



Saint Patrick's Boys' National School

Guiding Your Son Through Hollypark BNS

We are offering this presentation to parents as a practical guide in dealing with the education of your children at the very early stages. We will be happy if you dip in to it from time to time and find something of value to you and your child.



Saint Patrick's Boys' National School



Dear Parents & Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to St. Patrick's Boys' National School. We look forward to this being the start of a very happy, productive and successful eight years for you and your child.

As a school community we strive to achieve high standards in teaching and learning as well as promoting our school ethos.

We as a staff in St Patrick's BNS will endeavour, during this coming school year to celebrate the lives of each and every child in our care by encouraging and valuing them and by helping them to build good healthy relationships with all those they meet along the way.

We will encourage, compliment and support each other and promote the wellbeing of all pupils, staff and parents alike, in our effort to achieve a happy, calm and supportive atmosphere throughout the school community. As we embark on another school year we look forward to working with you, our pupils parents and guardians. Remember the door is always open and we welcome and value your contributions in helping us to provide the best education we can for your children.

Le gach dea ghúí,

Barry O'Donovan.



School Times

8.40am - 13.25

Junior & Senior Infants

8.40am - 14.25

1st - 6th Class

Small break 10:30 am–10:40 am Lunch break 12.10 pm–12:40 pm.

Infants' Finishing times 1:25 pm

1st - 6th finish 2:25 pm

1st Class to 6th Class School commences at 8.40am and finishes at 14.25. Pupils attending appointments during school hours must be collected by their parents or guardians and signed out.

Please be on time for school every day.

Good attendance is a priority in our school. If you bring your child late, leave early ,or your child is absent from school, you need to provide the teacher with a note. The teacher has to take an attendance roll every day and put in a “reason for absence”

Parents of children arriving late or leaving early need to sign in/out. If you have an appointment and your child will be late for school, please let the teacher know.

Parents will be informed once a child has reached 15 absent days.

School Dress Code

Uniform	Pupils must wear their school uniform at all times, including the school tie. School tracksuits are only allowed on timetabled PE days.
<u>Label</u>	Please <u>label</u> all your child's clothes.
Weather	Make sure your child brings a warm jacket and hat in cold weather and a rain jacket in milder weather.
Shoes	Please get your child shoes with Velcro straps. Young children usually cannot manage laces.





Our Uniform

- ▶ Grey trousers (Elasticated)
- ▶ Grey shirt
- ▶ Green school jumper
- ▶ Elasticated school tie green and yellow
(Tie can be purchased in the school office €6 elastic tie or €8 normal tie)
- ▶ Black shoes

PE Uniform (You will have 2 PE days per week)

- ▶ Green tracksuit bottoms
- ▶ Yellow polo shirt
- ▶ Green tracksuit top
- ▶ Runners (Velcro, not laces)

UNIFORMITY  **Hollypark - SCHOOL UNIFORM CHECKLIST - Print & tick as you go, or click on items to go to our website**

FORMAL Uniform is measured in inches around the fullest part of the chest and in inches around the waist							SPORTS Uniform is measured in age sizes. Use the size guide on our website if you need help.						
Item	Colour	Compulsory	Size	ADVISED QTY	Qty	✓	Item	Colour	Compulsory	Size	ADVISED QTY	Qty	✓
 Pullover	Green	Yes		1			 Tracksuit Top	Green	Yes		2		
 School Shirt	Grey	Yes		2			 Tracksuit Bottom	Green	Yes		2		
 School Trousers	Grey	Yes		1			 PE Polo	Yellow	Yes		3		
 School Socks	Grey	Yes		1 x SPK			 Shorts	Green	Optional		1		
 School Shoes	Black	Yes		1			 Swim bag	Green	Optional		1		
 School Coat	Green	Optional		1			 Hat	Green	Optional		1		
ESSENTIALS													
 Name Labels	NAME LABELS ARE 10 FOR €8 OR 20 FOR €10. JUST ADD THE NAME INTO THE COMMENTS AT THE CHECKOUT PAGE							CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO SEE OUR FULL RANGE OF THERMALWEAR					
	CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO GO STRAIGHT TO OUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS							CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO SEE OUR FULL RANGE OF LUNCH BOXES AND DRINKS BOTTLES					
	CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO GO STRAIGHT TO HEALTH CARE							CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO SEE OUR FULL RANGE OF BACKPACKS					

Uniforms are available from Uniformity on their website or shop Uniformity,
Unit B Three Rock Road,
Sandyford Business Park,
Co. Dublin - B18H213

Tel: (01) 2300501

Email:
customerservices@uniformity.ie

OR
Click the link below



<https://uniformity.ie/collections/hollypark-school>

<https://uniformity.ie/pages/school-uniforms>

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School Trousers 	Grey	Yes		1			PE Polo 	Yellow	Yes		3			
School Socks 	Grey	Yes		1 x 5PK			Shorts 	Green	Optional		1			
School Shoes 	Black	Yes		1			Swim bag 	Green	Optional		1			
School Coat 	Green	Optional		1			Hat 	Green	Optional		1			
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Tips for buying schoolbags, lunchboxes and school equipment.

Make sure your son's schoolbag is big enough to fit : an A4 folder, his lunchbox, pencil case and occasional other school items.

We do not recommend schoolbags with wheels for Junior Infants as they are a trip hazard.

Make sure your son can open and close his lunchbox and water bottle with ease.

School items such as books (purchased by Dept of Education Stationary, Extras as per Booklist will be purchased by school.

Put your son's name on all his belongings.



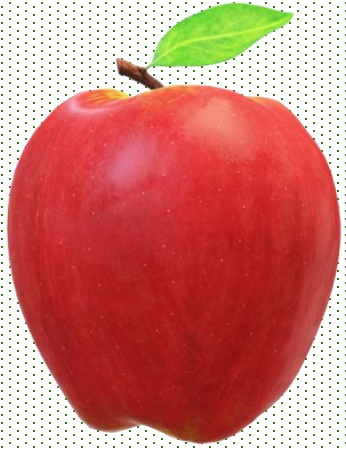
Safety, Health and Welfare

- ▶ If your child has an allergy, medical condition, problem with sight or hearing, or is being assessed by a health professional or has any specific needs, please inform the school prior to September.
- ▶ If you have any medical reports on your child which may have an impact on their ability to learn, please share it with your child's teacher.
- ▶ Head lice: It is important that hair is checked regularly, and treated if necessary. If your child has head lice please inform the class teacher and a note will be sent home to advise all parents to check their sons' hair.
- ▶ Send a note in with the child to explain the absence when they return to school.

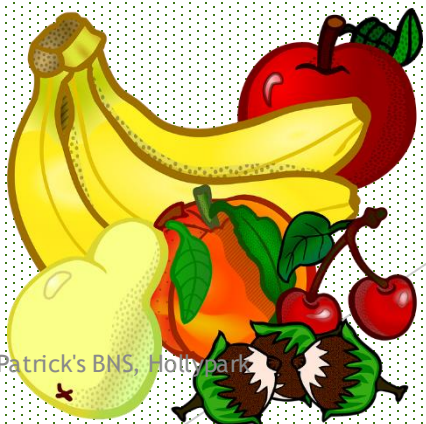
Spreading of Contagious Bugs

- ▶ **In an effort to prevent the spreading of contagious bugs or flu, (Covid-19 or other) please keep your child at home if he is feeling sick.**
- ▶ Send a note in with the child to explain the absence when they return to school.





Healthy Eating Policy



St. Patrick's BNS, Hollypark

As part of the SPHE Programme, in Hollypark BNS we encourage the children to become more aware of the need for healthy food in their lunch boxes.

What people eat is known to be a key factor influencing health. Research indicates a strong link between diet and performance (e.g. a low sugar intake promotes concentration, lessens hyperactivity, protects teeth, and lessens the risk of diabetes. A low salt intake reduces the risk of heart disease in later life). In Hollypark we operate a nut free policy.

Due to some children having severe nut allergies, our school is a nut free zone. Please ensure your child's lunch is nut free.

Aims

To promote the personal development and well-being of the child

To promote the health of the child and provide a foundation for healthy living in all its aspects.

Objectives

To enable the child to appreciate the importance of good nutrition for growing and developing and staying healthy.

To enable the child to accept some personal responsibility for making wise food choices and adopting a healthy, balanced diet.

SEE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR LISTS OF ACCEPTABLE LUNCHBOX FOOD

Building Independence

Help your child to become as independent as possible over the summer

It would help greatly if your child is able to:

- ▶ button and unbutton a coat and hang it up
- ▶ use the toilet without help and manage trouser buttons. Elastic waist is best
- ▶ practise personal hygiene and cleanliness. Your child should know how to flush the toilet and wash hands, without being told.
- ▶ use a tissue and cover their mouth when sneezing and coughing
- ▶ share toys and games with others and “take turns”
- ▶ tidy up and put away play things.
- ▶ open and close and pack their lunchbox and school bags

Social Skills and Manners



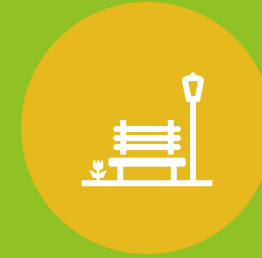
- ▶ Social skills are very important. We encourage good manners at all times, please & thank you, addressing teachers properly, being courteous to fellow students and teachers.
- ▶ Children's moral and social education is covered right through the school day e.g. kindness to others, sharing and saying sorry.
- ▶ Always encourage the use of eye contact, when speaking with teachers, parents and other children.



Hollypark
Motto
Kind Words,
Kind Actions.



KIND
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IN OUR SCHOOL
GROUNDS WE HAVE
FUN BY PLAYING
FAIRLY AND SAFELY,
WHERE EVERYONE IS
INCLUDED. ROUGH
PLAY IS TOTALLY
DISCOURAGED. EVERY
CHILD IS ENTITLED
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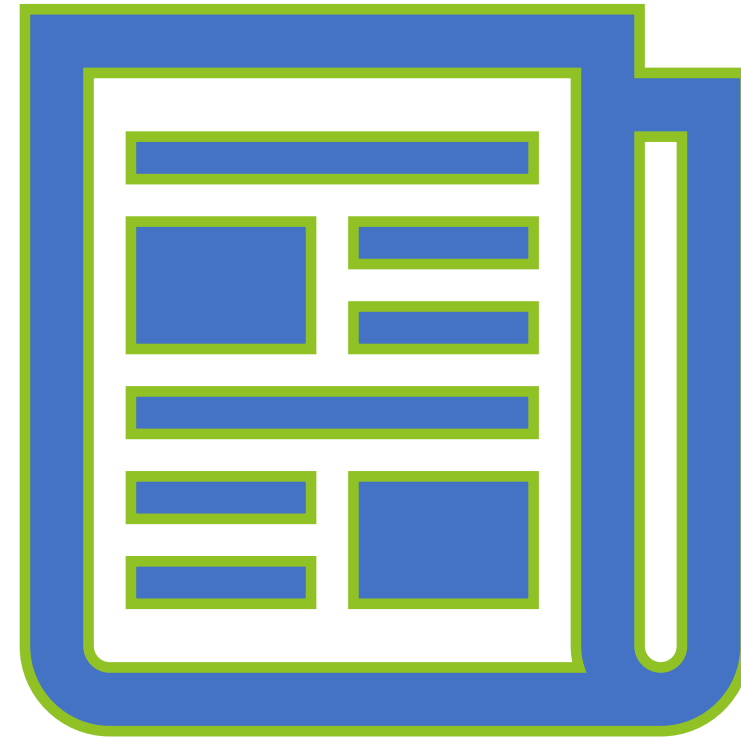
Communication

► Wednesday Newsletter

I send weekly newsletters with the latest news, up to date information and important dates for your diary. These are printed and sent home, published on our website and posted on our school Twitter account.

>>>Aladdin Connect: We use Aladdin Connect as our school database for emails, permissions, payments, class notes and booking parent teacher meetings. You will receive your login codes prior to September. <<<

<https://www.aladdin.ie/>



School Calendar

2024-2025

► This information will be available throughout the year on our website

www.hollyparkbns.ie

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024 / 2025

----- 2024 -----

August: Thurs. 29th School opens after Summer Holidays

Oct/Nov: Mon. 28th - Fri. 1st School closed for Halloween break

December: Fri. 20th School closes for Christmas Holiday

----- 2025 -----

January: Mon. 6th School re-opens after Christmas Holidays

February: Mon 3rd School closed St. Brigid's Holiday

February: Thurs 20th & Fri 21st School closed for Mid-term break

March: Mon 17th & Tues 18th School closed St. Patrick's Day Holiday

April: Fri. 11th School closes for Easter Holidays

April Mon. 28th School re-opens after Easter Holidays

May Mon. 5th & Tues 6th School closed for May Holiday

June: Mon. 3rd - Wed. 4th School closed for June Holiday

June: Fri. 27th School closes for Summer Holidays

** Easter breaks are subject to change if there is unforeseen school closures, up to three days could be taken from the break.*

Take a Virtual Tour of our Amazing School

<https://vimeo.com/420436726>

Classroom tour

<https://vimeo.com/420434175>

Outside yard tour

<https://vimeo.com/420431879>

Activity corridor

Looking forward
to seeing you all
in September!

Thank you for watching.

The teachers and staff of Hollypark BNS look forward to welcoming you and your family to our school.

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Deputy Principal: Mrs. Annette Lynch

School Secretary: Ms. Eilish Dillon