

QUALITY AREA 3

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

THIS QUALITY AREA OF THE NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD FOCUSES ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT AND ENSURING THAT IT IS SAFE, SUITABLE AND PROVIDES A RICH AND DIVERSE RANGE OF EXPERIENCES THAT PROMOTE CHILDREN'S LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

- **ST MARY'S SCHOOL STRENGTHS:**
- **THE K/PP OFFERS A SAFE PROTECTED AREA TO PLAY PROVIDING SHADE AND A SELF LOCKING GATE.**
- **THE K/PP KITCHEN HAS A SAFETY BARRIER TO PREVENT CHILD ACCESS, CUPBOARDS HAVE CHILD PROOF LOCKS AND POWER POINTS HAVE SAFETY PLUGS.**
- **ALL ELECTRICAL DEVICES AND CORDS ARE TAGGED REGULARLY BY PROFESSIONALS.**
- **THE FURNITURE WITHIN THE CLASSROOM IS CHILD APPROPRIATE IN SIZE AND IS DURABLE.**
- **CLEANLINESS IS MAINTAINED DAILY USING A DAILY CLEANING SCHEDULE AND EMPLOYED CLEANERS.**
- **RESOURCES AND EQUIPMENT IS CHECKED REGULARLY.**
- **OUR SCHOOL ENCOURAGES EACH CHILD TO FULLY PARTICIPATE AND ENGAGE IN QUALITY EXPERIENCES.**
- **CHILDREN CAN ACCESS DIFFERING ENVIRONMENTS FOR ENGAGEMENT IN BOTH NATURAL AND BUILT.**
- **WE OFFER A RANGE OF DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES DAILY BASED ON CHILDREN'S INTERESTS AND NEEDS.**
- **NATURAL ELEMENTS PROMOTE WATER CONSERVATION, BEING WASTE WISE AND SUSTAINABILITY.**
- **CLIMBING EQUIPMENT, CYCLE WAYS AND LAWN AREAS ALLOW FOR GROSS MOTOR, SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND RISK TAKING.**
- **OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES PROMOTE GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES AND THE DISCOURAGEMENT OF PLASTICS IN LUNCHBOXES.**
- **TEACHERS PLAN FOR PLAY BASED LEARNING USING DIFFERENT RESOURCES AND MATERIALS TO ENSURE THE ENGAGEMENT OF ALL CHILDREN.**