



St. Kevin's Junior National School

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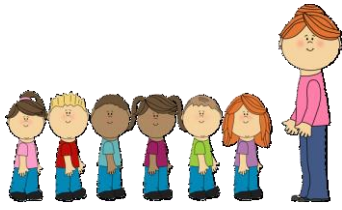


Welcome back to St Kevin's Junior National School. We hope you enjoyed your summer break and you are all looking forward to returning to us on Thursday.



A lot of renovation works were carried out in our school over the summer. We have been fortunate to have been awarded a grant to renovate additional classrooms and some external space. The grant covers a special class, a meeting room, a sensory room, a soft play area and an additional room which will become our Rainbows/group support room. All of these spaces are valuable to ensuring we continue to promote our ethos of inclusivity while meeting the needs of all our students especially those with unique learning needs.

However, due to the extent of the works and mindful of our tight timeframe some works will continue over the next few weeks in preparation for the opening of our special class 'The Orchard'. We ask for your patience in relation to the completion of external works at the back of the school and some of the internal finishing works. **Please be assured that any additional/completion works will not impact the teaching and learning of our students.**



We wish to take this opportunity to welcome our new Junior Infants students and their families to St Kevin's Junior National School. We thank you for choosing a school with your shared vision of '*promoting the full and harmonious development of all aspects of the pupil*' in a child-centred environment.

As your child commences their learning, we have allocated additional supports in your child's class, this is to ensure their transition to Junior Infants is smooth and with minimum stress. It may take your child a little time to adjust to their new surroundings and we ask that you take a look at our Junior Infant Booklet attached for tips on supporting this transition



We expect all children to arrive to school with a full school bag. Please check your child's booklist to ensure your child has everything they need. All books will be collected by your child's teacher on their first day and held in the school. If you have any book fees due to the school please place in an envelope with your child name clearly written. Alternatively please give any money due to Brenda in the office after all our pupils have entered the school.



School Routine: **In the line for ten to nine.**

Children in first & second class will line up in front of the school as per last year's arrangement. Children will enter the school with their class teacher and will exit through the main door at home time. Therefore parents should wait in front of the main door for 2.30 collections.

Children in senior infants will line up similar to last year however, on the opposite side of the yard. Senior infants will enter their classrooms on the right hand side of the school. Parents should wait outside the black railings for collection at 1.30. Both Senior Infant classes will exit together.

Junior Infants Classes will also line up in the yard. A class list will be hung & cones will be placed to assist you.

Junior infants for the first two/three weeks will enter through the main door after all other students. They will also exit through the front door at home time. Children will be dispersed one at a time following parental identification by their child's class teacher. This will take time therefore we ask for your patience.

Parents may enter the classroom with their child on the first two days only.

From Monday we request that you promote independent walking into class with their class teachers Darracha & Arlene. We have arranged for an SNA & a support teacher to assist.

*Following the completion of construction works Junior Infants will have a separate entrance door, this will be discussed at a later date.



School Times:

First Week: (29th & 30th August)

Junior Infants 8.50-11am

All other classes: Full Day

Second Week (3rd-7th September)

Junior Infants 8.50-12.00

All other classes Full Day

10th September onwards

Infants Classes 8.50-1.30

Senior Classes 8.50-2.30

*******School Calendar attached for your convenience**



Safeguarding children is our top priority in St Kevin's JNS, all adults working with your child have been Garda vetted through our patron body. As part of best practice we cannot permit any parent/adults walking around the school or interrupting the teaching & learning of any class. Therefore if you need to collect your child early please contact the office, preferably by email, and we will arrange for your child to be ready.



Traditionally on rainy days our school principal or deputy principal will open the hall door only at 8.40am, this is for your convenience. Our school hall can cater for children however, space is always an issue therefore we apologise that parents may not wait in the hall but promote a drop & go system. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather and umbrellas are carried by parents/caregivers.

Children will be asked to wait in their line until their teacher arrives. There will be no access to the school until 8.50



We promote a nut free zone due to a number of children presenting with allergies. Please ensure your child has no nuts or nut products in their lunch box this includes chocolate spread.

