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Settling back to school

Welcome back to school everyone. Your children are settling in extremely well to their school routine. It is lovely to meet you all in the mornings on the yard and to greet your gorgeous children as they start a new school day. Thank you for ensuring that your child is at school every day and that they are dropped and collected on time. Please do continue to wear masks on the yard and to maintain social distancing. Your efforts with this are greatly appreciated.

Home time for Junior Infants

Junior Infants will start their longer school day from this Monday the 20th of September. All Junior and Senior Infant pupils can be collected between 1.35pm and 2.35pm.

Healthy food at School

Snacks and lunches are provided for your child at school. Junior Infants will also receive a school lunch from this Monday the 20th of September. Please log in to Carambola regularly to change your child's menu so that he/she doesn't tire of the same food each day. Children are not allowed to have fizzy drinks, crisps, bars, sweets or gum at school.

Safe Collection of Children

The safety and welfare of our pupils is of the utmost importance. To ensure the safe handover of each child at home time, your child will only be handed over to you or a named person on the collection sheet. Please send in a note or make a call if there is going to be someone different picking up your child. If there are any changes regarding the collection of your child during the year, please let us know immediately. Thank you for your co-operation.

Early Collection of Children

To ensure the safety of all our pupils, when you need to collect your child from school before home time, we ask you to:

1. Inform the teacher that morning that you are collecting your child early.
2. When you come to collect your child, please go to reception. Your child will be brought to you.
3. Sign your child out in our sign out book. This will be in reception.
4. On your return, please bring your child back to reception. Please sign the book again.
5. He/she will be taken back to class.

Rainy days

As Autumn moves in, please ensure that your child has a coat when coming to school, as he/she may need it while playing outside. Also, please be aware that children are welcomed into school from 8.55am each morning. On a morning that it is raining try to arrive at this time so that you don't get wet waiting in the rain.

Maths at Home

Each month we will send you home a sheet of 'Maths at Home' ideas for you to share with your child. This is a fun and practical way for your child to learn more about Maths in everyday life.

Frasaí na Seachtaine

Each month we will also share with you some simple Irish phrases that your child is learning at school. You could practice them together or use one or two each day with you child.

Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers

Marina (086 6040686) and Orla (086 1529211), our HSCL teachers, are always available to chat with and to support parents and guardians. Please get in touch if you have any queries. They will be very happy to help you.

Return to Educational Facility Declaration Form

Please continue to fill in a **Return to Educational Facility Declaration Form** when your child returns to school after **any absence**. This form can be accessed by clicking - <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/return-to-school-form/>

Calendar – September and October

Tuesday October 12 th	Staff meeting	Half Day – children to be collected at 12.30pm
October 25 th – 29 th (inclusive)	Midterm Break	School closed

To see our calendar for the school year 2021-2022 please click here:

<https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/>

Homework and Seesaw

Senior Infant and First-class children will begin formal homework on Tuesday the 5th of October. Junior Infant children will start homework later in the year. Teachers will send instructions for homework to you on Seesaw each week. From next Monday the 20th of September teachers will send fun activities for your child to do on Seesaw. If you are having difficulties logging on to Seesaw, please let your child's teacher know.

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. If you are having difficulty in downloading the app or validating it on your phone or other device, please ask Ita, our school secretary.