

Junior Infants  
2020-21



Welcome Parents



Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 Zoom Meeting  
Saint Philip the Apostle Junior National School

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## Welcome to Our School



A big welcome to our new Junior Infants,  
the Class of 2020-21, who will join us on September 1st.

We hope that the next four years will be rewarding, happy and safe.  
I would also like to welcome the parents to our school.

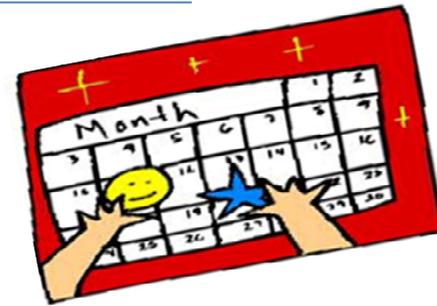
The staff and I look forward to working with you in partnership  
for the benefit of all the children.



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## Junior Infant Timetable



Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> & Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Sept.	9.30 am – 11.00 am
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> of Sept.	9.00am – 11.00 am
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> of Sept.	9.00am – 11.30 am
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> of Sept.	9.00am – 12.00am
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> of Sept.	9.00am – 12.30 pm
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> of Sept. onwards	9.00am – 1.40 pm



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## Car Park / Entrance

The School Car Park is closed from 8.50 am – 9.10 am and from 1.00 pm – 2.50 pm each day for the safety of our pupils coming to and going from school.



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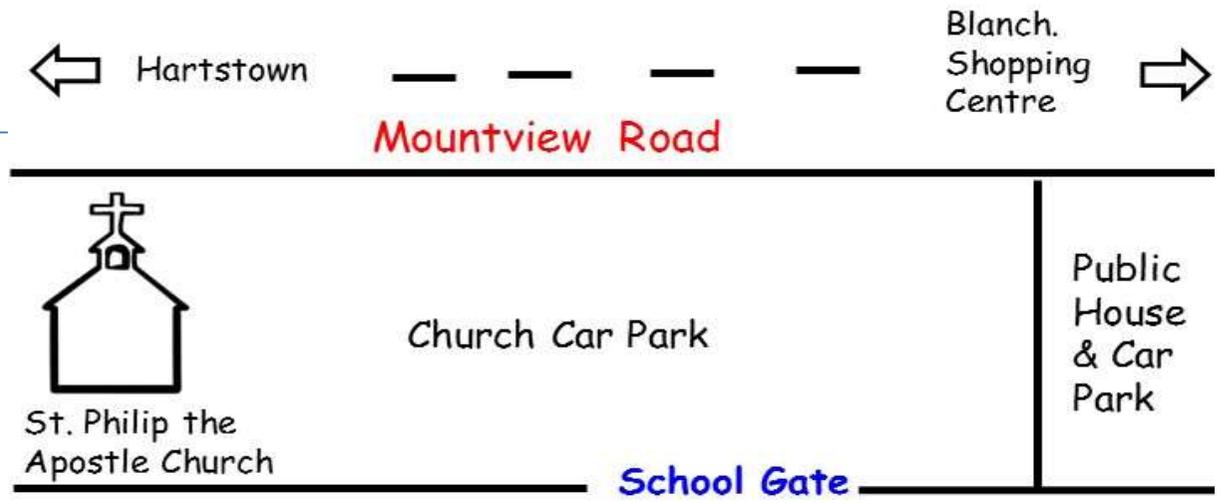
## The First Day

- ◊ Have your child looking forward to school
- ◊ Bring him / her to school at 9.30am.
- ◊ Let him / her have a school bag, crayons and a small lunch.
- ◊ Occasionally some children will cry when parting, it is best for parents to leave quickly, children normally settle down very soon afterwards.
- ◊ At 11.00am the children can be collected from their classroom door. Infants become upset if their parents are not there.
- ◊ School doors open each morning at 9.00am to receive children. They are not supervised before 9.00am.
- ◊ Junior infants should be brought to and collected from school by an adult.

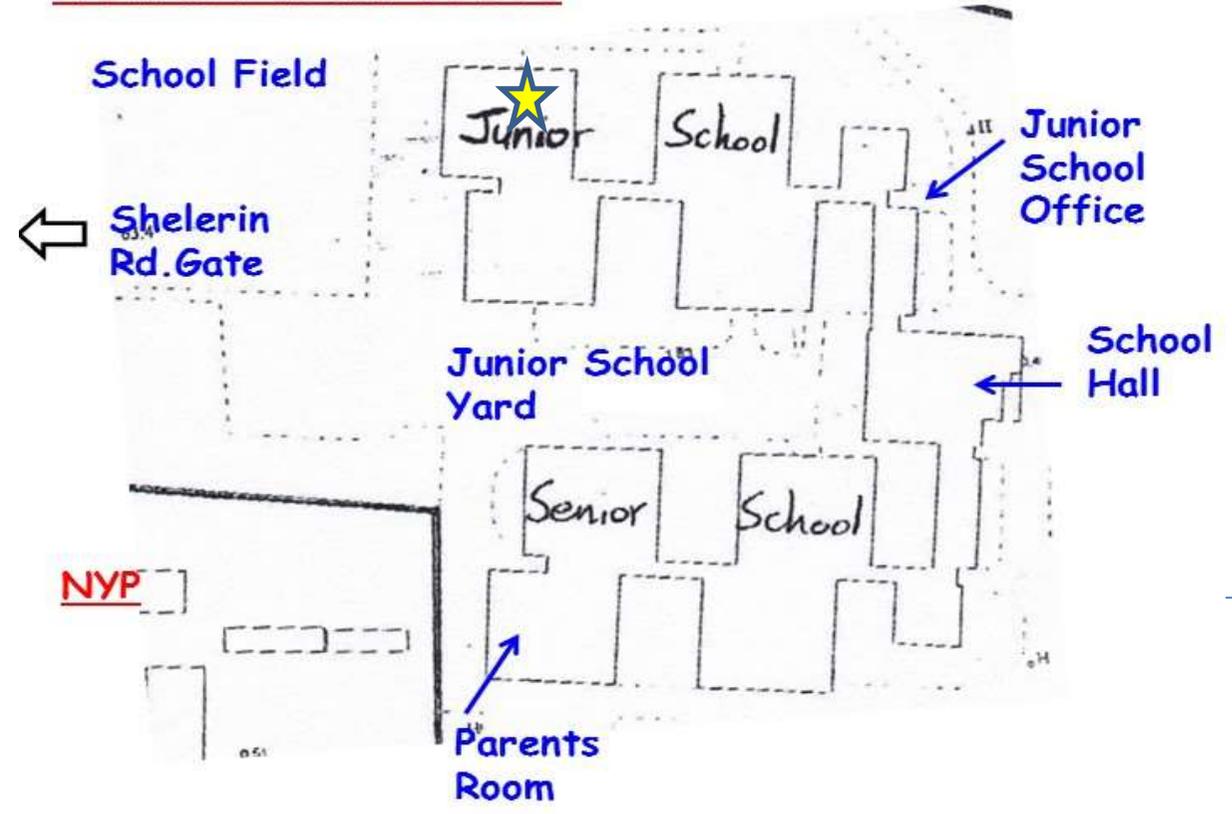


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# School Map



## St. Philip the Apostle Junior & Senior National Schools



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## School Campus

Points of orientation:

- ❖ School Hall
- ❖ Junior School Office
- ❖ Junior School Yard
- ❖ Parents' Room

School Office: Tel (01) 8212992

- ❖ Mrs. Jane O'Connell (Principal)
- ❖ Ms. Eimear Igoe (Deputy Principal)
- ❖ Mr. Chris Reilly (Home School Community Liaison Coordinator)

School Website:

- ❖ [www.stphilipsjns.ie](http://www.stphilipsjns.ie)



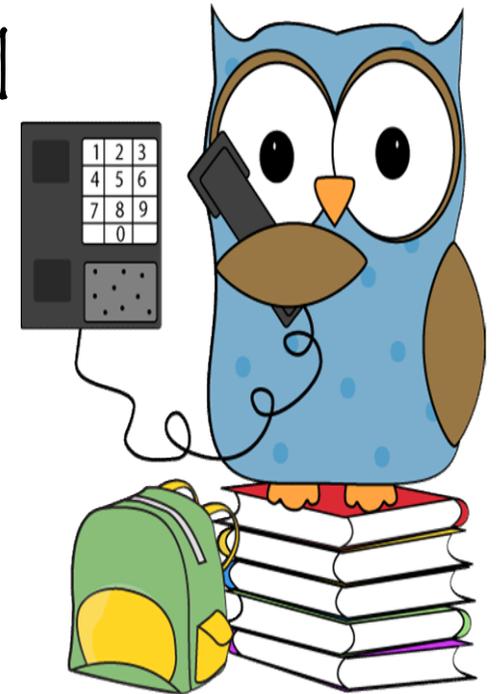
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## Telephone Number

- ❖ In case of an emergency it is essential that parents are contactable immediately.
- ❖ Up to date telephone numbers and addresses must be kept on file in our office at all times.



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## Attendance

- ❖ It is extremely important that your child attends school every day that he/she is well. The first year in school is as important as the final year.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



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## Uniform

- ❖ The recommended uniform for incoming Junior Infants in September 2020 is the school tracksuit 5 days a week.
- ❖ School tracksuit (Mr. Price) and red 'airtex' t-shirt with soft collar.
- ❖ We recommend that you purchase 2 tracksuits & 3 t-shirts
- ❖ Shoes – Velcro fastening if possible.
- ❖ Please label / mark all your child's clothing or belongings.



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## Collection of children

Always be on time to collect your child. Please let the school know who is allowed to collect your child if there is any change from the normal pattern.



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## Food in school

Children work best if they have had a good breakfast and plenty of sleep. We encourage healthy eating habits – Sweets, crisps and fizzy drinks are not allowed.

- ❖ Children eat in the classroom.
- ❖ We are very fortunate to be part of the Hot Lunches scheme whereby our pupils are provided with a hot meal at lunchtime by our local provider Glanmore Foods.
- ❖ A menu will be provided at the beginning of the school year. If your child is bringing his/her own lunch then it must be brought in a lunch-box.
- ❖ Children bring their own packaging home. Thus please send a lunchbox to school with your child for this purpose.
- ❖ If your child has any food allergy please let us know.



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## Jewellery

Small stud earrings are the only earrings allowed.

Your child is responsible for his/her jewellery, watches, toys and spectacles etc. while in school. The school cannot be held responsible for loss of or damage to these items.

## Safe Play

At all times children should behave with respect for everyone.



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## Health and Safety

### Medicines

Please let the principal and class teacher know if your child is on any medication.



### Illness

If your child has been sick during the night, please do not send him/her to school the next day.

It is essential to send a note or telephone the school if your child is ill or absent from school for any period of time. This will be recorded on their file.

Upon returning to school check with the class-teacher in case you have missed any important notes.

### Head Lice

A weekly check of your child's hair is recommended. If your child happens to contract head lice, it is helpful to use an ordinary hair conditioner twice daily and fine comb through the conditioner until the problem is solved.

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## Children's welfare

Under the Child-Care Act and Children First Act, it is mandatory for the school to report:

- All reasonable child protection concerns that a child is being, or at risk of being, abused or neglected to TUSLA
- Accumulated absences over twenty days to the Education Welfare Officer at TUSLA.



## Security

For the safety of the children all outside doors are locked (from the outside) at 9.05 a.m. After this time entry to the school is by means of the bell on the door at the school office. If you need to collect your child for an out of school appointment please do so before or after yard breaks.



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Thank you for your participation.

Please ask any questions you have now and we will do our best to answer them.



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