**St Mary’s National School,**

**Partry,**

**Co Mayo**

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**Information For Parents**

* **School Opening and Closing Times:**

**For the first seven days Junior Infants will go home at 12.00pm**

September 1st- 9th- 2022: Junior Infants: 9.20am-12.00pm

**From Monday 13th September onwards:**

9.20am-2.00pm: **Junior and Senior Infants**

9.20am-3.00pm: **1st-6th Classes**

* The school bus arrives at **8.50am**. A teacher will supervise the children from 8.50-9.20 am. You may drop your child off at any time from 8.50 am onwards.
* **Partry Morning Club and Afterschool** provides a child-minding service before and after school and from 2.00-3.00pm for Junior and Senior Infants. If you wish to avail of this service please call **(089) 2110410**
* **School closures** for the **2022-2023** are on a separate sheet which is attached to this letter. If any unplanned closures arise we will inform you as soon as possible.
* **School Uniform:**

The school uniform is grey trousers or skirt, white polo shirt/blouse/shirt and a navy jumper/cardigan.

The PE uniform is plain navy tracksuit pants, white t-shirt or polo shirt and a navy sweatshirt.

All uniform items may be purchased at a reasonable price in Dunnes Stores, Tesco, Aldi, M&S etc.

**St Mary’s NS** has introduced a new school crest which can be ironed on or sewn on to the school jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt. Two school crests will be provided to each of our new Junior Infants.

* **Healthy Eating:**

The school operates a ‘Healthy Eating Policy’. Please try to ensure that your child’s lunch has a good mix of fruit and vegetables included. Fizzy drinks, chewing gum and lollipops are not allowed at all, however **a single** treat is allowed on a Friday.

* **Absences:**

The school needs to be informed in writing when a child is to be/was absent and the cause of the absence. The school also needs to be informed when a child will be collected early or if they will be collected by a different person than usual.

* **Labels:**

Please label **all** your child’s belongings, e.g. coat, jumper, bag, pencil case, pencils, Twistables etc.

* **Book Rental:**

The school purchases the books, copybooks and folders for your child and these will be given to your child in September. You will be given a bill for these books in September. This bill will also cover photocopying expenses, art and crafts expenses and 24 hour Pupil Personal Insurance.

All your child needs on the first day is a **large triangular** pencil, eraser, topper and a packet of ‘Twistables’. **Markers are not allowed.**

* Please ensure that you practise the following with your child over the summer and that your child will be able to:
	+ Put on/take off and hang up their coat
	+ Use the toilet, flush it properly and wash and dry their hands
	+ Button/unbutton, open/close, pull down/pull up their trousers/tights etc.
	+ Put on/take off their jumper/cardigan
	+ Open/close their school bag, lunch box, bottle
	+ Tidy up their colours, books etc (practice putting their colours into a pencil case and books into a school bag etc)
	+ Please ensure your child is able to put on and take off their shoes. If they are going to have lace up boots or shoes, make sure that they are able to tie laces

By practising the above, the transition to school should be easier as they know they are able to do all the various tasks required of them.