

School reopens on Wednesday 1st September at 8.55am, 9am and 9.05am

Confirmation for last years 6th class is the 4th September.

First Communion for 3rd class is on the 25th September.

HOLY FAMILY SENIOR SCHOOL

August 2021

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Dear Pupils and Parents,

We are delighted to be welcoming all our pupils back to school next Wednesday 1st September. We have been advised to continue the measures and practices of the previous school year into this new one. We will have Class Bubbles/Pods and the children will have different entry and exit times. Our School Covid-19 Response Plan has been updated with some small changes around choir and wind instrument use, limited sharing of sports equipment, extra ventilation and bubble use of the cafeteria at lunchtimes. This will be available on all our social media sites for you and we suggest you read it carefully before your child returns to school. The children and staff's safety as always will be our priority and we will communicate frequently with you through Aladdin connect.

This year we are delighted to welcome two new Home School Liaison Coordinators (HSCLs) to our school. Marina Mulqueen from Holy Family JNS will be our incoming fulltime HSCL teacher next year and Orla Gannon will be our part-time HSCL teacher. They are here to support you parents as partners in your child's education and please do not hesitate to contact them if you have any concerns or queries. (086)6040686.

Our Health and Safety Coordinator is Ms Jillian Bridge (Deputy Principal) so she will support you around all medical issues or any other Covid related queries. jillian.bridge@hfss.ie

As always your child's class teacher is your first point of contact in the school and they will give you contact details and guidance on communication for this year.

We ask that all pupils wear full school uniform this year. If it is very warm next week pupils can wear their grey school shorts with a pink or white polo shirt. Please only navy tracksuit bottoms (Strictly no stripes, tight leggings or black tracksuit bottoms). Our very supportive Parents Association had a uniform sale in June and McCannons in the market have uniforms available for purchase. No jewellery permitted apart from small stud earrings.

Last years Confirmation will take place on the 4th September and last years First Communion will take place on the 25th September. Further details will be communicated next week. We have no dates as yet for the 2021/'22 sacraments.

We wish you and your families the very best for the school year 2021/'22 and look forward to a safe and productive school year together.

Mrs Barnes and Staff.

YOUR CHILDS CLASSROOM<ENTRY AND EXIT POINTS AND TIMES (Please read the full Covid response plan)

Year Group	Teacher 21/22	Room	Previous Teacher (20/21)	Entry and exit points Entry and exit Times
2 nd	Ms. Finn	Scoil na nOg 2	Ms Quinn	Friars walk entrance 9.05am and 2.50 pm
2 nd	Ms Buckley	Scoil na nOg 1	Ms Power	Friar's Walk entrance 9.05am and 2.50pm
3 rd	Mr. Ryan	Room 6	Ms Finn	Entrance at Dunne's Stores 9.05am and 2.50pm
3 rd	Mr Brennan	Room 5	Ms Robbins	Entrance at Dunne's Stores 9.05am and 2.50pm
4 th	Ms Neylon/Ms Vaughan	Room 15	Ms Kennedy/Ms Lynch	Front Entrance by the Old Ground hotel 9.00am / 2.45pm
4 th	Ms Mc Mahon	Room 1	Mr Brennan	Front Entrance by the Old Ground hotel 9.00am / 2.45pm
4 th	Ms Gill	Room 2	Ms Neylon/Vaughan	Front Entrance by the Old Ground hotel 9.00am / 2.45pm
5 th	Ms Kennedy	Room 20	Ms Mc Mahon	Entrance at Dunnes Stores 9am -2.45pm
5 th	Mr Bell	Room 19	Mr Ryan	Entrance at Dunnes Stores 9am -2.45pm
6 th	Mr Eade	Room 16	Ms Ford/Ms Boland	Front Entrance by the Old Ground hotel 9.05/ 2.50pm
6 th	Ms Boland/ Ms Ford	Room 17	Mr Eade	Front Entrance by the Old Ground hotel 9.05/am 2.50pm
6 th	Mr Cooney	Room 18	Ms Shaugnesys	Front Entrance by the Old Ground hotel 9.05/ 2.50pm
Special Class ASD	Ms Whyatt	Room 3		Friars Walk Entrance and buses 8.55am /2.40pm
Special reading Class	Ms Browne	Room 23		Front entrance Old Ground 8.55am /2.40pm

CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE DROPPED BEFORE 8:55AM.

In exceptional circumstances where a child is late for school (after 9.15am), the child must be dropped to the reception of the school and they will be required to sign the login book. Arrangements will be made for them to go safely to their classroom from there by school staff.

SIBLINGS:

Siblings (Brothers and sisters) can enter and exit the school yard together. They enter through **the eldest child's entrance point at 8.55am and 2.40pm**. Children waiting for their siblings are encouraged to wait in the sheds in the main school yard and by Lucy's office and not in front of the doors of the classrooms.

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BOOKLISTS AND SUNDRIES:

Booklists available on the school website. Please check with your class teacher if your child requires a different list. Sundries must be paid to your class teacher or through our payment system by Friday 17th September. Special payment instalment systems can be set up through the school office. Contact Mrs Finn on lucy.finn@hfss.ie to set this up.

FREE BREAKFAST, SNACKS AND LUNCHES:



Children who have their login details from last year and would like to order a specific lunch for Wednesday 1st September can order their packed lunches by midnight Friday 27th August. New children including 2nd class will be given a standard snack and lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and their login details for choosing will be set up next week. **We will be returning to free hot lunches in the canteen from Monday 6th September.** Linda Coughlan will be returning as Manager of the Canteen and will be in contact next week regarding ordering hot lunches.

Holy Family Kids Club: The ECCE preschool will be resuming on Wednesday 1st September. After school will resume on Monday 6th September for 1:45pm collection. Subsidies are available for childcare places on <http://www.ncs.gov.ie> Spaces are limited. Please direct your enquiries through our Facebook page 'Lara's Little Angels @ Holy Family Kids Club'. Thank you and enjoy the summer!

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021/22

<i>School Reopens:</i>	<i>Wednesday, 1st September, 2021 @ 9 am.</i>
<i>Early closing</i>	<i>Staff meeting/CPD Tues October 12th School closes at 12.30pm</i>
<i>Midterm 1st Term:</i>	<i>School closed from Monday 25th to Friday 29th October, 2021 inclusive. School reopens on Monday 1st November, 2021 @ 9 am.</i>
<i>Christmas Holidays:</i>	<i>School closes on Wednesday 22nd December, 2021 at 12 noon. Reopening on Thursday 6th January, 2022 @ 9 am.</i>
<i>Midterm 2nd Term:</i>	<i>School closed from Monday 21st to 25th February, 2022 inclusive. Reopening on Monday 28th February @ 9 am.</i>
<i>Bank Holiday:</i>	<i>School closed on Thursday 17th March, (St. Patrick's Day) and Friday 18th March, 2022.</i>
<i>Easter Holidays:</i>	<i>School closes on Friday 8th April, 2022 @ 12 noon. Reopens on Monday 25th April, 2022 @ 9 am.</i>
<i>Bank Holiday:</i>	<i>Monday 2nd May, 2022 - School Closed.</i>
<i>Bank Holiday:</i>	<i>Monday 6th June, 2022 - School Closed.</i>
<i>Summer Holidays:</i>	<i>Thursday 30th June, 2022 @ 12 noon.</i>

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School communities are working hard, with the support of public health officials, to ensure the safe operation of our schools for pupils, staff and families.

All schools have put in place rules and routines which must be followed to keep everyone safe. The latest public health advice on returning to school is available on [gov.ie/backtoschool](https://www.gov.ie/backtoschool).



If your child has any of the following symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them to school and contact your GP:

- A temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more, a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or an existing breathing condition that has become worse, fatigue, aches or pains, other uncommon symptoms of Covid-19, such as sore throat, headaches, diarrhoea, runny or stuffy nose or feeling sick or vomiting

Do not send your child to school if they have:

- Been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19
- Been living with someone who is unwell and may have Covid-19

See [here](#) for more.



- If your GP sends your child for a Covid-19 test, your child should remain at home until a negative test result is received
 - If Covid-19 is not detected from the test, they can return to school once their symptoms are clear
 - If Covid-19 is detected, they must self-isolate and follow the instructions from public health
 - Public health will provide guidance to you on the next steps to follow.
- Read the HSE guide for parents [here](#) or see [gov.ie/backtoschool](https://www.gov.ie/backtoschool) for a live link.



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- **Good handwashing and hygiene practice** – important for all pupils. It's important that pupils' hands are washed regularly. Where possible pupils should be taught to cough or sneeze into their elbow or a tissue which must be binned immediately.

- All measures in schools in the last year remain in place in 2021/2022. Public health is satisfied that these measures help keep schools safe.



- Staff members will wear appropriate **personal protective equipment (PPE)** when they cannot keep 2 metres apart from others.
- Schools have been provided with the funding to supply this PPE for staff members.



- **School transport** – pupils have an assigned seat that they must sit in.

- **Pick up and drop off** can be a busy time.
- Please ensure social distancing by following the school's guidance on when and where to go. Please drop and collect your child quickly without lingering.



- If you have travelled abroad recently please make sure you have followed all the current guidelines in place for you and your children. See [here](https://www.gov.uk/covid-19-travel-advice) for more information or see [gov.uk/covid-19-travel-advice](https://www.gov.uk/covid-19-travel-advice) for a live link.

- Parents should follow public health advice on socialising outside of the household to keep their children safe outside of school.



For more see [gov.uk/backtoschool](https://www.gov.uk/backtoschool)

