

Dear Parent,

I would like to begin by welcoming everybody to the school and especially any “new” parents. Unfortunately, as we were unable to hold our “open afternoon” this term we have been unable to meet you and your new Junior Infant and to give you some information relevant to your child starting school. The following are some of the points of information we would have been giving you and we hope it is of some help at this time.

- We expect there to be approx. 22 children in Junior Infants next year.
- In so far as it is possible to plan for a return to school we hope to start the new school year on Wed Aug 26th. The Department of Education will be giving instructions to schools in the coming weeks on how to manage re-opening and we will let you know of any practical arrangements that need to be made closer to the time.
- If we are re-opening under normal circumstances then for the first 2 weeks the Junior Infant children will finish at 12 noon each day as they settle in to school.
- The normal Junior Infant school day is from 9 a.m to 1.40 p.m . An “After Schools Club” is available in Hospital Family Resource Centre if any parent requires the service. Please contact the Family Resource Centre for details.
- Your child’s booklist is also now available at the bottom of this letter. In Scoil Íosagáin we bulk order the items and put a pack together for each child of all the items needed. To avail of this option you do not need to do anything. We will prepare it for you and let you know when it can be collected from the school (probably August) and paid for. The price will be approx €65 but an exact price will be given before collection. If you would prefer to do your own buying of the items on the booklist please let us know and we won’t order in the school for you.
- In Scoil Íosagáin the children have the **option** of wearing the school tracksuit everyday if they wish (with a plain white polo shirt underneath) **or** the full uniform can be worn. . Uniforms available from Fennessys in Limerick or Ryan’s in Ballylanders. (In fine weather PLAIN BOTTLE GREEN COTTON SHORTS may be worn, uniform stockists also have these)
- I am required to inform you that the “Stay Safe Programme” is taught in the school. The aim of the programme is to reduce vulnerability to child abuse and bullying through the provision of a personal safety education programme for children at primary school level. More information from the class teacher next year.
- Miss Catherine Long will be the Junior Infant class teacher.
- You may have already given in information on your child’s enrolment application form but just a reminder that if your child has any allergies (nuts), hearing or sight problems, asthma, speech and language difficulties and/or any other learning difficulties which may affect their learning please make the class teacher aware of it.
- All children will have a Homework Diary. As well as being for recording homework it also acts as a simple location for sending/receiving notes to/from the class teacher.
- As part of a Department of Social Protection initiative, “Fresh Today” food company bring snack items to each class every day. Items include things such as a piece of fruit, rice cakes etc. Further information when we return to school.
- Please purchase a practical schoolbag. One that is light, easy to open and can hold an A4 size folder
- Junior Infant teachers love Velcro shoes!
- Please label everything with your child’s name, Schoolbag/Lunchbox/Lunchbag/Drinks bottle/All pieces of school uniform and coat.

We look forward to meeting you all at the end of August. In the meantime I hope you and your family have a healthy and happy summer.

Kind regards,

Brendan Moloney (Principal) BOOK LIST BELOW

Junior Infant

Workbooks & Stationery List

2020/2021

Subject	Book Title (Publisher)	Price	
English	Just Phonics Early Years (Auditory Discrimination)	€4.50	
	Sounds Make Words (26 letters)	€7.75	
Irish	Bua na Cainte A	€8.95	
Maths	Busy at Maths (Folens)	€11.70	
Writing	Ready to Write A1	€6.70	
Religion	Grow In Love	€8.99	
Other;	Homework Diary	€2.00	
	2 x 88 page copybooks	€0.90	
	2 x 40 page Blank Copy	€0.80	
	Wordbags Mesh Zip Folder A5	€1.49	
	Mesh Zip Folder A4	€1.50	
	Twistables (Crayola) (Pack of 12)	€4.50	
	3xTriangular Groove Grip Pencils &Eraser	€2.00	
	Apron for Art	€6.00	
	1 x B2 Learn to Write Copy	€0.40	
	Total (If ordering all of the above)	€68.18	
	(School Discount to be applied to total)		