

Dear Parent/Gaurdian,

## **RE: New Junior Infants 2020**

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to The Commons N.S. We know they will have great fun meeting their new teacher and making new friends. Our aim will be to create a safe, warm and welcoming environment for your child.

Please observe the following procedures for the first days of school:

- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August** - New Junior Infants to arrive at 9.45  
Home time at 12 o' clock
- One parent to escort their child to the main door and observe social distancing measures in place.
- Please avoid clustering/gathering in groups.
- Only one parent and child to enter at any time.
- Please follow signs at entrance.
- Parents are **not** permitted to enter the classroom.
- If a child is visibly upset, alternative arrangements will be made to ensure as smooth a transition as possible.
- Please say lots of positive and reassuring things to your child about starting school in the week ahead. Our experienced staff will have lots of stimulating and interesting activities prepared in advance to keep the children engaged. Children always settle .... even if there have been a few tears at first.
- From experience we have learned that long goodbyes can often distress and upset children so a brief drop off is best for all parties, therefore we would encourage you to walk your child to the door, greet the teacher and leave promptly.

Your child will need:

- A lunchbox and a drink.
- A wipeable pencil case with colours only. This will be kept in school for your child to use. (Preferably 'Twistables' as they will not break easily/ need to be sharpened)
- Please ensure all belongings and items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

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