



Scoil Íde Presentation Primary School, New Road, Clondalkín, Dublin 22.

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Monday 22nd January 2018

Dear Parents,

1. Enrolment for Junior Infants September 2018

If there are siblings of children currently in the school, or if parents are aware of any children who may wish to enrol in Junior Infants for September 2018, please contact the school immediately. ***Children enrolling for Junior Infants must be 4 years old by 31st May 2018.*** Forms are available from the School.

2. Standardised Testing

Standardised testing will commence soon, please see schedule as set out below for your child's testing date:

Senior Infants –MIST, February, 2018

1st to 3rd Class –NRIT, March, 2018

1st to 6th Class – Sigma & Micra T, May, 2018

3. School Contribution:

The school must purchase test booklets for the children. The cost is deducted from your child's School Contribution amount. We recently sent a payment link to parents & we ask those of you who have not yet paid their child's School Contribution to do so as soon as possible in order that we may buy your child's test booklet. If you require us to resend a payment link, please contact the school. If you received the link & you have previously paid, please ignore the request.

4. Email Addresses & Phone numbers

If you have a new mobile phone number or email address please advise the school so we can update our records.

5. Substitute Teachers:

When teachers are absent on leave we try our best to get a substitute teacher. For some types of leave, we are not allowed to get a substitute by the Department of Education and Skills. It is very difficult to get substitute teachers at the moment as there is a substitute crisis, especially in Dublin. We are short three teachers on our staff at present. Classes must be spilt if there is

no substitute allowed or we cannot get a substitute. We realise that this may be disruptive for some children but we do try to minimize the disruption. Children are marked absent if they are taken home by parents. We appreciate your understanding of this issue. If you wish to discuss it further with the Principal, please call the secretary to make an appointment.

6. Parent Portal

Our school is delighted to announce that we have already rolled out the Aladdin Schools Parent Portal to parents/guardians of children in our Junior Infant, Senior Infant, 1st & 2nd Classes and we will continue with the rest of the school this term. You will receive notification via email to register for the Parent Portal. This will be important for accessing your child's homework, end of year reports, attendance, etc. Reports will be issued through the Parent Portal **only** in June 2018.

7. School Secretary:

The Board of Management has appointed a new school secretary who will start soon. Thank you to everyone for your patience so far, especially in the mornings when the Office is busy.

8. Active Schools

As we are an Active School, Scoil Íde would like to remind everybody about this year's RTE Operation Transformation initiative; "Healthy Ireland". We will be encouraging the pupils and staff to engage in a new 10@10 activity this year as of Monday 22nd of January to get involved in this initiative. 10@10 includes doing 10 minutes of exercise at 10 o'clock every morning - it is great fun and it helps to re-energise during lessons! Please see <http://www.getirelandactive.ie/> for some more ideas on how to be active at home!

9. Dates for your Diary:

We will be closed for Midterm on **Thursday February 15th & Friday 16th 2018**.
We will be closed for St Patrick's Day on **Monday March 19th 2018**
We close for Easter holidays on **Friday March 23rd 2018 at 12pm** & we reopen on **Monday April 9th 2018 at 850am**.

Yours sincerely,

O. Ni Odhráin,

Principal.