



Junior Infants 2022 – 23

Virtual Information Meeting

May 26th 2022

20.00 – 21.00



- ❑ **Welcome from Principal Séamus Mac Conámha**
- ❑ **Introductions**
- ❑ **Brief outline of structure of meeting**
- ❑ **Questions**



▶ **Claragh Mulhern
*Parents Association***

▶ **John Conway
*Board of Management***

St. Patrick's NS

- **IN SEPTEMBER 2022, THERE WILL BE 850 CHILDREN, 30 CLASSES AND 66 STAFF IN THE SCHOOL.**
- **DISWELLSTOWN COMMUNITY AND RECREATION CENTRE (DCRC) IS CO-LOCATED ON THE SITE.**

What's inside?

- ▶ 3 storeys
- ▶ 28 permanent classrooms, 1 prefab, 13 support rooms, 3 offices, staff room and library
- ▶ Library will once again be use as a classroom
- ▶ Shared Community Centre facility – PE Hall, meeting rooms



The Curriculum



- ▶ In St. Patrick's we follow the Department of Education and Skills (DES) curriculum
- ▶ The subjects are Language (English / Gaeilge)
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Social Environmental and Scientific Education (SESE ...History, Geography, Science)
- ▶ Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE)
- ▶ Arts (Music, Drama, Art)
- ▶ Physical Education (PE)
- ▶ Catholic School ... Religious Education Programme, Grow in Love.

Emphasis in Junior Infants

- ▶ **Settling in to the demands and routines of school life**
- ▶ **Rest assured that much hard work is done in Junior Infants though you at home may not see evidence of it especially before Halloween**
- ▶ **Pre – Reading, Pre-writing early mathematics activities and social skills development form a huge part of the workload in Junior Infants**



The School Day ...

- ▶ 8.30am – 1.10pm
- ▶ Importance of the time between 8.30- 8.50
- ▶ Formal Instruction
- ▶ Play times
- ▶ Eating time
- ▶ Home time



Lunch

- ▶ **Healthy Lunch Policy**
- ▶ **Sharing Food**
- ▶ **Managing the food**
- ▶ **Eating time**



The Bathroom

- ▶ **Separate bathrooms for boys and girls**
- ▶ **Situated within the classroom**
- ▶ **Manage independently**



Implications of Covid in School life



Continued emphasis on sanitising hands

Masked staff (personal preference)

Children should not be sent to school if:

- positive test
- displaying symptoms

School Visits in June

June 15th + 16th- 1:30-2:00

Groups of 15 children

Lists to be sent soon with door
map

Opportunity to visit a classroom
and meet some staff

Parents can come in and then head for a cuppa in
school





FIRST DAY OF
school

- ▶ Thursday September 1st
- ▶ Children will be invited in groups of 15 (2 sessions per class), to visit their classroom and meet the teacher.
- ▶ Usually parents accompany children to the classroom on the first day.
- ▶ Please try not to be upset in front of your child

First Days

- ▶ **Friday 02/09 to Friday 09/09** **8.30**
-11.30 am
- ▶ **Learning to line up/ Allowing your child to develop independence**
- ▶ **Learning the rules**
- ▶ **From Monday 12/09 8.30am – 1.10pm/**



Sharing Information

- ❑ Medication/ Conditions
- ❑ Children with extra need
- ❑ Family Situation



School Uniform

- ❑ Where to get the uniform
- ❑ Tracksuits for Infants (Uniform Policy)
- ❑ Labeling items of clothing



Virtual Tour

- ▶ We have created a video for you to share with your child.



Teachers and Classrooms



- ▶ Junior infants on the ground floor
- ▶ Junior Infant teachers are Mr O'Neill, Ms Onitiu, Ms E Power and 1 more teacher who will be confirmed later
- ▶ Classes are formed during the summer and finalised in late August



Information and Communication

- Monthly Newsletters
- Texts and emails
- Aladdin Connect App- August
- Website www.stpatricksns.ie
Booklist, Policies, Closures
- Reception
- Meeting the teacher /Contacting the school



Access and Parking

- ▣ Two entrances
- ▣ Opening Times
- ▣ Parking
- ▣ Scooting /cycling on school grounds
- ▣ Supervising young children



Building Works

- ▣ Pyrite
- ▣ Longer term plans



Close of Meeting

- ▣ Thank you for attending
- ▣ We look forward to working with you and your child
- ▣ Contact us if you are worried about anything
info@stpatricksns.ie

