



Kilkenny Model School  
Mrs. Jackson's Room  
August 2020  
Junior Infants

## Mrs. Jackson's Classroom Newsletter

### Welcome Junior Infants

Hello all and welcome to Junior Infants. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are excited about starting school. This will be a very different and unusual start to school life for all but rest assured we are doing everything we can to make it as safe, easy and normal for the children.

From next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August I can be contacted via email on [orlakkmodel@gmail.com](mailto:orlakkmodel@gmail.com) if you have any questions, concerns or updates that you would like me to be aware of before we return. I will do my very best to answer any questions you may have about Junior Infants via email.



Any urgent enquiries should be sent to the office directly as I will be unable to open/ read/ answer emails throughout the school day. [modelschoolkilkenny@gmail.com](mailto:modelschoolkilkenny@gmail.com).

Unfortunately I cannot meet with you in person to discuss any issues that may arise but I am happy to use email as a form of communication.

### Drop Off and Collection

Junior Infants are in Room 6 – to the rear of the school building and those of you who can make it in for induction meet and greet will be aware of its location.

Please read and familiarise yourself with the information notice sent out from school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of August via Aladdin App re drop off and collection times and procedures for Junior Infants.

Please be patient during collection times as it will take some time for me to get to know all of your faces. I will release children in a slower fashion to allow for social distancing between families at this busy time.

### Lunch boxes and Water

It is important that all lunch boxes are washed out daily. Please pack lunch boxes in school bags when coming to school to keep hands free for sanitising on entry to the school building. There will be no facility to refill bottles during the day. Make sure the children have plenty of water to keep them hydrated.

Children will have 2 breaks for eating during the school day so please remember to pack sufficient lunch.



## Illness

Please do not send your child to school if they are sick or show any signs/ symptoms of any illness.

If a child appears to show any symptoms of being sick during the school day you will be called to collect your child ASAP.- as per our schools Covid 19 Response Plan/ Policy.

It is also important your child understands the importance of telling somebody if they do not feel well.

If your child is not attending school due to illness; a phone call or email to notify the school of their absence is required. This information can also be submitted through your ALADIN APP

## Reminders to Students

1. Be Brave and get ready to have some fun
2. Remember to say goodbye to Mammy or Daddy at the side gate every morning.
3. I will be waiting for you in the classroom every day with lots of fun activities and games.
4. I will help you to sanitise and wash your hands every time we enter the classroom, before we eat our lunch and before we go home.
5. Together we will keep each other safe



## Reminders to Parents

- Please make sure to have your contact details (phone, email, address etc.) and those of your emergency contacts updated on the Aladdin app.
- Your child will need their own pack of tissues in their school bag for coughing and sneezing etiquette.
- Please ensure your child comes to school with a freshly washed and clean set of clothes everyday. We will be teaching the children to cough/ sneeze into their elbows in order to prevent the spread of any infections.

## PE in Junior Infants

### Monday

PE – weather permitting

### Wednesday

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PE is an integral part of the Primary School Curriculum and is enjoyed by all children throughout the school. Junior Infants will have PE every Monday and Wednesday. It is essential that your child is dressed appropriately for PE – tracksuit/ leggings and appropriate footwear. Runners are essential for this activity and will be insisted upon for Health and Safety reasons.

## Labels

Please label everything that is sent to school – books, water bottles, lunch boxes, jumpers, hats, coats etc. There will be no lost and found facility this year so it is important we find owners for all items and nothing is left behind.

Children will be going out into the yard two times throughout the day – A little bit of drizzle won't keep us indoors. A coat – with a hood, that is suitable for Irish weather is essential.



## Other Items/ Toys/ Books

- Please do not allow your child to bring additional items to school – toys/ books/ markers/ pencil cases/ lego men/ balls.
- We are trying to minimize the amount of objects/ items that travel between home and school on a daily basis. Toys and other such comfort items should be left at home where they can be kept safe and will be waiting for your child upon their return.
- I would appreciate your support with this matter and this should be discussed at home with your child prior to the first day



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- .Kind Regards – Orla Jackson