

St. Oliver Plunkett Primary School



Primary One Information Booklet September 2026



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Welcome to St Oliver Plunkett Primary School.

We know that starting school is a big milestone in your child's life. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us to nurture, develop, inspire and support your child.

Inside this booklet you will find important information to guide your child through the beginning of their school journey.

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Oliver Plunkett Primary School, where we will work in partnership to ensure the highest quality provision for your child.

Barbara Niblock

Principal



Preparing for School

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

Put on their own shoes

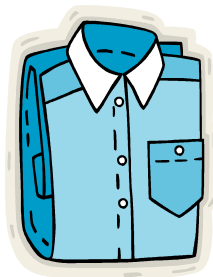
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Zip up zips



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, or being late, can upset young children.

Have everything ready the night before.

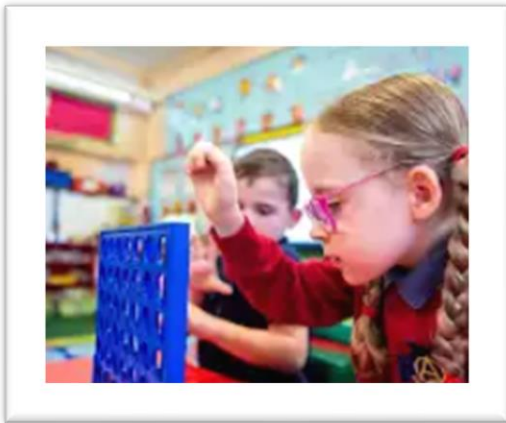
This gives your child a sense of security and belonging, and ensures that they start the day happy, content, and ready to learn.

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 skirt or kimono for girls
- Navy tights/socks with black shoes

Our P.E. uniform consists of a white polo shirt, navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers. In the Early Years, trainers with Velcro are preferable.



All of the above may be purchased from Truly Fare, Kennedy Centre, Belfast.
Please also consider uniform items from affordable and widely available
retailers, e.g. supermarkets.

Please mark all your child's belongings clearly with their name to save mix-ups
and lost items.

Talk to your Child

Let your child speak for him/herself.

Model how to ask and answer questions, and how to wait for a response.

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 or sing them together.

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



School Meals

Children may purchase school meals at a cost of £3.10 per day or £15.50 per week.

In September, we will be using an online payment system, and we will share further details with you in due course.



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 approximately £1.00 per week 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.

PLEASE AVOID ALL COCONUT / NUT PRODUCTS AND CITRUS FRUITS DUE TO SEVERE ALLERGIES IN THE SCHOOL.

School Day for Primary 1

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

School starts at 8.45am



School ends at 2.00pm



Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time. Please use the back entrance to the classrooms in the morning. After 8.50am, please use the main entrance.

Parents can avail of our Breakfast Club every morning from 7.45am. For a small cost children will be provided with a healthy breakfast to set them up for the day ahead.

Our Wraparound Care extends into the afternoon with Ruby Roo's available from 2.00-4.00pm (Monday-Thursday) and 3.00pm on a Friday.

MR Sports provide a range of sporting and activity clubs from 2.00-3.00pm each day. This service can be booked in advance online.



Beginning Reading



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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.

We would ask that you read with your child over the summer break. We would also 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 telephoning our school office on 028 90806777 or by sending an email to
info@stoliverplunkett.belfast.ni.sch.uk



If your child has to leave school during the day to attend a dentist, doctor appointment etc, please let the class teacher know beforehand. Your child must be signed out at the school office.



From time-to-time accidents occur or children become unwell. It is important that we have up-to-date contacts details where parents/ carers and emergency contacts can be reached.

If your contact details change during the course of the year, please update these at Reception.

Important points
to remember

- We encourage all pupils to purchase a St Oliver Plunkett PS school bag. Maroon St. Oliver Plunkett schoolbags can be purchased from the office at a cost of £8.00.
- 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 – 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 due to the nature of play in the Early Years.



We look forward to welcoming you to Primary One!

We are excited to learn about you and enjoy the next 7 years of
growing and learning together!

