

**Welcome to
St. Patrick's
Primary School
Cullyhanna**



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Welcome

Here in St. Patrick's, Cullyhanna we aim to nurture and maximise the full learning potential of each child and foster their spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development.

We aim to:

- Create a happy and caring environment
- Help children to learn that courtesy, good manners and consideration for others are very important qualities.
- Encourage children to be self-disciplined, independent and industrious, to take pride in their achievements, and to be generous in their friendship.
- Promote good relationships between pupils and adults.
- Treat each child as an individual regardless of gender, nationality, religion or ability and provide teaching appropriate to his/her needs.
- Work together closely as a team to provide a quality learning environment for our children.

Prepare our pupils for the responsibility and experiences of adult life to enable them to develop as well rounded members of society.

When parents choose St. Patrick's for their child's education they are making a commitment to the values implicit in the ethos of our Catholic school. In order for those values to become fully developed in our children, we believe that the strength of partnership between home and school must be paramount. We hope that parents will work to support our school in encouraging the principles of Christianity and humanity, which we feel should govern children's attitudes to life.

Our classrooms reflect an atmosphere, where children are purposefully engaged which promotes excellence, enjoyment, perseverance, self-discipline and independence. We aim to provide a curriculum, which offers a breadth of child centred experiences.

We are fortunate to have strong links with our local community and our local church, where we attend and participate in the Liturgy every term.

Above all here in St. Patrick's we aim to provide a happy, safe and secure environment where all members of the community are treated with respect.

School day

Start



Break



Lunch



Home





Staff

Principal;	Mr P Quinn
Vice Principal;	Mr A Carragher
Teachers;	Mrs A Lennon Mrs J McKeown Mrs M Johnston Mrs E Murray Mrs M Ziegesloo Mrs O McMahon
Head of Nursery;	Mrs B Hollywood
Classroom Assistants:	Mrs K Murray Mrs K Burns Mrs U Garvey Miss O McCreesh Miss C Loughran Mrs R McConville Miss N McCreesh



Office Staff:

**Mrs E Loye
Miss O McCooley**

Caretaking Staff

**Mrs B Lloyd
Mrs A McCreesh
Mrs M Quinn**

School Cook

Mrs A O'Neill

Kitchen Staff

**Mrs A Mackin
Mrs L McDermott**



What I need

School uniform - P1-P3

*White Polo Shirt — No Tie
Green Sweatshirt with School Crest
Navy track suit bottoms e.g Polyfibre, No cuffs, No Buttons, No Leggings, No Logos, Gaagles etc!
Velcro fastening footwear*



P4-7 Uniform

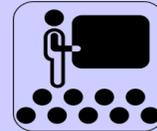
*Cream Shirt/Blouse
Green V neck pullover with tartan tie
Green Cardigan
Navy trousers
Tartan skirt/Girls can wear Navy trousers during winter months
Girls Green socks/tights
Navy trousers/Plain blue tracksuit bottoms can be worn on PE Days — no logos, Gaggles etc.*

PLEASE PUT NAME ON ALL UNIFORMS/PE GEAR

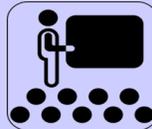
Uniforms can be purchased In McKeown's and Shorts in Crossmaglen and in McEvoy's Newry

Punctuality and Attendance

1. Children must be in school for registration at 9.15am.

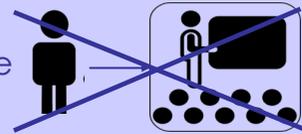


2. Children must go to school every day.



Monday → Friday

3. If your child is not at school you must telephone or write to the school.

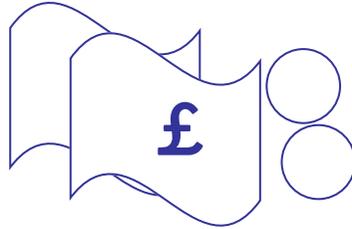


4. If you want to take your child out of school, you must telephone or write. When your child is collected early from school you will sign the Early Collection register.

Parents are encouraged to make medical appointments, if possible outside of school hours.

NO TERM TIME HOLIDAYS PLEASE!

School dinners

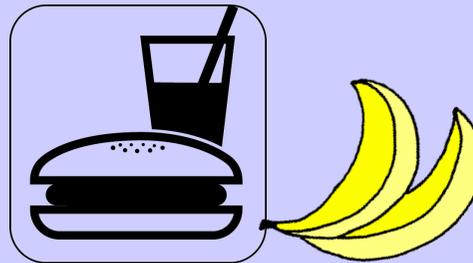


£2.40 each day

£12.00 for 5 days (1 week)

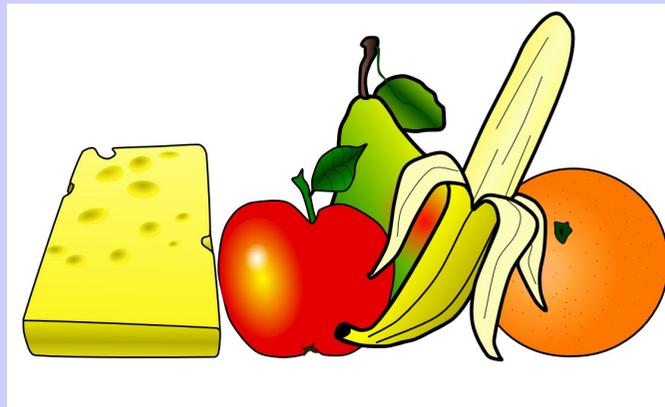
OR

packed lunch



Healthy snack

At break-time we eat a healthy snack. We don't eat sweets, crisps or fizzy drinks.



No nuts please!



In P1.....

We listen carefully.



We work quietly.



We always tell the truth.



We always do our best.



We look after books and toys.



In P1.....

We keep our classroom tidy.



We remember to put our hand up before speaking.



We play safely in our classroom.



We do not swing on chairs.



Children line up quietly for break, lunch and home time.



We have fun learning!



Remember to...

1. You must give names of adults who may collect your child to the teacher.

Name?



2. Put your child's name on bags and clothes



NAME



Our School Rules

In St. Patrick's we always try to:

1. Do our best.
 2. Treat others with respect and kindness.
 3. Act safely.
 4. Care for our school.
 5. Show good manners.
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Helpful Information for new P.1 Pupils.

First Day—A happy One!

Be positive with your child in preparing them for school. Explain what will happen re. teacher, breaks, new friends, lunch-time and home-time.

On arrival show your child where to hang their coat and leave their lunch. This is clearly labelled in the Parent's area as you enter the school.

After your child has met the teacher and some friends, parents are advised to leave promptly as children can quickly pick up on anxiety. Most children, even if initially upset soon become distracted by their surroundings and settle down.

Curriculum

Your child will be following the Foundation Stage in P1 and P2. The Foundation stage is based upon the belief that young children learn best when learning is interactive, practical and enjoyable for both children and teachers. For more information visit the website

http://www.nicurriculum.org.uk/foundation_stage/

Information Letters

Please keep an eye on your child's bag for letters from the school. Keep visiting the school website and Facebook page for current news

Food

Our school operates a healthy break policy which encourages healthy eating.

Your Child's Progress

Before the end of term one, you will be asked to attend a parent teacher interview to discuss your child's progress. Please do not hesitate to approach the teacher at any time if there is something you feel anxious about. Formal written reports are sent out at the end of the Summer Term. There are no formal tests in the Foundation Stage and progress is measured with careful observations made by the class teacher and assistants.

Distribution Of Medicines

Teachers will not distribute any form of medicine to children while in school. In exceptional circumstances parents must give written permission to the Principal if they require their child to be given medicine or use inhalers.

Uniform

Children wear the school uniform every day. We have spare uniforms in case any child has any toilet problems. Please inform the teacher if your child has any difficulty with toileting and send in a spare set of clothing for emergencies.

Please label any item of clothing your child wears in, including hats, scarves, jumpers, as many children own similar items.

Toys

There is no need for children to bring toys into school as breakages do happen. The school is well equipped with fun, attractive educational games for your child to enjoy.

Health and Safety

As part of our school's health programme we encourage regular washing of hands, particularly around eating time and toilet use. Unfortunately colds and other little bugs spread quickly in a classroom environment so children are encouraged to use a tissue when blowing their nose and cover their mouth when sneezing or coughing. Reinforcing these behaviours at home always helps. If your child does become ill with any contagious illness such as chicken pox, we would ask that you keep them at home until they recover. We recommend that you check your child's hair for head lice regularly and if they occur inform the teacher so other parents are warned of possible risk. All information regarding your child's health is treated in the strictest confidence.

Homework

As the year progresses your child will have some exercises to complete at home. These activities will be short and sitting with your child for these five-ten will reinforce concepts taught in school.

Bedtime

A well rested pupil is a pupil ready to learn. Please make sure your child goes to bed early.

Preparation for Primary 1

Good writing is all about muscle and motor control so it will help your child greatly if they are practised at colouring, drawing, cutting, painting, manipulating materials such as plasticene, construction work, jigsaws, etc. Noting visual differences is essential to reading and this skill is practised and encouraged by use of matching games, construction work, jigsaws, etc. Learning Nursery rhymes will help with learning sounds and are key pre-reading skills. Reading aloud to your child will cultivate an interest in and love of reading. Talking to your child and asking questions about stories will aid concentration and improve vocabulary.

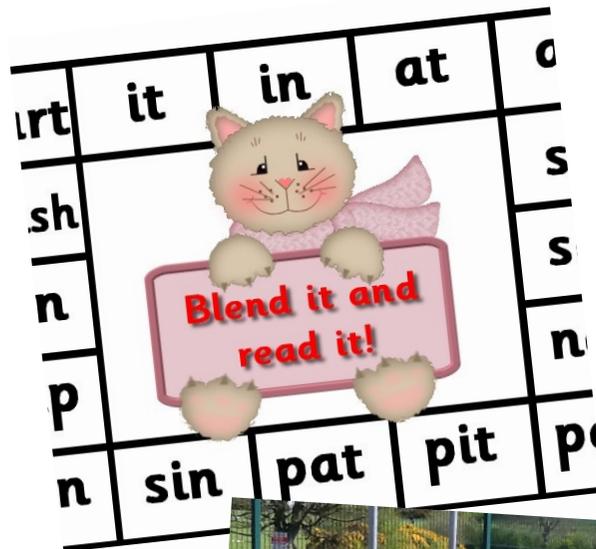
Home Time

All P1 children go home at 2.20pm. Pupils can be collected at the door at the side of the school building. Please come promptly as your child may fret if they think they have been forgotten. If there are any special collection arrangements please inform the teacher by note or telephone message.

Road Safety/Car park

Children are taught road safety throughout the school. Please help us reinforce the rules of the road and personal safety, such as never talking to strangers. Please drive slowly and park responsibly when within the school grounds. There can be a lot of people around cars at home time and care and courtesy is needed. Parents/Guardians are asked to walk their child to and from the school from their car using the designated footpaths.

***Have a great Summer and we
will see you in September!***



Primary 1 will learn to read and write using a Literacy rich approach which includes learning sounds and letters through Lingusitic Phonics..

St. Patrick's offers after schools activities such as Sport and Drama.



Our school is a school with strong links to the community. We work closely with other schools and have links with other local groups such as Surestart , The SAHC, GAA and The WALD Centre.



Our Breakfast club is open each morning from 8:15am to 9.00am each morning.

Great for working parents and early risers.





Learning is
Fun in the
Foundation
Stage!



Primary 1 have weekly
coaching from an Ulster
GAA coach which im-
proves
Fundamental movement
skills.





