



Holy Family Junior School
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Hello everyone!

We hope you all had a lovely summer break. We look forward to warmly welcoming back all the children, and parents, for the start of a new school year this **Wednesday the 27th of August** at 9am. We especially welcome our new pupils and hope that everyone settles in well and has a great year of learning!



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

As you are aware, the school zone works on Station Road is complete. Doesn't it look amazing, thanks to the hard work of Clare County Council! We will be in touch with Clare County Council to acknowledge our appreciation! The School Zone is designed to:

- Improve front of school access and
- Reduce traffic at school gates which increases safety

Child Protection

The Board of Management of Holy Family Junior School recognises that the protection and welfare of children is of most importance. It has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (Revised 2023)* as part of our overall Child Safeguarding Statement. Please click <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/resources-policies/#school-policies> to read our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Miriam Lowe (Principal).

Drop Off and Collection Times

Morning drop-off time is 9am (**all classes**)

Collection time is at

- 12.15pm for **Junior Infants** until Friday the 12th of September
 - 1.45pm for **Junior Infants** (from Monday the 15th September) and **Senior Infants**
 - 2.45pm for **First Classes and above**
- ✓ **All pupils in the Junior School must be supervised by an authorised adult who is 18 years old or older each morning until classroom doors open at 9am.**
- ✓ **All pupils in the Junior School must be collected by an authorised adult who is 18 years old or older.**

Breakfast Club

Pupils of Holy family Junior School are welcome to our breakfast club in the school canteen from 8.40am until just before 9am each morning. Parents must wait for their child outside the canteen each day, to accompany them to their classroom door at 9am. Please contact the school if you would like your child to be part of the breakfast club.

After-School Club

After-school club runs from 1.45pm to 4.30pm each day, for children aged from 4 years to 12 years. Call or text Isabel on 087 2062070 for further details.

Uniform

Our school uniform should be worn every day. Please have a spare uniform so that your child comes to school in a clean uniform every day.

Latecomers and early leavers

- ✓ We are delighted to welcome your child to school, no matter how late he/she is. If your child is late, it is recorded on our attendance system. When late to school, please take your child to reception to sign him/her in. He/she will be brought to class from there, to minimise disruption to teaching.
- ✓ If you need to collect your child earlier than usual, please **call to reception to sign out your child**. He/she will be brought from class to you at reception, to minimise disruption to teaching.

Attendance

We love it when your child is at school every day. Children who have good attendance make strong connections with education, with their friends, and are happy coming to school every day. It is hard for them when they are late, as they miss the settling in activities at the start of the day.

We closely monitor your child's attendance and punctuality. We must inform the Education and Welfare Officer when we are concerned about your child's attendance.

If your child is absent, please let us know by sending a note or updating Aladdin Connect. We can help you with this if needed.

Homework

Your child will receive homework on three evenings each week through our Aladdin app, starting later on in term 1. Please spend time with your child checking homeworking and encouraging best efforts. Let the teacher know if there are difficulties with homework or if homework is not done. Your child should be able to do homework with little or no support.

Healthy Eating

We have a healthy eating policy in Holy Family Junior School. Sweets, crisps, popcorn, fizzy drinks, chocolate bars, chocolate biscuits are not allowed. Please read our full policy on

<https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/resources-policies/#school-policies>

Birthday parties and invitations

We are not in a position here at school to distribute birthday invitations or to share out cakes and sweets on your child's birthday. While your generosity is much appreciated, parties are best celebrated outside school time.

School Policies

Please see <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/resources-policies/#school-policies> for the following policies: Bí Cineálta Anti-Bullying, Code of Behaviour, Attendance, Acceptable Use Policy, Child Safeguarding and Risk Assessment, Healthy Eating, Parental Complaints Procedure. It is important that you read these policies before the start of each school year.

Headlice

If your child has headlice, please inform the class teacher. A message will then be sent home to all children in the class so parents and guardians can check and treat if necessary. This is done without identifying any child.

Labelling

Please ensure all clothing and belongings are labelled. They can become mixed up very easily!

Aladdin App

Please ensure that you have the Aladdin app downloaded **at all times** on your phone, as we will use this app to communicate with you. Call to Ita at reception if you are having technical difficulties with this.

Change of home address, mobile number or email address

Please let us know immediately if you have a change of home address, mobile number, or email address.

School Supplies

We will be collecting €50.00 for additional school supplies (photocopying, art materials and ICT). This should be paid through E-payments on ALADDIN CONNECT from the 27th of August 2025.

School Calendar 2025-2026

The Holy Family Schools' calendar for the school year 2025-2026 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 12th of September. From Monday the 15th September, a lunch of their choice can be ordered for the children 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 wish to change your child's choice of lunch, please log on to choose a lunch for your child before Friday evening in order for the change to take place by Monday morning. 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.



Home School Community Liaison Teachers

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

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We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday morning at 9am.
We're Going Back To School

