

# St. Catherine's Nursery & Primary School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

This is just a little letter to give some clarity ahead of our little pupils returning to school. Our September Newsletter will be issued also on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September with even more details about upcoming events.

We are so excited to be seeing our little children again, as we have missed them so much over the Summer! We hope that you all had a lovely Summer Break and a good rest.

## When will my child return to school?

- Children from Years 2-7 should all start back at school on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September**
- New Nursery and New Year 1 Pupils will have received their own start dates at Induction Meetings held in June.
- All children Years (1-7) should attend school at 8.50am in the morning. Nursery School doors open at 9am.
- Breakfast Club opens at 8.15am every morning until 8.50am. Breakfast Club starts also on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September**.



## What are the drop off / collection arrangements?

Year Group	Drop off / Collection Point	Start Time	Finish Time
Nursery Room 1	Nursery Room 1 External Door	9am-9.30am	1.30pm-1.40pm (When fully settled in)
Nursery Room 2	Nursery Room 2 External Door	9am-9.30am	1.30pm-1.40pm (When fully settled in)
Year 1A (Mrs Doherty)	Pupil Front door facing school gate	8.50am-9am	2.10pm (When fully settled in)
Year 1B (Miss Hutton)	Back Door opposite the Play Trail	8.50am-9am	2.10pm (When fully settled in)
Year 2 A (Mrs Mc Glynn)	Back Door opposite the Play Trail	8.50am-9am	2.15pm
Year 2 B (Ms Y Mc Gowan)	Pupil Front door facing school gate nearest to Mrs Doherty's classroom in Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	2.15pm
Learning Centre (Mrs Hamilton)	Middle Floor Door near mobile classroom at the back of the Junior School	8.50am-9am	2.10pm (Year 1) 2.15pm (Year 2)  3pm (Year 3 and 4 Pupils except Feel Good Friday)
Year 3 A (Miss M. Maguire )	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 3 B (Mrs S Vaughan/ Mrs Downey)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm

			(2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 4 A (Ms E Mathers)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 4 B (Ms B Kelly)	Pedestrian Gate to the right of the Main Gate at the Junior School Site	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 5 A (Mrs C Gormley)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 5A Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 5 B (Mrs S.O’Kane / Miss A. Kerr)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 5B Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 6 A (Miss E. Keyes )	Enter Double Gate at front of Senior School site nearest to the Main Front Door and line up at Year 6A Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 6 B (Mrs C. Deery )	Enter Double Gate at front of Senior School site nearest to the Main Front Door and line up at Year 6B Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 7 A (Mrs C. Gillespie)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 7A Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm

			(2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Year 7 B (Mrs B. Daly )	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Year 7B Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)
Learning Centre (Mrs Connolly)	Enter Gate at the right hand side of the Senior School and line up at Learning Centre Meeting Point where teacher will collect the class	8.50am-9am	Mon – Thursday 3.00pm (2.30pm On Feel Good Friday)



## What should my child bring to school?

- Children **may bring school bags**, with a snack, packed lunch in a wipeable lunch box (or a disposable bag) and water in a water bottle (if children wish to.)



## Where should I drop my child off to school and collect my child from school?

- Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 Parents should drop off and collect these very young little children to/from their classroom door as indicated on the table above
- Year 3,4,5,6,7 children should be dropped off and collected at the gate and make their way to their collection point. This will be clearly marked and staff will be there to meet and greet their classes. At hometime staff will bring the classes out again to be collected at hometime.



## Parking?

- To facilitate easier family drop off/ collections, all pupils (Years 3-7) can be collected at the same time. We do respectfully request that parents park a little away from the school in the church car park/ other parking areas and walk to school with your child. Please do not park anywhere that may block traffic. We really appreciate your patience, support and understanding.



## Keep in touch with us!

- Keep us updated!** If you change your home address, your mobile number or your email address please email details to Mrs Clare Kelly (Clerical Officer) [ckelly452@c2kni.net](mailto:ckelly452@c2kni.net)
- Staff email addresses are listed below if you need to make contact about your child.

## Staff roles and Email addresses.

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Ms Y Mc Gowan	Year 2 B	<a href="mailto:ymcgowan609@c2kni.net">ymcgowan609@c2kni.net</a>
Miss M. Maguire	Year 3 A	To be confirmed
Mrs S Vaughan / Mrs L.Downey	Year 3 B	<a href="mailto:svaughan325@c2kni.net">svaughan325@c2kni.net</a> <a href="mailto:ldowney759@c2kni.net">ldowney759@c2kni.net</a>
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Mrs. C. Hamilton	Learning Centre KS1 Junior School	<a href="mailto:chamilton290@c2kni.net">chamilton290@c2kni.net</a>
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**Family Club Four Days per Week (Monday to Thursday for Year 1/ 2 Pupils who have older siblings in school)**

- Family Club for pupils in Years 1 and 2 who have older siblings in school will begin on **MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> September**. Letters will be sent home on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September for parents to apply for Family Club for their child. Letters must be returned no later than **MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**. We ask for a fee of £2 per week to cover some of the costs of Family Club (regardless of how many days the child attends) and provide children with a little snack. Any child in Year 1 and 2 who have older siblings in school may apply for Family Club and therefore can stay on to 3pm from Monday to Thursday. It should be noted though that children in Year 1 will have a staggered intake in order to settle them in to school so Family Club will NOT begin for them until they are in school for a full day. Full school days for Year 1 will begin on **MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> September**



## **Settling In period for Nursery and Year 1 Pupils**

### **Nursery Settling In Plan Times of School**

**Week 1-3 : Friday 1<sup>st</sup>-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 9.00am-11.30am**

**Week 4 : Monday 25<sup>th</sup> -Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 9.00am-12.30pm.**

**Lunch/Dinner will commence this week**

**Week 5 : Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October -Full Nursery Day commences.**

**Pick-up time 1.30pm**

### **Year 1 Settling In Plan Times of School**

**Week 1 (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September) - 8:50 am-12 Noon**

**Week 2 (11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September) – 8:50am- 12 Noon**

**Week 3 (18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> September) – 8:50am- 12.45pm (Including Lunch)**

**Week 4 (25<sup>th</sup> September onwards)- 8.50am-2.15pm (Full day)**



## School Meals and Snacks

- School Dinner costs £2.60 in Primary School and £2.50 in Nursery)
- Children should bring healthy snacks for break and if taking packed lunch; should bring a healthy lunch as per our Food in Schools Policy.



## PE

- Children should continue to wear PE gear on PE Days to school and NOT change in school. Teachers will inform you of your child's PE days in due course when the timetable is finalised.
- Children should wear their **FULL UNIFORM** with **BLACK SHOES** on all other days.





It only remains now for us to get started again for what will hopefully be a year with much less interruptions than the past few years!

We thank you for having been so patient, understanding, kind and supportive to date and look forward to getting back again!!

God bless you all!

Mrs Bridget Wilders  
Principal



# Preparing Your Child For the First Day Back in School

*As schools begin to open to more children, parents and children may well be feeling anxious. Here's some ideas of how best to prepare.*

## Be Calm.

Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.



## Be Curious.

These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears but validate how they are feeling – "it's completely fine to feel like that at the moment" or "I can really understand why you would feel like that"



## Be Positive.

Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.



## Be Thankful.

Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher, favourite activities but be mindful some of these may not be available for them



## Be Supportive

Younger children particularly may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them through out the day. It might be helpful to draw a little heart on their wrist and one on yours too. You can call it the hug button and when they find they are missing you they can press the heart and know that you will be doing the same at home. Sometimes having a little object to remind them of you through the day helps but please check this out with your school first.



## Be Prepared.

Support your child to be aware of changes that may have happened to their classroom environment since they were there last and rehearse any new routines that school may have shared. Rehearse and practice your 'goodbye' routine and create a 'hello' greeting for the end of the day for them to look forward to.



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# A Prayer for the New School Year

Heavenly Father

At the start of a new school year, we give you thanks for the work of all schools (and particularly .... in our own parish).

We pray for all children starting at new schools, and for those returning. Help them to explore what they can achieve, and give them confidence to play their part in shaping our world.

We pray for all those who work in schools. Care for them as they care for our children.

We pray for all governors of schools. Grant them wisdom and sound judgement, and help them to keep children's well-being at the heart of everything they do.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

