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OPENING TIME: 9:20am
CLOSING TIME (Infants): 2:00pm
CLOSING TIME (others): 3:00pm



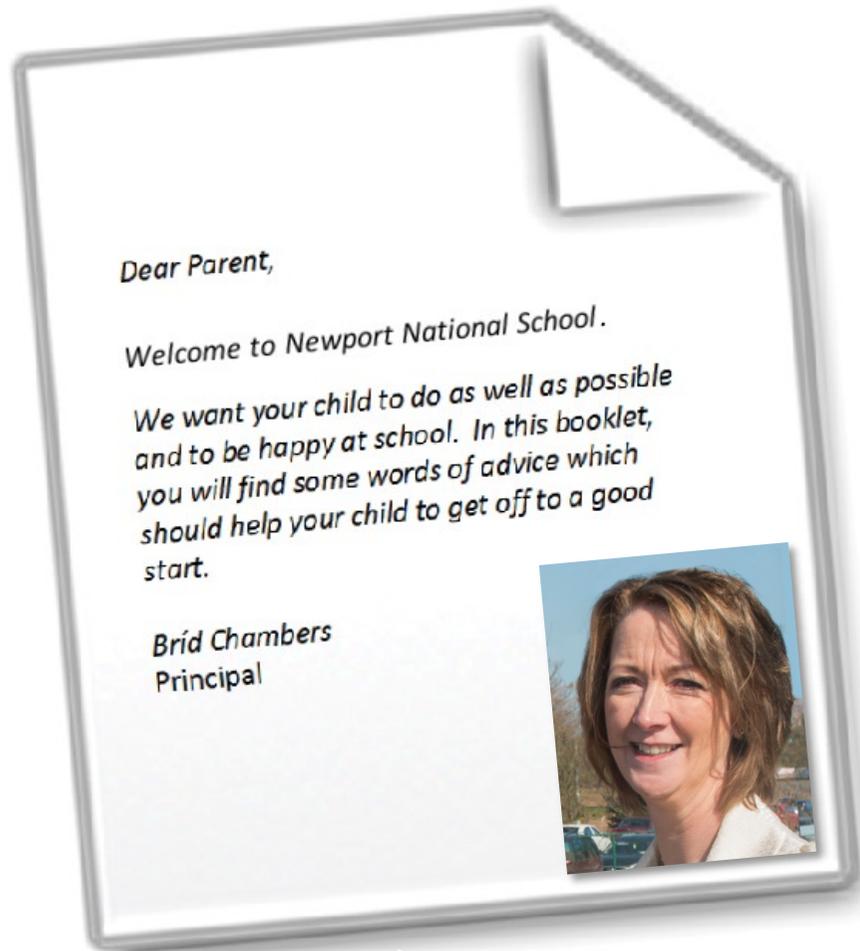
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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

There is no need to teach letters and words to your child before they start school; however, you can help stimulate your child's learning abilities in the following ways:

- Talk to your child and listen.
- Read to your child and enjoy the stories. Don't bother trying to get the child to read. They will do that when they are ready.
- Nursery rhymes are a great help and are enjoyable.
- Scribbling and colouring with chubby crayons (on paper of course).
- Playdough, Jigsaws, Lego, Duplo etc.
- Playing with sand and water.
- Cutting out—using safe scissors.
- Setting the table—counting the spoons etc.
- Sorting and matching—socks etc.

PROBLEMS

If your child has a problem with any aspect of school life, either classroom or playground, please talk to your child's teacher. You are always welcome, but the best time is after 2.00pm when the children are gone home. Please make an appointment with the school secretary.

FOLLOW UP

When Junior Infants are happily settled in to school life, the class teacher arranges to meet all parents to give an overview of the programme being covered. He/she will address any question that you might have.

WEBSITE

Our website is updated regularly and all details on policies and events can be found there.

UNIFORM/CLOTHING

Pupils must wear school uniforms at all times. Flat, dark footwear (not runners) must be worn in the interests of safety.

Our generic uniform consists of:

- a white shirt, navy jumper/cardigan, grey trousers, pinafore or skirt, striped tie and dark shoes. Our school uniform is widely available. Ties can be purchased directly from the school for €3 each.
- NOTE—Pupils in the ASD Junior Explorers Class who are part of our Early Intervention programme do not wear the formal uniform, but wear navy tracksuit bottoms and plain white polo shirt

P.E. gear:

Children wear blue polo shirts, navy sweatshirt and plain navy tracksuit pants on P.E. days only.

Please label all items of clothing clearly with your child's name.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

School Lunches are provided, free of charge, to all the pupils of our school. The daily lunch consists of one sandwich, wrap or bread roll (choice of filling), two pieces of fruit and an additional item such as yogurt drink or cheese triangle. Water is available from a water cooler in each classroom - your child should bring in a suitable beaker or bottle.

For health and safety reasons the following items are not allowed:
foods that contain nuts/nut products or eggs/egg products, confectionery, chewing gum, fizzy drinks, crisps and glass bottles.

Fáilte romhat agus roimh do pháiste...

Starting school will be the first big change in the life of your child. Up to this he or she has felt safe and secure with you in the home and family. But now he or she is facing the wider world of classroom and school. This may seem a big step for someone so small but most children manage it without any great fuss or stress, and in fact take to it like ducks to water!

However, it is also a time when parents and teachers should take special care to ensure that the transition from home to school is as smooth as possible. If the child's first experience of school is one of happy involvement, a very good foundation will have been laid for fruitful years ahead.



GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL

Try to make your child as independent as possible by helping him/her to:

- (a) be able to use the toilet, clean himself/herself and wash & dry hands without help;
- (b) be able to put on and take off coats and to manage zips etc.;
- (c) be able to open and close schoolbags, lunchboxes, drinks containers;
- (d) be able to recognise their own belongings;
Please label clothing, bags, lunchboxes etc., as many of them look identical;
- (e) be able to use a tissue.

We find it helpful if you do not build up school too much. Don't lead the child to expect a type of Disneyland as this will lead to disappointment. At the same time, please do not use the school as a threat—"wait till that teacher gets you!"



THE FIRST DAY

Please bring your child to the class on time. Give a hug and say that you will be back at the proper time to collect. Then leave! Do not hang around as this can upset a child. Almost all children are busy and happy within minutes of their parent leaving.

Please be back on time to collect your child. For the first few weeks your child will have a short day in school, finishing at 12.30pm for an initial settling-in period. After two weeks, the children will go on to the full infant day—9:20am—2:00pm. We would ask that parents take special care when driving on school grounds, and only use the parking area in the left hand playground, and always accompany their children between the car park and the school itself.

BOOK LIST

A copy of the Book List is included in the pack given to your child on Open Day; it will also be available to download from the school website www.newportns.ie

PLAYGROUND

Infants will share the yard with the Senior Infant children only.



Regular movement breaks are scheduled for children

Lunch is from 1pm to 1:30pm

HEALTH

Please inform teacher in September if your child has any health problem we should know about—e.g. eyesight, hearing, toilet, asthma, allergies etc.