



Holy Family Community School

31st January 2022

Information Meeting for 6th Class Students and their
Parents/Guardians





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School Personnel

Principal: Ms. Ingrid Fallon

Deputy Principals: Ms. Denise O'Keeffe
Mr. Derek Maher
Mr. Liam Ferguson

Year Head: Ms. Olive Finnegan

Additional Needs Coordinator: Ms. Paula Dunne

Secretary: Ms. Lorraine O'Connell

Clerical Officer: Ms. Elaine Quinn



First Year Classes



Mixed-Ability

Clarke

Gifford

Hackett

Lynn

Markievicz

Plunkett

Wyse

The Transition from Primary to Post – Primary

Change in school system: longer day; larger school; moving between classrooms; and following a timetable

Social change: old friends; new friends; from oldest to youngest; from one teacher to many teachers; impact of Covid19

Change in school-work: One-hour classes; new subjects; homework; assessment

Mentors: 6th year students who agree to be available to the first-year students to help with the transition from Primary to Secondary school

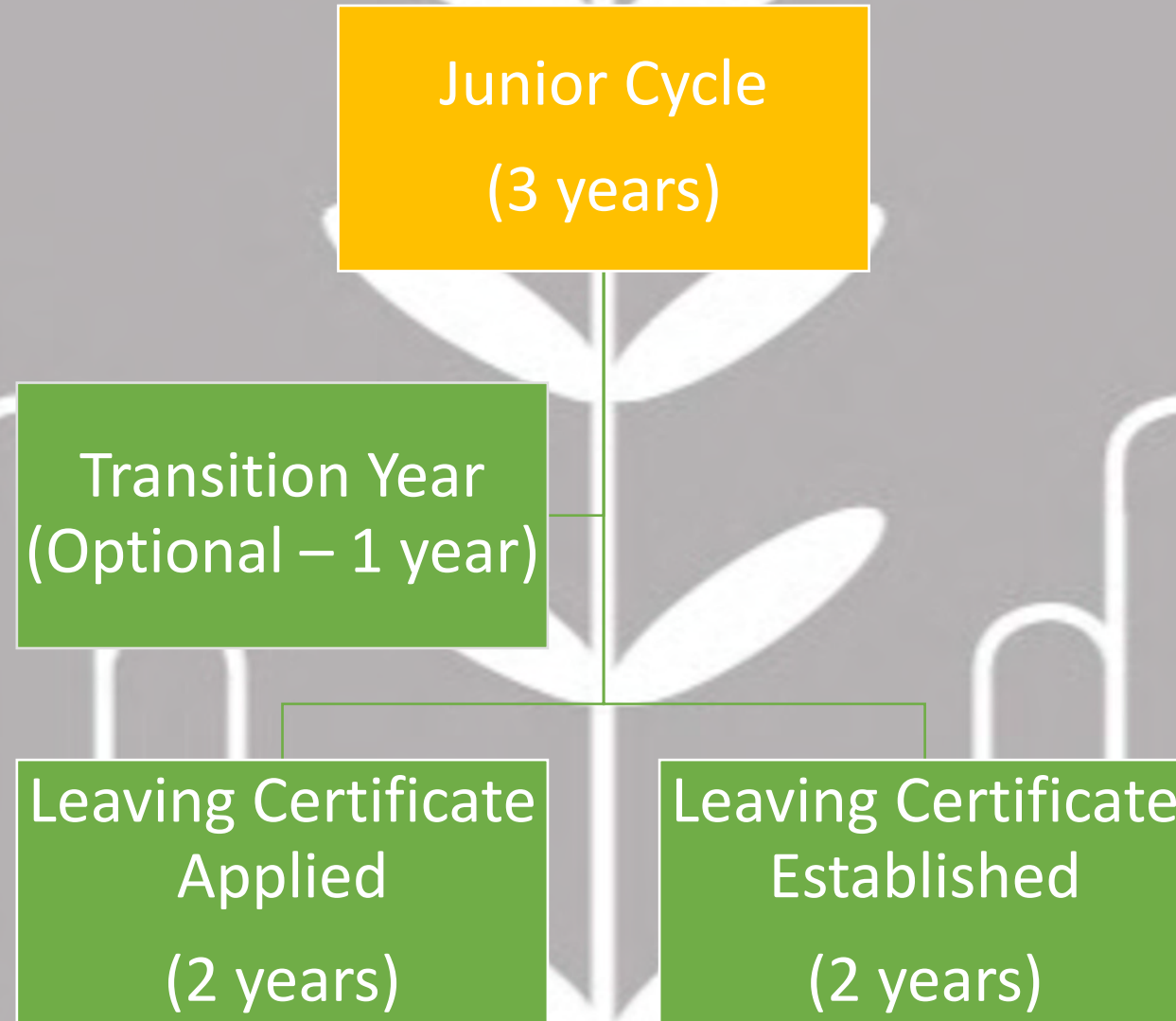
iPads: moving from only books to hybrid learning

A Typical School Day

- School starts at 8.45am
- One-hour classes
- School ends at 3.40pm
- Six classes a day and four on a Wednesday (finish at 1pm).
- Wednesday Wellbeing Time
- 15 minute break & 40 minute lunch
- Home Pass

History Rm. 6* Michael Egan 2His-A 08:45 - 09:45	English Rm. 6* Colette Phillips; Kevin Sexton 2Eng-A 08:45 - 09:40	Irish Rm. 8* Michelle Morrin 2Iri-4.1 08:45 - 09:45
Visual Art Rm. 31 Roisin Kelly 2Vis-1.1 09:45 - 10:45	Music Rm. 5 Naomh Penston; Niamh Callanan 2Mus-2.8 09:40 - 10:35	Visual Art Rm. 31 Roisin Kelly 2Vis-1.1 09:45 - 10:45
	Pastoral Care Rm. 6* Zeta Robinson; Christina Kane	
Geography Rm. 6* James Shannon; Kelly Doolan 2Geo-A 11:00 - 12:00	Physical Education (JC - Revised Syllabus) Rm. 100 Caroline Ryan-Clarke 2Phy-9.1 11:10 - 12:05	French Rm. 6* Jyotika Cuppoor 2Fre-3.1 11:00 - 12:00
Religious Education Rm. 6* Kyle O'Rourke 2Rel-A 12:00 - 13:00	Science Rm. 17 Michael Greene 2Sci-6.1 12:05 - 13:00	Mathematics Rm. 6* Christina Kane 2Mat-5.1 12:00 - 13:00
Irish Rm. 8* Michelle Morrin 2Iri-4.1 13:40 - 14:40		S.P.H.E. Rm. 6* Michael Fiorentini 2S.P-A 13:40 - 14:40
C.S.P.E. Rm. 6* Conor Jarrett; Emma McCarthy 2C.S-A 14:40 - 15:40		Physical Education (JC - Revised Syllabus) Rm. 100 Caroline Ryan-Clarke 2Phy-9.1 14:40 - 15:40

School Programmes



New Junior Cycle Framework

- New Junior Cycle Specifications in all subjects
- Name of qualification: Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA)
- Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) and Assessment Tasks (ATs)
- More details on all subjects:
<http://curriculumonline.ie/Junior-cycle/curriculum>



Junior Cycle Compulsory Subjects

Compulsory Examination Subjects

English

Gaeilge*

Geography

History

Mathematics

Science

Compulsory Non-Examination Subjects

Civil, Social and
Political
Education
(C.S.P.E.)

Digital
Wellbeing
(D.W.)

Physical
Education (P.E.)

Religious
Education (R.E.)

Social, Personal
and Health
Education
(S.P.H.E.)

Junior Cycle Option Subjects

Modern
Foreign
Language
(Choose One)

French

German

Students study two of these

Applied
Technology

Business

Engineering

Graphics

Home
Economics

Music

Visual Art

Wood
Technology

School Communication

- **Importance of correct mobile number**
- Push Notifications / SMS Text Messages
- School Website
- School Twitter & Instagram
- School Dialann (Journal)
- VSware: Timetable, Behavioural, Attendance and Academic Reports



Welcome to VSware

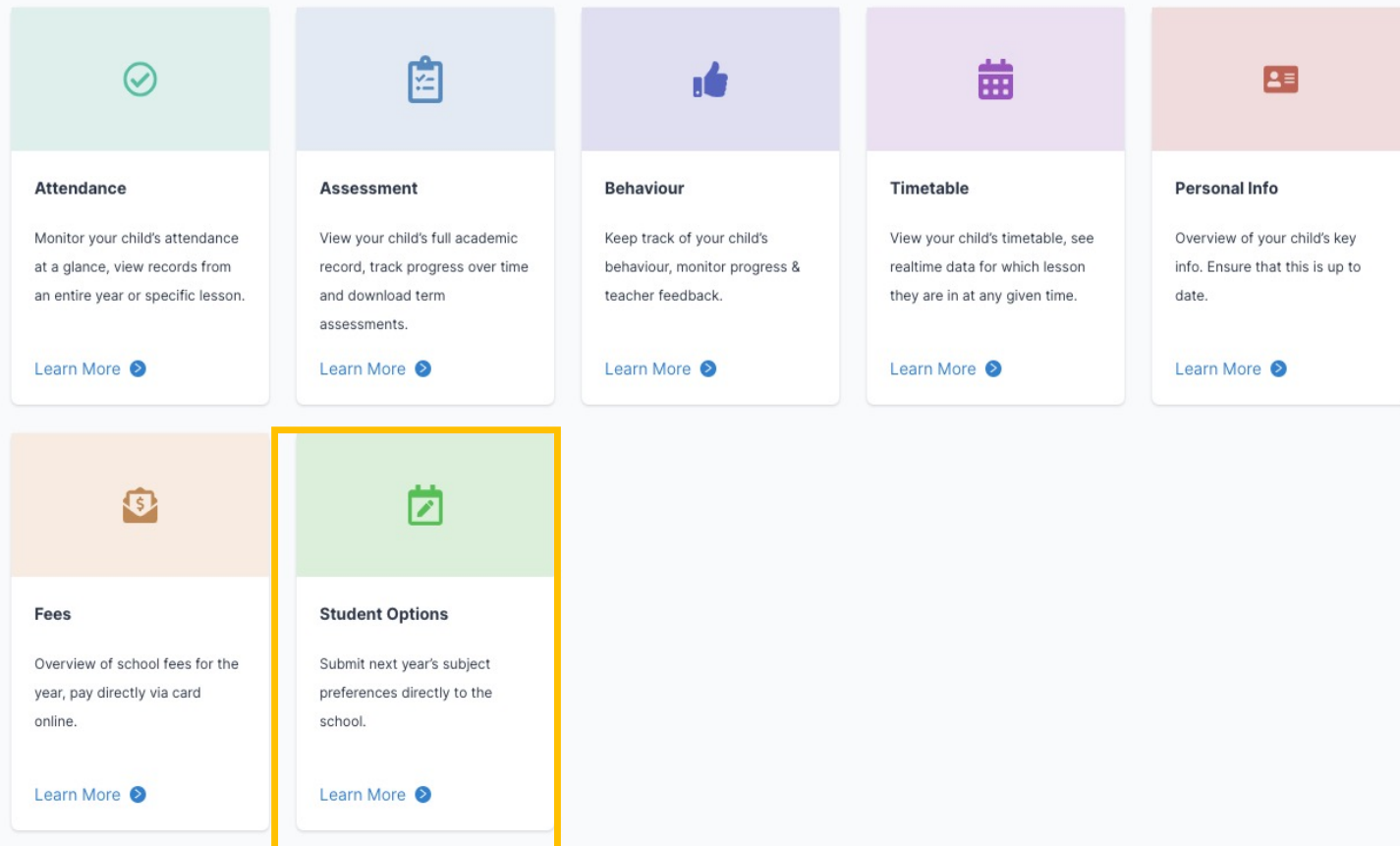
School



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Junior Cycle Option Subjects Digital Form (VSware)

Pick an area to explore



- Subjects option available from tomorrow morning (1st February 2022)
 - Step 1: Students choose their preferred language
 - Step 2: Students choose their preferred option subjects and must rank them 1 – 4 (1 the most preferred)
- **Must be completed by Friday, 11th February 2022 at 4pm**
- Impossible to give every student all their subject choices – every effort is made to give students their preferred options



Extra-Curricular Activities & Committees at Holy Family Community School:

Athletics, Amber Flag, Chess, Coding, Debating, GAA, Gaisce, Green Schools, Soccer, University Visits and Volunteering...





Information Pack

Information Pack published on the school website in early summer

- Class name
- Uniform supplier
- Book list & Book Shop information
- Calendar
- Personal Accident Insurance
- Voluntary Contribution
- Easy Payments Plus

Mr. Brian Collins

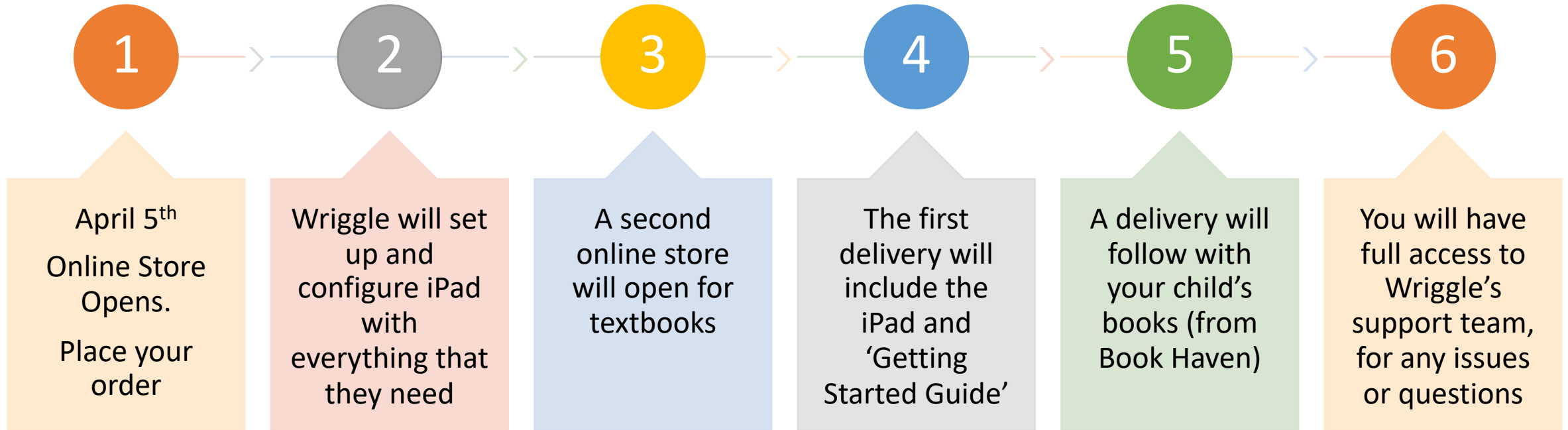
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Holy Family
Community
School and
Wriggle

The Wriggle Ordering Process



The Wriggle Online Store Opens on April 5th and closes on June 7th

Please note that a late fee of €50 will be charged on all orders placed after the store closing date.

Holy Family Community School Wriggle Store Code: 98087574

BYOD: Bring Your Own Device

This is not an option for a number of important reasons, including:

- Wriggle place settings on each iPad before they are ever even switched on. This ensures the safe and secure use of each iPad by students.
- These settings are also essential in enabling Wriggle to support you with any issues that may occur.
- Each student needs to have the same device, so that they will all work in the same way and have the same features and functionality.



Wriggle Bundle Breakdown

€850 is the approximate cost

Pay monthly option over 36 months

No penalties for lump sums or early repayment

Minimal costs after 1st year (the purchase of a small number of books may be required)

What's included in the Wriggle Technology Bundle:

- **iPad 64GB (€379) or iPad 256GB (€525)**
- **Heavy Duty Case for iPad €45**
- **Wriggle Services and Support for 3 years €120 (3 year Mobile Device Management included)**
- **Educational Apps**
- **Free access to 100s of short training videos**
- **Insurance offering available at time of purchase.**

Textbooks will be purchased from Book Haven, at an additional cost.

All device specifications and prices correct as of January 2022. Subject to change.

Digital Learning

Benefits

- eBooks – lighter than ‘real’ books
- students develop skills required for the modern world
- facilitates self-directed learning

Students will:




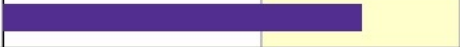
- bring the iPad to class and leave the ‘real’ books at home
- use the iPad frequently but not continuously
- use the iPad as a book, a research tool, to record their work (ePortfolio)
- still complete written work

First Year Assessment

- CAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) – Gives information on students' abilities, strengths and possible need for additional support
- Fee paid directly to the school
- Dates to be confirmed
- Parents/Guardians receive the results

Name:			
School: Holy Family Community School			
Group:			
Date of test.	Level: E	Age: 12:03	Sex: Male

Profile

Verbal		
Quantitative		
Non-verbal		
Spatial		

Summary

profile of scores from CAT4 is evenly balanced and this means that he can learn effectively number of different ways.

- is likely to learn by reading, writing notes and essays and discussing topics as well as using more hands-on approach across all subjects.
- This means that should be capable of doing well in many subjects.
- A clearer preference may develop over time which may help direct choices for the future
- should use a range of methods when learning and revising: reading, writing notes and using pictures, charts and diagrams (mind maps) to provide visual clues to help remember key facts and information.
- verbal skills can be developed further by reading widely from a range of sources like non-factual information and poetry and through books, the internet, newspapers and magazines.



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Thank You for Listening



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