



St. Joseph's N.S. Miltown Malbay



Welcome Note

Welcome to St. Joseph's National School, Miltown Malbay!

Dear Parents / Guardians,

This information note is intended to provide you with important information around the routines and expectations upon enrolment in the school 😊

Please note the following:

School Opening Times

- **Drop Off:** 9:10-9:20 am
- **Class starts:** 9:20 am
- **Pick Up:** 2:00 pm (Junior & Senior Infants)

The school will reopen for all students on **Monday, 31st August 2026 at 9:20 am.**

Junior Infant pupils will finish at the earlier time of **12:30 pm from Monday, 31st August – Wednesday 9th September.** From **Thursday, 10th September** Junior Infant pupils will finish at **2:00 pm.**

Children are should not be dropped off earlier than **09:10AM.**

The infant yard is located beside Forever Friends playschool.

For child protection reasons, parents are not typically allowed in the school yard. This will be relaxed for parents of Junior Infants for the first couple of weeks of school. Thereafter parents should not enter the school yard unless they have made a prior appointment to speak with a teacher or to collect their child early from school.

School Uniform

The school uniform consists of the following:

- Navy half zip crested overtop (available in *An Siopa Beag* only)
- Blue polo shirt
- Navy tracksuit bottoms





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- Or Plain Navy Shorts that sit just above the knee (Long 'Hunter' brand shorts from *An Siopa Beag* are preferred)
- Comfortable trainers/runners/footwear
- NO branded bottoms or shorts, Miltown Malbay GAA gear or similar may be used to replace school uniform.

Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled, particularly school jumpers as items can get mixed up, especially in the first few weeks.

Lunches

Free hot school lunches are delivered to St. Joseph's N.S. daily. The Lunch Bag caters to our pupils' needs. Check out thelunchbag.ie for more information.

Parents will be given an access code to use once The LunchBag app has been downloaded. This will be emailed to parents once we get it. All allergens and religious/ethical needs are catered for.

Each child will be provided with a free lunchbox to take home their compostable hot lunch container. The purpose of this is to eliminate waste at school and to create a communication link with parents regarding what their child has eaten. Your child will need to bring a small healthy snack and a drink to school. Treats are not encouraged. Fizzy drinks, crisps etc. are prohibited.

School Bag

- All books and copies will be provided by the school.
- Please only give children basic colouring materials (crayons / colouring pencils). Children at this age have no concept of their own property and will tend to lose nice things!
- Your child will need to bring an A3/A4 Mesh zipper bag for homework and a HB triangular pencil.
- We kindly ask you to send in a change of clothes (underwear, socks, top, bottoms) clearly labelled with your child's name. These will be kept in your child's classroom and returned at the end of the school year.
- Please ensure that all possessions are clearly labelled with their name such as coats and in the winter months their hats, scarves, gloves etc.



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- It would greatly help if your child can open and close their schoolbag, lunchbox, and drink with ease.
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Aladdin/Contacting the school.

Before your child starts school with us, you will be asked to download the Aladdin Connect app. This is the app we use for communicating with parents. Here, you can inform the school of your child's absence. Should you need to collect your child early, please inform the class teacher via Aladdin or email.

Parents can contact the school by email and/or phone if needed.

Other important points;

School Calendar: This will be shared with parents via our website and will be updated before the end of the current academic year

Money Collections: Teachers will collect money for tours/collections etc. and these will be in processed in the office. We are looking into setting up e-payments soon.

Swimming: Infant Classes will go swimming in the final term.

Birthdays: Birthdays are a special occasion for every child and are recognised in our school in the form of a birthday song or similar activity. Please note that invitations are not permitted in school.

Medical needs: If your child has particular medical needs or uses an inhaler/medication please let the school know, if you have not already done so.

Early Collections: Please present at the main entrance and press the buzzer. Parents should not enter the school unless accompanied by a member of staff.

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead and are excited to have your child join our school community. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Principal: Joe O'Reilly



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Deputy Principal: Ms. Lynch

Junior Infant Teacher: Ms Hickey (Ms Rynne will resume teaching in January)

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