



**Message from the Principal.**

*Dear Parents and Guardians,*

*We are delighted to welcome back to school all of our pupils and staff and very much look forward to welcoming our new pupils and new staff members as we begin this new academic year. Our school team is here as always to support you as parents. You are our partners in your child's education and we look forward to working together to ensure that your children flourish and learn to be the best they can be during their time with us.*

*While your child may be excited to return to school, we appreciate that they may feel a little anxious too. Our class teachers and support teachers will be there as always to support, reassure and to help your child to settle back into school life.*

*Please see our Facebook Page for updates, information and snapshots of all the wonderful learning experiences your child will have during the year. Our new website provides all the essential information you need regarding our school and includes newsletters, calendar, school requisites list to name a few.*

***School starts at 9:00am and finishes at 2:45pm.*** *Please see details on next page of where your child's classroom is and your drop off and collection points. Siblings enter and exit at the eldest sibling's point.*

*Your child will receive their new books and copies from their class teachers as they require them and please ensure that you have provided your child with the items specified on the list they received in June (pencils, pens etc.) and paid the fees for school requisites via Aladdin or in office. Easy pay options are available.*

*If you have any queries please email [info@hfss.ie](mailto:info@hfss.ie) or contact the school office on 065-6828893.*

*I very much look forward to the exciting new school year ahead and working with you and your children.*

*With best regards, Jillian Bridge, Principal.*



**Attendance 2024-2025**

We cannot stress enough the importance of regular school attendance. We love to award children on good attendance and improvements in attendance patterns too.

Regular attendance is key to your child's success in school. Every day counts!

Let's work together to ensure your child makes the most of their education by attending school regularly. Thank you for your support!

**Roadworks on Friars Walk**

Works on a new school zone along Friar's Walk will begin in early September. This will result in some disruption along Friar's Walk while works are in progress, therefore we appeal to you to adhere to the exit and entrance points per class group on the next page.

The School Zone is designed to:

- Improve front of school access and
- Reduce traffic at school gates which increases safety

The School Zone also aims to address safety concerns raised by parents in the Safe Routes to School survey conducted in 2021.

90.7% of respondents to the survey said they would support works at the front of school that improve student safety, putting pedestrians and cyclists first.

The School Zone will include colourful signage, pencil bollards, planters, and road markings to clearly mark the front of school area. Footpaths will be widened and a formal crossing will be introduced at the school gate. More details will follow.



Year Group	Teacher 24/25	Room	Previous Teacher (23/24)	Entrance and Exit point to the school
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr. Feargal Kearney	Cafeteria Classroom	Ms. Eustace/Ms. Power	Front entrance by Old Ground Line up outside café classroom door.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs. Sharon Crowley	Room 4	Ms. McNamara/ Ms. Power	Front entrance by Old Ground Line up on yard outside Room 4.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr. Kevin Brennan	Room 5.	Ms. Sheahan/ Ms. Power	Front entrance by Old Ground Line up on yard outside Room 5.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr. Joe Ryan	Room 6.	Mrs. Crowley	Entrance at Dunnes Stores. Line up on yard outside Room 6.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ms. Aisling Frawley	Room 2	Mr. Brennan	Entrance at Dunnes Stores Line up on yard outside Room 2.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ms. Máire O'Neill	Room 3	Mrs. Canny	Entrance at Dunnes Stores Line up on yard outside Room 3.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Barry Corbett	Room 13	Ms. O'Neill	Front Entrance by Old Ground Line up outside the school Reception.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Sinead Boland	Room 1	Mr. Ryan	Front Entrance by Old Ground Line up outside Room 1.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Brian Cooney	Room 15	Ms. Frawley	Front Entrance by Old Ground Line up outside the school Reception.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Barbara Gill	Room 19	Mrs. Twomey	Entrance at Dunnes Stores Line up between garden gate and Dunnes end of school.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Sinead Finn	Room 20	Mr. Corbett	Entrance at Dunnes Stores Line up between garden gate and Dunnes end of school.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Declan Bell	Room 16	Ms. Gill	Front Entrance by Old Ground Line up by the Old Ground Wall.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Niamh Neylon	Room 17	Mr. Kearney	Front Entrance by Old Ground Line up by the Old Ground wall beside garden.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Brenda Ford	Room 18	Ms. Finn	Front Entrance by Old Ground Line up between garden gate at Dunnes end of school.
ASD Class	Mrs. Helen Whyatt	Room 10	Mrs. Whyatt/ Ms. Waters	Front Entrance by Old Ground/ Buses at shed.
Reading Class	Mrs. Joanne Leahy	Room 23.	Mrs. Leahy	Front entrance by Old Ground/ Buses at shed.

**Please take note of the entrance, exit points and lining up area for your child on page one. We ask that all parents and children follow this system.**

**Where children have brothers and sisters in school the family enter and exit through the entrance of the eldest sibling.**

**We also encourage Park and Stride from Glór carpark. Parking at Glór is available free of charge at school start and finish times and Glór is only a 7 minute walk from the school.**



#### **Medical/Care Plans.**

A reminder to inform Deputy Principal, Antoinette Loftus of any medical conditions, care needs or allergies your child has in advance of beginning the new school year. She will be happy to work with you in creating a care plan for your child.

**You can email Antoinette at: [antoinette.loftus@hfss.ie](mailto:antoinette.loftus@hfss.ie)**

## Holy Family School Uniform.

The correct wearing of our school uniform is very important to us at HFSS and we are very proud of it, especially as you, the parents and our students, helped to review and inform our new uniform.

It consists of;

- The blue crested jumper that can be bought in McKinnon's Shop, Market Place, Ennis.
- White polo shirt
- Navy tracksuit bottoms/shorts (fine weather)

The tracksuit bottoms, shorts and polo shirt can be bought in Dunnes/Pennys/F and F/ Next/M and S etc.

**Black leggings/cycling shorts/logos on tracksuit bottoms are not part of the uniform and are not allowed.**



## School Meals



We are committed to healthy eating in HFSS. Please ensure you edit your child's order weekly on the Carambola App. (by Friday mid-night).

There are so many delicious, healthy options to choose from. The App is simple and easy to use.

When the children return to school, only hot lunches will be served.

This is in keeping with the Government initiative to provide hot healthy lunches to all school children.

Please ensure you edit your App regularly otherwise the same lunch will be delivered each day.





All children will be given a new reusable bottle on the first week back to school. Please ensure all water bottles are filled daily at home as water is not provided at school.



## Here's what should go in a healthy lunchbox



Below options if NOT getting a school-provided lunch:

Wholemeal cereals and breads, potatoes, pasta and rice	Meat, poultry, fish, eggs, beans and nuts	Vegetables, salad and fruit	Milk, yoghurt and cheese
<p>One portion from the bread and cereals group which would be...</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 thin slices of wholemeal bread</li> <li>▪ 1 small bread roll</li> <li>▪ 1 tortilla wrap</li> <li>▪ 1 pitta bread</li> <li>▪ 4 to 6 crackers or breadsticks</li> <li>▪ 1 cup of cooked rice or pasta or couscous</li> <li>▪ 1 small bagel</li> </ul>	<p>One portion from the meat and meat alternatives food group...</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 slices of cooked meat</li> <li>▪ 1 to 2 hardboiled eggs</li> <li>▪ Small can of tuna, salmon, sardines or mackerel</li> <li>▪ 4 tablespoons of hummus</li> </ul>	<p>At least one portion from the fruit and vegetables food group...</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 medium apple, orange, banana, pear or similar size fruit</li> <li>▪ 2 small fruits - plums, kiwis or similar size fruit.</li> <li>▪ Half a tin of fruit in its own juice</li> <li>▪ Handful of dried fruit</li> <li>▪ 1 small bunch of grapes</li> <li>▪ Chopped vegetables, e.g. cucumber, carrot, celery</li> </ul>	<p>One portion from the dairy products food group...</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 pot of yogurt or custard</li> <li>▪ 2 cheese triangles</li> <li>▪ 2 thumbs of cheese</li> </ul>

## School Books and Supplies.



A reminder that school will provide your child with all textbooks, workbooks and copybooks for the new year ahead. You will, however have a list of school requisites to purchase. This list was sent home in the schoolbags in June and is also on our website for each year group. Please ensure your child has these items on their return to school. Money for swimming, arts and crafts materials, school requisites etc. can be paid via Aladdin or directly at the office. Easy Pay Plans available. Details on your 'Sundries Sheet'

## After-School Music Lessons and Sports Programme

We hope to again offer after school music lessons in piano, drums, guitar, concertina and ukulele.

We will be in touch in September advertising lessons. Keep a close eye on Aladdin for notifications and for notes in the school bag. Lessons are offered on a first come, first served basis and places fill up quickly.



Our extensive after-school sports programmes will also be communicated to you in due course. All details will be sent via Aladdin and will be available to view on our website.



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## Holy Family Senior School Website

You will find all the information you need about our school on our new website

[www.holyfamilyseniorschool.com](http://www.holyfamilyseniorschool.com)

- ◆ Newsletters
- ◆ Calendar
- ◆ Stationary lists
- ◆ After-school activities
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- ◆ Links to other websites
- ◆ and much more.....

**Go and take a visit.**

# Holy Family Senior School



## Calendar 2024-2025

Re-opening:	Wednesday the 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 @ 9 am.
Term 1 Staff Meeting:	Tuesday 1st October. School closes and children go home at 12:30pm
Mid-term break:	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024 inclusive. <b>School reopens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 @ 9 am.</b>
Christmas Holidays:	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025 inclusive. <b>School reopens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 @ 9 am.</b>
St. Brigid's Day Weekend:	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025 – School closed.
Mid-term break:	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025 inclusive – school closed.
St Patrick's Day Weekend:	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March to Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 inclusive – school closed.
Easter Holidays:	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 inclusive. <b>School reopens on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 @ 9 am.</b>
Primary Maths Curriculum In-service:	<b>Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2025. School Closed.</b>
May Bank Holiday:	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May to Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 inclusive. School Closed.
June Bank Holiday:	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June to Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025 inclusive. School Closed.
School closing for Summer Holidays:	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 (12pm)

