



Holy Family Junior School
Station Road
Ennis
County Clare
065 6829808
info.hfj@gmail.com

We look forward to warmly welcoming back all the children, staff and parents for the start of a new school year this Wednesday the 1st of September. We welcome especially our new pupils and hope that everyone will settle in well and that we will all have a great year together!

Covid 19

Please read the attached **updated Holy Family Junior School Covid 19 Response Plan (August 2021)**. Take time to discuss how to prevent the spread of the virus with your child before they come to school. We will also be teaching these best practices to the pupils at school. As they are very young, it is important that we use child friendly language and are calm and matter of fact so as not to frighten them.

Please

- Continue to wear a mask on the yard
- Keep your child at home from school if he/she has any Covid like symptoms until you get medical advice from your doctor

You should follow the advise of the HSE if:

- Your child is identified by the HSE as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19
- If your child lives with someone who has symptoms of the virus
- If your child has travelled outside of Ireland; in such instances you are advised to consult and follow latest Government advice in relation to foreign travel.

Return to Educational Facility Declaration Form

Please fill in a **Return to Educational Facility Declaration Form** before your child comes to school on Wednesday morning.

This form can be accessed by clicking - <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/return-to-school-form/>

Home School Community Liaison Teachers

Our new Home School Liaison (HSCL) Teachers are available to meet you and support you throughout your child's time with us here in Holy Family Junior School. Pleas find their contact details below. Say hello to Marina and Orla when you see them on the yard in the mornings. They are really looking forward to getting to know you all!

Marina Mulqueen

Phone: 086 6040686

Email: marinamulqueen13@gmail.com

Orla Gannon

Phone: 086 1529211

Email: orla.gannon@lcetb.ie

Drop Off and Collection Times

Morning drop-off time is

- between 8.55 and 9.10 each day (**all classes**)

Collection time is

- at 12.15pm for **Junior Infants** until Friday the 17th of September
- between 1.35pm and 1.45pm for **Senior Infants**
- between 2.35pm and 2.45pm for **First Classes and above**

Labelling of school uniforms

As all uniforms are the same, we would ask you to ensure that your child's **name is clearly marked on jackets, jumpers and cardigans**. They can become mixed up very easily!

School Calendar 2021-2022

The Holy family Schools' calendar for the school year 2021-2022 can be found on our school website by clicking on <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/>

Carambola Lunches

Junior Infant pupils will receive a snack and a bottle of water each day until Friday the 17th of September. From the 20th September a lunch of their choice can be ordered for them each week. The week before we will share log on details for ordering lunches with parents and guardians of Junior Infant pupils.

Parents of all other pupils in the school should already have log on details for Carambola. If you are having difficulties with logging on please click here: <https://www.carambola.ie>

Please log on to Carambola regularly to change your child's menu so that he/she doesn't tire of the same food each day.

Aladdin Connect

Thanks to the many parents and guardians who have now registered and downloaded the school's Aladdin Connect app. We will use this app to communicate with you. Please remember to click into the app regularly to read messages from school relating to your child. If you are having difficulty in downloading the app or validating it on your phone or other device, please ask Ita, our school secretary.

Important School Policies

Please click here to access important school policies <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/resources-policies/#school-policies>.

If you have any questions regarding school policies, please get in touch with me by calling to reception or by having a chat with me in the morning on the school yard.