

Follow along for your first day of Jr Infants

Open ended conversation ideas

- What made you laugh today?
- Did anything surprise you?
- Did you try something new today?
- What is your teacher's name?
- What is your teacher's most important rule?

Take a look through your Parents' Association Welcome Package for some handy answers to frequently asked questions

START

On the first day, bring your Jr Infant in reception doors and a staff will direct you to their classroom.



In the first few days Jrs start at 9:30am

After that they will start at 8:50 with all the other pupils

Every child will have a name on their coat hook.

School bags hang on the chair at their table spot.

On the first day spend 5 minutes settling your child into their classroom then it's hugs goodbye so they can start learning.

Parents are welcome to the halla for tea where they can meet one another, and ask questions of Parent Association members.

JR INFANT DAY WILL END AT 12PM UNTIL 11 SEPTEMBER



At collection time, enter the Infant yard gates by the fox mural and find the queue for your child's teacher.



Starting September 14 Jr Infants will have full days 8:50-1:45



12:30-1:10
During second break children eat their hot lunch in the classroom before going outside to play



Top Tips from Parents

- Don't worry if there are a few tears on the first morning, this is completely normal. ENS staff are very experienced in helping children settle into school, and most children are happily engaged within a short time.
- Label everything..... bags, coat, lunchbox, drink bottle, school uniform, shoes. And maybe check your child can recognize their own name label.
- Look in your email for your personalised link from The Lunch Bag, who are providing lunches under the Hot School Meals Programme free of charge to pupils. Remember to log in and place your order for each pupil 48 hrs in advance.
- As Jr Infants move to the 1:45 collection time, suggest allowing extra time when arriving as the school car park can be very busy.
- Keep to the designated footpaths and marked crossings for safety.
- Consider dropping your children to the Walking Bus to get to school every morning for daily exercise and avoid the traffic congestion at the school car park. There is always a teacher lead and many parent volunteers walking the children up. Any parent is welcome to walk with the group also.
- Check the free, school-provided Aladdin App regularly to keep it active and prevent notifications from going to silent mode.
- In past, some parents/guardians have also opted to create a Class WhatsApp group for parents/guardians to more informally share information and ask questions (e.g., about lost jumpers, homework, school tours)
- You may discover that asking "How was your day?" results in "Good." Meanwhile, the fascinating tale about the runaway glue stick, playground adventure or visit by the zoo keeper complete with having a hedgehog sit on their head might appear at bedtime—or in the middle of next week's dinner!