíscoil’s strong working partnerships with the local Irish language community, which includes the local bunscoil, other Irish medium pre-schools and the Carn Tochair Community Association, enables the children and their parents to participate in a wide range of events which promote the use of the Irish language and supports the naíscoil very well in realising and living out its vision.
- ❏ At the time of the inspection, the evidence provided by the naíscoil demonstrates that the arrangements for child protection align to the current statutory guidance.

Going forward

- ❏ Naíscoil Charn Tochair’s whole school community demonstrates a clear commitment to living out its vision of, “enhancing the development of the Irish language and Irish-medium education by providing high quality Irish-medium pre-school education in a safe, happy, and inclusive environment for all of the children”. ETI will continue to work with Naíscoil Charn Tochair on its journey of continuous development aligned to its vision.