




# KILLARNEY



SCHOOL OF ENGLISH






## CHILDREN



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# Our School, Teachers & Courses

## Our School:

We are delighted to be able to offer English tuition to your children. Our school in Muckcross has a specially designed area at the back of the main building just for children, which we call the 'Kids Zone'. It consists of 5 classrooms, a performance area, picnic tables and large play area. Its close proximity to the main building, where the adults have classes, means that you can keep an eye on your children, while enjoying your own classes in peace.

## Our Teachers:

Our teachers are all fully-trained in teaching English to young learners and the course methodology reflects all the current thought in language teaching. Class sizes are small (no more than 12 students per class) which means that each child can receive a lot of teacher attention. In addition, we have a children's coordinator who is responsible for looking after all teacher and student needs and for organizing all afternoon activities. This should make parents secure in the knowledge that their little ones are safe and getting the most out of their classes



## Children's Courses

We offer two programmes in the Summer only.

**GE1:** 15 hours of General English in a group per week (maximum class size is 12)

**GE3:** 15 hours of General English in a group per week + 15 hours afternoon activities

At the end of each course, each child will receive a certificate stating their level, what the course covered and attendance dates.

## Testing & Levels

As with the parents, children will be asked to complete a short written test before their arrival at the school. This will enable us to put them in the appropriate level. During the first morning the teacher will assess their level again through spoken interaction. If the teacher feels that the child is in the wrong level, a decision can be made in conjunction with the children's coordinator, director of the school and parents to move them up or down a level



# Levels and Curriculum

## English levels:

Killarney School of English offer five levels:

**Introductory 1:** This level is mainly for the 3-4 year age range that has little or no English and can only cope with very basic vocabulary.

**Introductory 2:** This level is mainly for the 5-6 age range that again has little or no English but have the ability to learn more advanced sets of vocabulary and very basic grammatical structures.

**Beginner:** This level is for those children who have little or no English but are old enough to make rapid progress.

**Elementary:** This level is for those children who already have a fair vocabulary base for everyday topics and a grasp of certain grammatical structures such as the present simple tense.

**Pre-intermediate:** This level is for those children who have a very good vocabulary base for everyday topics and some knowledge of different tenses such as the present, past and future tenses



## Curriculum

The children's English language curriculum is designed to make the act of language learning both fun and stimulating for young learners. It combines the most up-to-date communicative language teaching methodology with role play, songs and games to ensure that children leave with a positive feeling about their learning experience in Killarney.

To reinforce the fun aspect of the curriculum, children will be expected to perform a short song or songs and/or sketch at the end of every week, thus putting into practice language learned during the week.

## Friday performance:

Every Friday between 11:20-12:00 a performance is held in 'the Kidz Zone' for the benefit of the parents. This is an opportunity for children to show what they have learnt during the week both in the morning classes and in the afternoon activities. This should give children great motivation during the afternoons as they know they will be performing at the end of the week. Here is a basic idea of what is covered during the performance.

- 11:20-11:40 songs sung by each class rehearsed in the mornings.
- 11:40-11:45 Short Irish dance or short traditional music piece rehearsed during Irish dancing or traditional music lesson in the afternoons.
- 11:45-11:55 short play rehearsed in the drama lesson but using art props designed in the art class.
- 11:55-12:00 certificate ceremony for those leaving that week

# Activity Programme

We run a specific activity programme for the children during the summer which runs in the afternoons between 2 and 5pm. Activities include:

**Jaunting Car:** Enjoy seeing the sights of Killarney on a jaunting car(horse and cart)ride around Killarney National Park, followed by playtime in Knockreer playground.

**Animal Roadshow** ;learn about and touch a variety of different animals such as owls, snakes and lizards from this visiting zoo and do a selection of arts and crafts based on these animals.

**Traditional Irish Music Lesson** Learn how to play the tin whistle and bodhran with a professional music teacher.

**Visit to Kennedy's Pet Farm;** a chance for children to pick up and stroke all kinds of domestic animals from puppies to ponies.

**Clayfun** with Robin and Tim making clay models .

**Irish dancing classes** with Lisa; learn how to wow people back home with a genuine Irish jig or reel!

**Arts and Crafts.** Creative afternoon of art and Drawing

**Sports day:** enjoy this afternoon of, rounders and fun team games.

**Drama Session;** Enjoy playing drama games, dressing up and performing short sketches.

**Nature trail:** Enjoy this magnificent walk to Muckross Abbey through the national park; followed by nature project work



# Accommodation

## Host Family Accommodation

Your comfort and welfare outside of class hours is a very high priority to us and that is why we have taken great care in choosing a host family for you. Living in a host family is very different from staying in a B&B or hotel. You are a guest but at the same time treated as members of the family and so you should not expect special treatment. You are encouraged to spend time with the family but must also appreciate that there will be occasions when the family need time on their own.



## The Bedroom:

All students have single rooms unless otherwise requested. The bedroom should include a desk/table for study, adequate storage for clothes and a comfortable bed with fresh bed linen provided at least once a week. bathroom should be available to you every day. Please check with the family as to the best time to use the bathroom, particularly in the morning.

You are expected to keep your room tidy and to make your bed every day. You could also help your family with small jobs such as clearing the table after the meal, etc.



## Meals

Most host families may eat their evening meal earlier than would be customary in your own country. Usual eating times are 5:30pm-7:30pm. A lot depends on how late your family works. In many cases work finishes between 5pm and 6pm but in some cases it can be later. Occasionally there are people who do shift work at night.

## Laundry

Your laundry will be included with the family's and / or you will have access to laundry facilities.

If you have any problems with your host family you can speak to your teacher, or Director Feargal. The school has a full time Accommodation office responsible for host families who is here to help!

# Accommodation

## Self Catering Apartments, Cottages & Holiday Homes;

There is a wide range of self-catering apartments or holiday homes in Killarney available for students who wish to live more independently. Accommodation usually includes a single or twin room with lounge, kitchen and bathroom facilities. All apartments usually include microwave, laundry facilities, TV, video, fridge, etc...



Most providers have now moved to booking engines. If you wish we can use local knowledge to check the booking engines like booking.com and air bnb and send you some suggestions. To do this we would need precise dates, a possible budget and if there is a plan to rent a car. If a car is rented there are far more and cheaper self-catering options outside the town centre. We also have some Host Families on holidays during the summer on holidays renting out house for a few weeks. This may coincide with travel dates and would be a lot cheaper than air bnb or booking.com.



## B&B and Hotels

Killarney boasts an astonishing array of B&Bs and hotels. Altogether, there are about 200 B&Bs and over 50 hotels to choose from. As with all accommodation, booking early is essential especially during July and August so that you can have your preferred option. The Killarney School of English has a special arrangement with the Killarney Oaks Hotel ([www.killarneyoaks.com](http://www.killarneyoaks.com)) next door to the school. As with all types of accommodation we can either book it for you or you can contact the institutions directly.





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