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‘When we welcome a child, we welcome a family’

Welcome to St Oliver Plunkett Primary School.

I hope that your child will settle in with us and be happy and secure in our midst.

Starting school is a big step for your child. You, during the past four years, have prepared your child for this moment. This booklet contains some information which will enable you to continue to help your child with his/her education and adjustment to his/her new school.

It is our policy to begin and maintain an open relationship with our parents whose support for our work we value so much.

Mr P. McCabe
Principal



Preparing for School

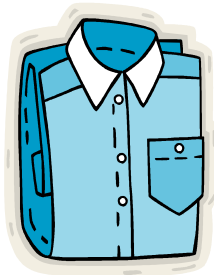
Before starting school, encourage your child to do things for him/herself:



Put on their own shoes
(Velcro Straps)



Zip up zips



Undo buttons

Make sure your child can:

- Attend to their own needs when they go to the toilet
- Use a knife and fork properly at dinners

Rushing in the morning can upset young children,
have everything ready the night before.

Confidence

Give your child confidence

Be positive about school.

Talk about things they will see and do, the friends they will make.



Make sure your child can build relationships:

- Encourage playing with others
- Sharing
- Taking turns

School Uniform

We have a school uniform which must be worn at all times.
Our uniform consists of:

- Maroon sweatshirt with school logo and navy polo shirt
- Navy trousers for boys
- Navy skirts or kimonos for girls
- Navy tights/socks with black shoes

Our P.E. uniform consists of a white polo shirt with the school logo, navy shorts and slip-on plimsolls.



All the above may be purchased from “Truly Fare”, Kennedy Centre, Belfast.

Please mark all your child’s belongings with their name to save confusion.

Talk to your child

Let your child speak for him/herself

Answer your child's questions

Encourage your child to take part in speaking and listening whenever possible with you and others.

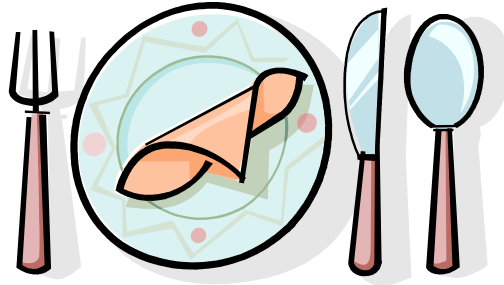


Take suitable time to listen to nursery rhymes.
Say them or sing them together.

Encourage your child to listen to CD's of nursery rhymes or other children's music and stories.

School meals

Children may purchase school meals at a cost of £2.40 per day.



Alternatively children may bring a packed lunch. For safety reasons please avoid drinks in glass bottles. Provide your child with a suitable lunch box clearly labelled with his/her name.

Break time

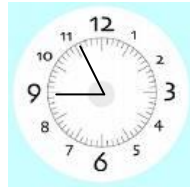
As part of our healthy eating campaign in school, for £4.00 per month the children will be provided with a carton of milk each day.



After eating their break the children will go out to play in the playground where members of staff will be on duty.

School day for Year 1

When your child is attending school for a full day the following items apply:



School starts at 8.55am



School ends at 2.00pm

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time. If he/she is late, please send a note to the teacher.

Please collect your child on time in the afternoon.



BEGINNING READING



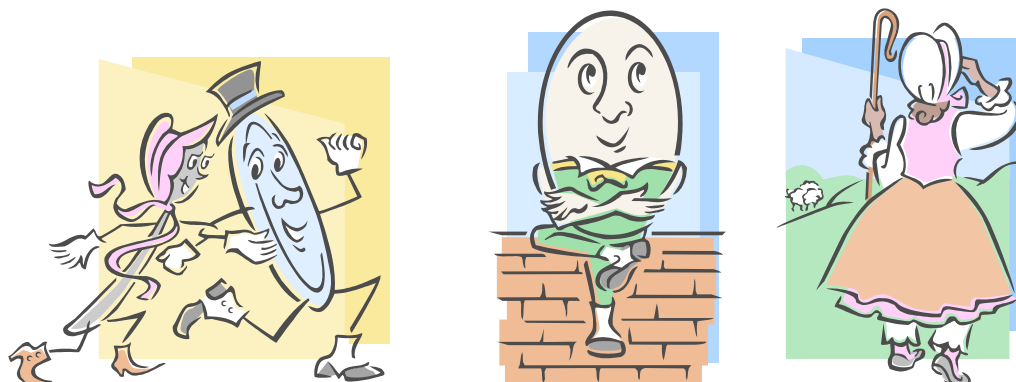
Beginning Reading

From the beginning of Year One, your child will be given a variety of shared reading books to take home. Throughout their first year in school each child will have taken home approximately 80 books.

The children will be visiting the school library on a weekly basis with their class to choose books of their own.

We would encourage you to take your child to your local library to further their enjoyment of books.

Teach your child nursery rhymes and songs and teach them to recognise their own name.



THE WELFARE OF YOUR CHILD

If your child is unwell, please let us know by sending a note
or by telephoning our school office on 028 90806777



If your child has to leave school during the day to attend a dentist, doctor appointment etc, a note should be sent to the teacher beforehand. There is a form at the office you should fill in before you take your child. You may of course collect him/her but do let the teacher know when you call. Children will not be allowed out of school unless a note has been sent or he is personally collected by the parent.



From time to time accidents occur or children become unwell. It is most important therefore that the school has an address or phone number where parents can be reached.

Important points to remember

- Children are required to have a suitable schoolbag. Maroon St. Oliver Plunkett schoolbags, can be purchased from school at a cost of £4.00.
- Sleepy children or hungry children find it hard to learn and enjoy school, so make sure your child has an early bedtime and a good breakfast before coming to school.
- Watching television can be fun too – BUT – do switch off sometimes and encourage your child to talk and listen.
- They should be taught to respect the property of others and take care of school belongings.
- Make sure all items of your child's clothing and belongings are labelled.
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn in school.
- No strange haircuts with patterns.

