

PROJECT PROFILE

school extension (co. clare)

design, planning & construction stages – contract value approx. €550,000

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PROJECT BRIEF

CSA were engaged by the Board of Management of Scoil Naomh Eoin Baíste, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare, to provide architectural and planning services for the construction of front and side extensions to the school – providing two new classrooms, an office and staff room – and the full refurbishment of the original two-classroom building. The works were carried out under a devolved grant awarded by the Department of Education & Science, with top-up funding from a summer works grant and local fundraising.



DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

The school occupies a narrow site adjacent to a community GAA field, in a low-lying coastal area on the edge of the Burren. It was necessary to configure the extension to suit the available lands, and to produce a design which complimented the sensitive rural setting and the existing 1930s school building, whilst reflecting the vernacular building styles in the local area and also providing well-lit and spacious learning facilities. There was a further requirement to address defects within the existing building, which included the structural under-pinning of a gable wall.



PROJECT EXECUTION

The project was completed within budget, and substantially on time, to provide the school with two new classrooms fitted out to the highest standards and to meet the relevant Departmental guidelines. The completed works ensure that the school blends well into the landscape and provide the village and its surroundings with a first-class centre for primary education into the future. Significant added value was achieved through the provision of two first floor spaces above the classrooms at little extra cost. One of these was fitted out for use as an IT Centre and the other has been reserved as an additional Resource Room. This was achieved by identifying construction cost savings and by assisting the Client in securing additional Departmental funding.



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