



Holy Spirit Junior Primary School

'Welcome Back Newsletter'



Welcome back to all our Holy Spirit Junior Primary School pupil's and families. Welcome to our wonderful new junior infants families and other students who have joined HSJPS this year. A big thank you to all for helping and supporting us to re-open the school so smoothly this year. We are delighted to get the 2025 – 2026 school year underway and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Louise Gleeson
Principal

Lining up in the morning

Thank you all for having your children in the line at 9am and in the school uniform. We ask parents to stand back once they are in the line so we can get them in the door promptly and teachers can see their lines clearly. We close the doors at 9.10am.

Having your child in school on time really does give your child the best start to their day!

School Office

With the ongoing strike please know that our office work is significantly disrupted. Sending a message on **Aladdin** gets picked up very quickly and is often the best way to contact us. Also know that there will be delays at the main reception front door if you have not notified us in advance on Aladdin for an early pick up.

Early collections

If you are collecting your child early you need to send a message to through Aladdin. Please come to the front main reception door and on your arrival we will call your child down.

It is essential that you sign out your child in the office 'sign out' book. Please avoid collecting children during break and lunch times:

Morning break: 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Lunch break: 12:20 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

If you come during break times you may have to wait until they come back in from yard so please make note of these break times and avoid collecting at these specific times.

School policies

We would like to inform all parents & guardians that school policies are available on our school website. Hard copies of all policies are available upon request in our school office.

As per department guidelines our school has formally adopted the BÍ Cineálta policy this September. Thank you to our students who helped us with the child friendly policy that you will see up around the school.

Absences

You must record all absences on Aladdin when prompted on the app. You can monitor their attendance on your child's Aladdin profile name, by clicking on their profile, student menu and attendance. If you reach 20 days of absenteeism the school automatically generates a report for TUSLA.

School supplementary money

Thank you to those who have paid the school supplementary money. This money is used to buy resources for our students that is not covered by the book grant. We would appreciate it if you could pay this as we have provided all your child's needs

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for the new school year. You can pay through Aladdin or in cash directly in the office.

Medical Needs

If your child has any medical needs you must inform the school. If your child has any medication for the 2025-2026 school year, you must fill in the appropriate paperwork through the office.

If your child is feeling unwell before school, please do not send them in. If they require calpol or nurophen before school they are generally not well enough to attend school.

If your child has any contagious illness you must inform the school. Please ask your doctor if your child's medical diagnosis is contagious if you are unsure. This is very important and we thank you for your support with this.

We also ask that if your child has head lice that you let us know so we can inform the parents in the class to check heads and eliminate the issue in a class.

Allergies

We have a number of students across all class levels with allergies. Please note that the school is strictly a nut free zone – this includes cereal bars, Nutella and any other products that contain nuts.

Car Park

The school car is for staff cars. We are asking you all that you respect that this is a staff only car park and find alternative parking. We very much appreciate your support with this.

No cars are permitted to drive up the senior school driveway without prior permission from Ms Young (the senior school principal). Please contact Ms Gleeson if permission is required.

Dogs

The school is a dog free zone. We have students who are terrified of dogs. Please leave them at home as it is not fair on those who are genuinely afraid of your dog.

Label label label!

Please remember to label all your child's belongings, especially jumpers and jackets.

Useful contact details

Home School Community Liaison

Maggie McGerr is our HSCL
Contact Details

Email: hscl@holyspiritjps.ie

Mobile: 0860434798

Parents Association

Our P.A. AGM will be happening soon. All parents / guardians will be invited and are very welcome to attend this meeting. In the meantime if you wish to contact our P.A. and be added to a volunteer list the email is holyspiritjuniorpa@gmail.com.

Extra Curricular Activities

Thursdays: Creative Keyboards

Contact Krisha: 0872022505

Fridays: Short Tennis

Contact Karl: 0879972027

4+ In School Care

Pauline's Breakfast Club

Pauline's Afterschool

Contact Pauline: 0874185008

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Finally here are a few pictures from week one back in HSJPS.



Other senior infants getting straight into some the fun playful learning experiences!

Our Junior Infants are getting used of their classrooms, making new friends, enjoying yard time and learning new things!



Some senior infants getting back into the calm and quiet reading corner.

We had some work completed on our first class yard. We now have a lovely new extended area in our first class yard. More space and more fun!



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It's good to be back together again



FYI: First & second classes will get to visit the mobile library every month this year!!

Our School Golden Rules

You may hear your child talking about the school rules and green cards. They are learning the rules again this month as we return to school. They are simple rules that promote kindness and a respectful attitude to everyone in our school. You get a green card if you are doing a good job at following the golden rules.



Workin hard in 2nd class



Making friendship pies!

These are positive ways of reminding our students about how it is nice to behave well and treat others with the respect they deserve every day.

Our School Golden Rules

1. Kind hands, kind feet, kind words
2. Stop look and listen when a teacher or another child is talking to you
3. If you want to speak put your hand up and wait
4. Stay in your place safely & quietly
5. Do your work quietly and let other do the same
6. Do as teacher asks



Our lovely Junior School is off to a great start for the 2025-2026 school year. We are looking forward to a wonderful year here in HSJPS!

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