The current school building was opened in 1969.

The Story of Glengurt National School

The story of Glengurt National School goes back to March 7th 1855, when Edward Curling, agent of the Earl of Desmond based in the castle in Newcastle West made an application to the Commissioners of National Education for aid towards the building of a schoolhouse in the county of Limerick, in the parish of Killeedy, in the barony of Glenquin, and in the townland of Glengurt to be called Glengurt National School. The application was received on April 3 1855.

Edward Curling's letter "Gentleman by the direction of the trustees of the Devon Estate, I beg leave to make application to the Commissioners of Education for aid towards the erection of a new schoolhouse at Glengurt and in accordance with the letter of instructions with which you have furnished me, I have to state: –

1. That it is proposed to distinguish the school by the name of Glengurt School.

2. The proposed site is in the county of Limerick in the parish of Killeedy, in the townland of Glengurt, and in the Barony of Glenquin.

3. The parties who proposed to make a lease of the site are the Right Honourable Hugh Earl of Fortescue and Samuel Irahawhe Kekewich Esq. The trustees acted under the Will of the late Earl of Devon.

4. They will be prepared to grant such a length of tenure as the Commissioners may require.

5. It is not proposed that any rent should be charged for the site.

6. 110 boys and 84 girls have already attended to receive instruction in the present confined school room and if as expected that the attendance will increase to 120 boys and 120 girls, two school rooms will be required, one as a male and the other as a female department.

7. My name is Edward Curling and I am receiver of the Irish Estates of

the late Early of Devon, my address is Courtenay Castle, Newcast/west, Co. Limerick. I am not a clergyman, but lam a member of the Established Church. The proposed site of the school is not connected with any church, chapel, or meeting house.

8. The trustees will be prepared to advance one third of the cost.
Signed: Edward Curling

Upon receipt of the application the then Parish Priest Rev. Richard Shanahan had to reply to a number of queries: –
1. Dimensions of the site
2. Is the site enclosed?
3. What extent of the site is for Agricultural purposes?
4. Nearest post town (Newcastle West)?
5. Population of the parish expected to attend (number of males 90, number of females 70)
6. Background of pupils, small farmers, and labourers.
7. Local subscription 2/3rd from Commissioner, 1/3rd the trustees.
8. Upkeep Commissioners.
9. Why a new schoolhouse? The present one being quite unequal to the accommodation of present attendance and extremely unsuitable school purposes.
10. Any local school. There is a school for the poor, rational or other within three miles.
11. Applicant's school is three miles from Glenmore National School-non vested and 41/2 miles from Templeglantine National School which I believe is vested.
12. Have you consulted the Clergymen of the different denominations as to making any arrangements for giving religious instruction in the proposed school?
13. Consulted Rev. Richard Shanahan P.P who carried out the same arrangement, further religious instruction of the pupil so there are no Protestant children, I believe within three miles of the proposed school.

Rev. Thomas Willis presented the copy of the lease as contained in the Rules and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to Edward

Curling Esquire, who on the part of the trustees expressed himself willing that such a lease should be legally executed.

The schoolhouse at present in use is wholly unfit for the purpose of a school, being too small for present attendance, and also has not the necessary means for pupil's warmth and ventilation and will adversely affect the health of pupils and teachers. It is without suitable external accommodations or furniture.

– Fr. Richard Shanahan Friday May 5th 1855.