



JONES MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Caring, Sharing, Preparing"

PROSPECTUS





## Caring, Sharing, Preparing!

"The children take pride in their school and participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities. "

ETI Report

# Welcome!

*Dear Parents/Guardians*

It is a pleasure to present to you Jones Memorial Primary School and Reception Class prospectus.

Our pupils are at the heart of everything we do- staff seek to provide children with a happy and secure atmosphere in which to learn and develop their unique talents. We are a happy school and blessed with pupils who are motivated and enthusiastic about all aspects of their school life.

Jones Memorial Primary School is well established in the local community. We have a strong and rich tradition of high standards of pupil attainment and conduct - this is reflected in the high expectations of all members of staff.

I hope that by reading this prospectus you will feel assured that your child's time at JMPS will not only be rewarding and successful but above all happy. All staff provide a caring environment in which your child can grow physically, spiritually, morally and emotionally as well as academically.

As much as this prospectus will give you an overview of life in Jones Memorial Primary School, you can only fully appreciate what we do by actually visiting us.

Please feel free to make an appointment by ringing the school on 028 66323420. I would very much look forward to showing you and your child around our school.

Yours sincerely

*Sandra Fisherwood*

Principal





# AIMS OF JONES MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our School Mission Statement is "Caring, Sharing, Preparing".

This highlights that as a school we provide every child with an excellent educational experience, which is enjoyable, stimulating and safe, enabling them to reach their full potential. We are a family school, with big ideas and do not set limits on what our children can aspire to and achieve.

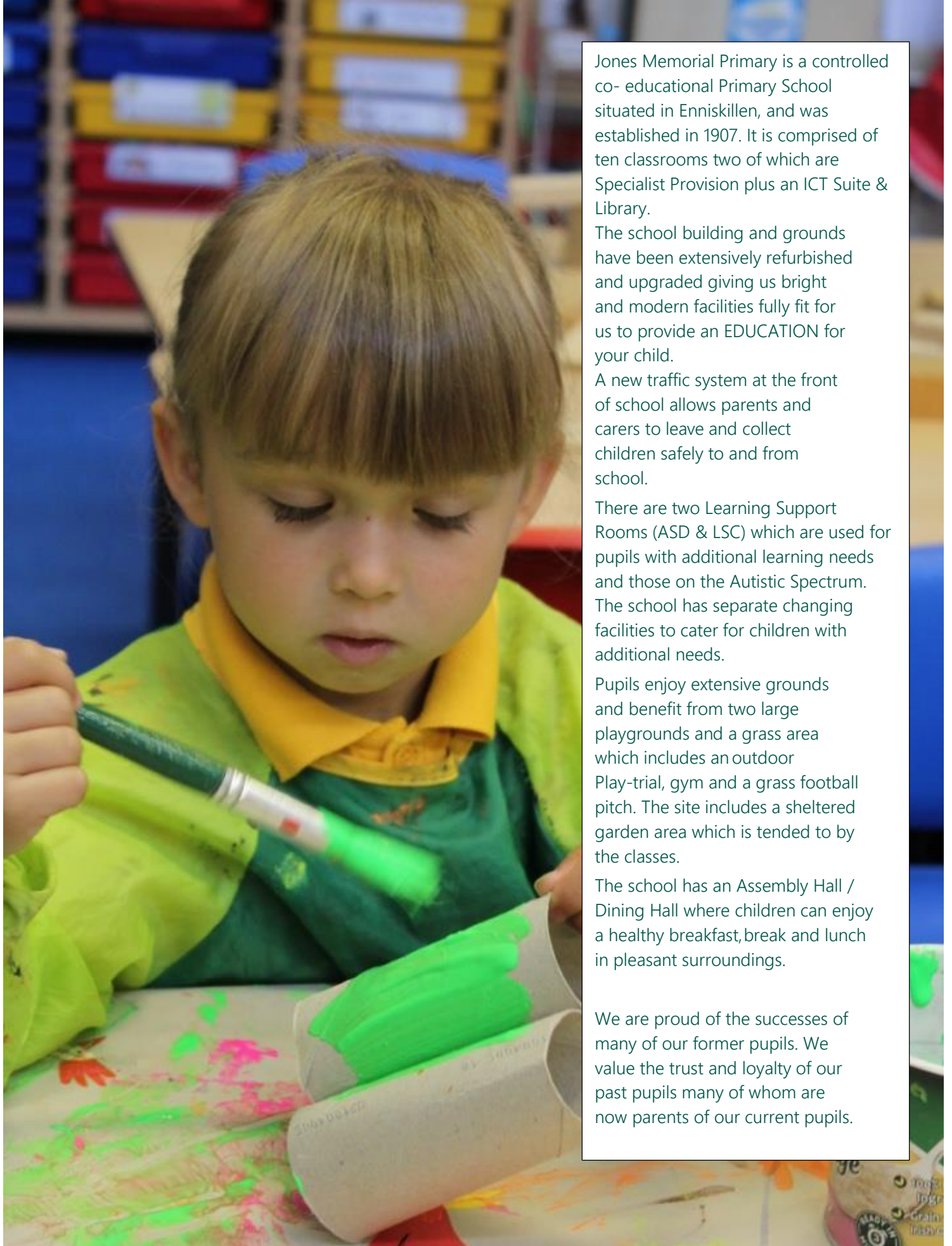
We care about our pupils and want them to feel safe and supported. We ensure our school is friendly, welcoming, active, vibrant and inclusive. We take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously



## Our School Aims...

- To provide a curriculum that is creative, challenging and relevant. We will develop our children's critical thinking skills so that they can work using their own initiative.
- To provide a warm nurturing and fully inclusive family centred environment.
- To encourage our children to be open-minded, tolerant of other people's differences, responsible, respectful and resilient.
- To encourage children to participate fully, learn through their mistakes and always try to do their best.
- To develop a partnership between teachers, pupils, parents, governors and our community with shared goals and aspirations.

## ABOUT US & OUR COMMUNITY



Jones Memorial Primary is a controlled co- educational Primary School situated in Enniskillen, and was established in 1907. It is comprised of ten classrooms two of which are Specialist Provision plus an ICT Suite & Library.

The school building and grounds have been extensively refurbished and upgraded giving us bright and modern facilities fully fit for us to provide an EDUCATION for your child.

A new traffic system at the front of school allows parents and carers to leave and collect children safely to and from school.

There are two Learning Support Rooms (ASD & LSC) which are used for pupils with additional learning needs and those on the Autistic Spectrum. The school has separate changing facilities to cater for children with additional needs.

Pupils enjoy extensive grounds and benefit from two large playgrounds and a grass area which includes an outdoor Play-trial, gym and a grass football pitch. The site includes a sheltered garden area which is tended to by the classes.

The school has an Assembly Hall / Dining Hall where children can enjoy a healthy breakfast, break and lunch in pleasant surroundings.

We are proud of the successes of many of our former pupils. We value the trust and loyalty of our past pupils many of whom are now parents of our current pupils.

# THE NORTHERN IRELAND CURRICULUM

We are proud in Jones Memorial Primary School to offer all our pupils full access to the Northern Ireland Curriculum Your child's education will be divided into three stages as follows:

Foundation Stage  
Primary 1&2

Key Stage 1  
Primary 3&4

Key Stage 2  
Primary 5,6 &7

There are six Areas of Learning for each Key Stage

## Language & Literacy

Language and Literacy or "Communication" (including talking and listening, reading and writing and opportunities to incorporate drama);

Our Vision:

To develop Literacy throughout the school as an inspiring and vibrant subject; making our children lifelong readers, independent writers and lovers of language.

## Mathematics & Numeracy

Mathematics and Numeracy or "Using Mathematics" (focusing on the development of mathematical concepts and numeracy across the curriculum);

Our Vision:

To embed an ethos of problem solving and investigating, through which children are willing to take risks thus becoming independent thinkers.

## Personal Development & Mutual Understanding

Personal Development and Mutual Understanding (focusing on emotional development, social skills, learning to learn, health, relationships and sexuality education, understanding in the local and global community);

Our Vision:

To provide a school environment in which children feel safe, secure and nurtured. To ensure school is inclusive and celebrates diversity in our community.

## Physical Education

Physical Education (focusing on the development of knowledge, skills and understanding through play and a range of physical activities).

Our Vision:

To inspire our children to be healthy, make excellent lifestyle choices and enjoy physical activity throughout their whole lives.

## The Arts

The Arts (including art and design, music and opportunities to incorporate drama).

Our Vision:

To nurture creativity in all its forms. Celebrate our special gifts and appreciate the wealth of our own culture and the culture of others.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At the heart of the Curriculum in JMPS lies an explicit link to development of Thinking Skills and Problem Solving Capabilities. The aim is to equip our pupils with the skills and attitudes to be life-long learners.

### Religious Education

Religious Education (RE) is provided in accordance with the Core Syllabus. We are a controlled school and have a strong commitment to expressing Christian principles and values in the life of school and remain open to all children. We have RE and CircleTime in our classrooms and all children attend class led assemblies each week as a collective act of worship and reflection. Parents are invited to attend class Assemblies throughout the year. As an inclusive school we also provide instruction in Holy Communion and Confirmation.



### Music & Drama

We have a proud and rich tradition of excellence in the areas of Music & Drama. Our school choir sings at functions throughout the year. Our pupils also benefit from expert musical tuition and have the opportunity to learn to play various instruments including brass, string and woodwind. Pupils have opportunities to take part in various Drama productions which range from whole class Assemblies to polished professional productions including amongst others, 'Bah Humbug', 'It's Christmas' and 'Cinderella Rockerfella'.



### ICT Provision

ICT is embedded in to classroom learning and teaching. All classrooms are equipped with Interactive Whiteboards and iPad. Our well stocked and modern ICT Suite allows for the creative teaching of ICT. We have successfully become a Digital Leader School.



### Assessment

Robust assessment arrangements exist for our pupils, especially in Literacy and Numeracy. This plays a key role in attaining our high standards. Knowing how each pupil is performing allows the class teacher to make informed decisions and implement strategies to enable all learners to improve. Parents obtain information about their child through year group meetings, Annual reports, Parent Teacher meetings etc.



## SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

We have experienced teachers who assist with our provision for Special Educational Needs. Mrs Bailie assisted by Mrs Isherwood is the SENCo in school, Miss Lawson is the teacher within the ASD class and Mr Nick Foy in the LSC.

We have a number of excellent Classroom Assistants and Special Educational Needs Assistants who may work with individuals or small groups of pupils.

Special Needs provision may take place within the classroom or during short periods when pupils are withdrawn from class, enabling them to have more individual teaching. Such additional support does not replace classroom teaching – it is supplementary to it.

Parents are regularly consulted and updated on their children's progress at each stage of the process in order for any child's difficulty to be addressed.

## PASTROAL CARE

Our high standard and quality of Pastoral Care is central to the ethos and the work of our school. Put simply, we strongly believe that children learn best when they are happy and well cared for in school. We have a member of staff who is specifically in charge of effectively leading and monitoring our Pastoral Care arrangements throughout school.

We encourage open lines of communication between home and school so we may share information about pupil welfare and academic progress. It is essential that we are aware of any changes outside of school which may affect your child in school.

The school's Pastoral policies are regularly reviewed and consulted on.





# After- School Activities Offered



Football



Roots of Empathy

Mandarin



Rugby



Netball



Izak 9

Coding Club



Cookery



Book Club

Gardening



Heartstart



Choir

# CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES

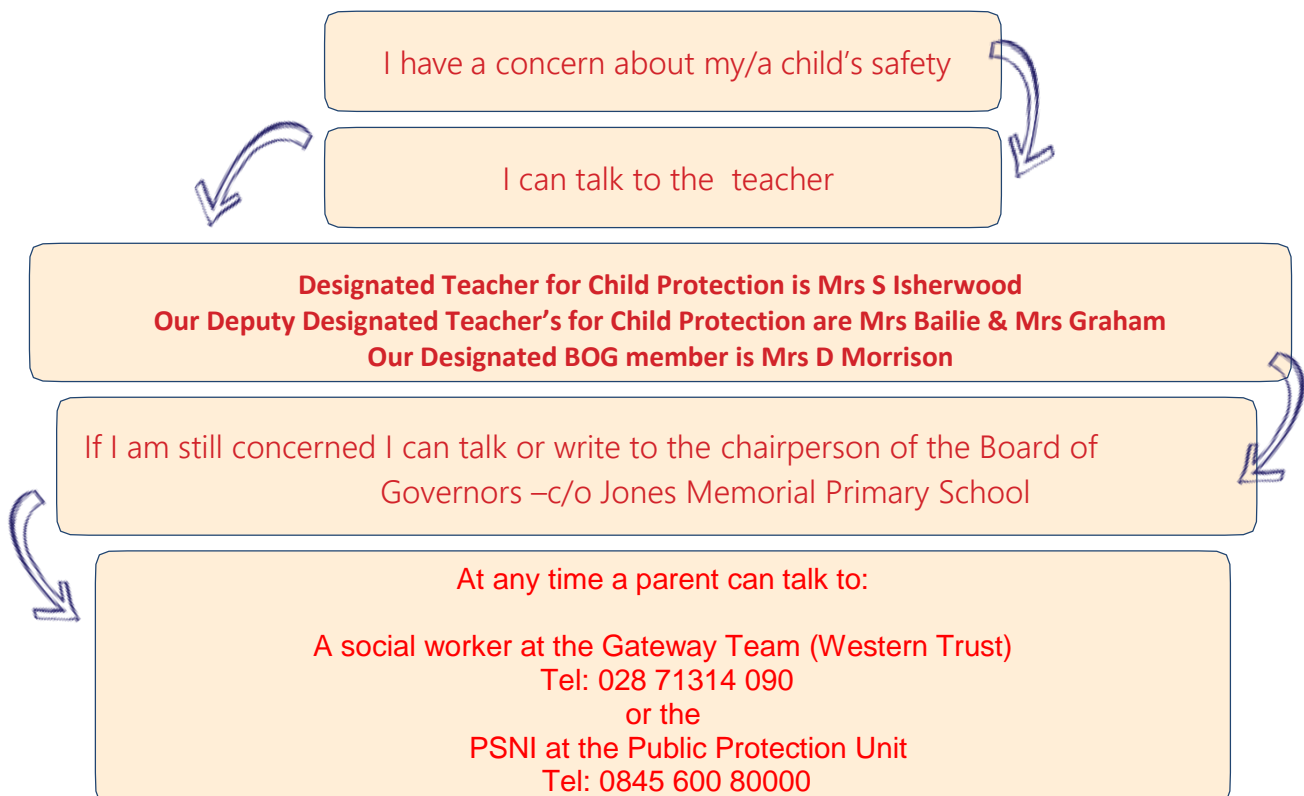
The welfare and protection of children is of critical importance in our school. A large amount of time and effort goes into ensuring that every child in JMPS is safe and happy. Jones Memorial Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment. Staff work hard to maintain an environment where children feel safe and secure.

Our comprehensive Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually and is readily available from the school office or on our website. The curriculum is designed to ensure opportunities for children to develop the skills they need to recognise and stay safe from abuse. Children know they can approach any adult in school if they are worried and they will receive a consistent, supportive response.

We actively promote Safeguarding messages to our pupils and families.



If you need to report a safeguarding or child protection, please adhere to the following procedure:





## Reception

Our Reception Class is situated in the school building and is considered an integral part of our school. The room itself is spacious, bright and furnished with a wide range of equipment to provide a happy and stimulating environment in which your child may gain independence, develop initiative, make decisions and solve problems.

Outdoor features include excellent play equipment with a covered sand pit, climbing frame and garden area. There are 26 places in our Reception class for pupils aged 4 and over (the age of admission is determined by the Department of Education).

The class is staffed by one teacher and one classroom assistant. These adults support your child during carefully planned play to enhance their skills, encourage thinking and extend their learning. We greatly value the interest and involvement of parents and encourage you to build firm relationships to foster a positive Pre-school experience for all. To provide a quality educational experience for children in the Reception Class we adhere to the Pre-School Curriculum as set out by the Department of Education.

The six areas of development established in the Pre-School Curriculum are further built upon within Primary One and Two.

The times are as follows: Morning: 9:20am – 12.55pm

Please ask for the Reception Prospectus if your child is turning 4 in the 21-22 school year.



## Support for Intercultural Families

All children are welcome in Jones Memorial Primary school regardless of ethnic religious or cultural background. Children from intercultural families are viewed first and foremost, as pupils of the school notwithstanding some of the initial language needs which they might need.

"Newcomer children are welcomed to the inclusive school"

ETI Sept, 2012

## Staff

Pupils and parents in Jones Memorial Primary school have the benefit of working alongside very talented and highly trained staff who are totally committed to the individual progress and well-being of each child. The staff team which is made up of teachers/ classroom assistants/ office/ caretakers / cleaners and catering personnel works extremely hard to provide the best quality education for the children in our care.



## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & VISITS

## Pupil Involvement

Pupils are encouraged to share their views and opinions about their learning in class and through our Student Council / ECO Committee. These groups contribute to whole school decisions such as the charities we support, conserving energy enabling our school to maintain 'Green Flag' status from the Eco-Schools programme.

## Extra-curricular activities

We believe that getting involved in extra-curricular activities is fun and will help to raise children's confidence, self-esteem and develop new and lasting friendships. With this in mind we provide a wide range of activities including: Soccer, Mini Rugby, Netball, Cycling Proficiency, Cross Country Running, Drama productions, Bible Club, Swimming, Choir, and Computer Club.


## Educational visits

Each year classes will spend at least one day on an Educational Visit. Primary 6 & 7 pupils will also have a residential trip every 2 years.





# CHARGES & REMISSIONS POLICY



We provide a free education for all pupils at Jones Memorial Primary School under the Education Reform Order 1989. There are just a few exceptions and these are detailed below:

- All board, lodging and travel costs on residential trips (except where statutory remissions apply)
- Cost associated with optional extras. For example, visits to the theatre or extra-curricular activities
- Materials or ingredients used in practical subjects where parents have indicated that they wish to receive the finished product
- Tuition in a musical instrument/swimming instruction

The school will, as it has done in the past, appeal to parents from time to time for voluntary donations but it is stressed that no child will be disadvantaged in any way if the parents choose not to make a contribution.

## THE SCHOOL DAY

8.15am - 9am	<b>Breakfast Club</b>
9.00am	<b>Supervision in Playgrounds starts</b>
9.20am - 11.15am	<b>Morning lessons Assembly on Tuesday and Thursday</b>
11.15am - 11.30am	<b>BREAK</b>
11.30am	<b>Bell rings for the end of break and the children are brought back to class by the Supervisors</b>
11.30am - 12.55pm	<b>Midmorning lessons</b>
12.55pm - 1.40pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
1.40pm	<b>Bell rings at end of lunch</b>
1.40 - 3.15pm	<b>Afternoon Lessons</b>
12.55pm	<b>Hometime for Reception and Y1 Or 1.15pm if staying for dinner 3.15pm if availing of After School Care for Reception &amp; Year 1 'Buttercup Club'</b>
3.15pm	<b>Hometime for Y2 - Y7</b>
3.15 - 5pm	<b>Homework Club</b>

## Wrap-Around Care...

We appreciate that many parents have to juggle child care and work. In Jones Memorial PS we try to support parents as much as possible by providing supervised clubs from 8.15am – 5pm. Sessions are very affordable and can be booked on an adhoc basis, allowing parents a degree of flexibility

- Breakfast club
- Buttercup Club (Rec – P1) 1.40 -3.15pm
- After school Clubs
- After school activities
- Pick up from childcare providers.

## Induction Programme for P1

We recognise the importance of a smooth transition for each child from either a pre-school setting or home. Our experienced Year 1 teacher liaises regularly with local nurseries. At the beginning of June, new Primary 1 or Reception pupils are invited to visit school to meet their teacher and become familiar with their classroom. Arrangements for the Year 1 Day will be discussed at the Induction Day in May.





# OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our uniform in Jones Memorial Primary is an important part of our identity and we believe it helps to set the tone for learning. It is the policy of the school to expect all our pupils to wear our smart school uniform. We very much appreciate parental support in this area. Our uniform gives pupils a sense of pride and belonging.

## Girls

Dark Grey skirt or pinafore  
In winter dark grey school trousers  
Navy Sweatshirt  
White blouse and school tie  
White socks, Grey or Navy tights  
Black shoes only  
Blue & white checked summer dress

For PE: plimsolls/trainers and a school t-shirt

## Boys

Dark Grey trousers  
  
Navy Sweatshirt  
White shirt and school tie  
Grey/Black socks  
Black shoes only  
In summer dark grey school shorts

For PE: plimsolls/trainers and a school t-shirt

**Each item of children's clothing must be clearly named.**

Who are our school suppliers?  
LE Graphics, Enniskillen

School Days (beside Toytown)



embroidered products from  
these stores

High Street Stores i.e. Marks & Spencer's, ASDA etc.

School Office for the ties: Pupils in P1-P3 will wear an elastic tie (£4)  
and pupils in P4 upwards will wear a clip on tie (£5)

We chose these suppliers because they offered a good combination of value for money and quality. We also considered how easy it would be for parents to buy the uniform.

# ADMISSIONS POLICY

Starting school is a very important time for you and your child. Our highly experienced Foundation Stage staff aim to make this a smooth and seamless transition.

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 7 January 2021 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 29 January 2021 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 29 January 2021 will be treated as a late application.

- 1 Children of compulsory school age living within the traditional catchment area of the school.
- 2 Children of compulsory school age who have brothers/sisters or half-brothers/half-sisters presently enrolled at the school.
- 3 Children of compulsory school age regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of written or other evidence supplied by the parents/guardians and statutory or other agencies, as having special circumstances, (i.e. medical, social or security reasons).
- 4 Other children of compulsory school age.
- 5 Children aged 4 will be admitted into reception on their 4th birthday where there are vacant places within the admissions number.

The school will continue to admit children not of compulsory school age as above, unless the Department determines that such children will be zero rated for funding purposes.

The Board of Governors including the Principal draws up the Admissions Criteria and applies them if necessary.

## YEAR 1 ADMISSIONS - AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Children who apply to enter the school during the academic year will be considered using the same criteria as for Year 1.

## DUTY TO VERIFY

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information on any applicant's application.

If the requested evidence is not provided to the Board of Governors by the deadline given, this will result in the withdrawal of an offer of a place. Similarly, if information is supplied which appears to be false or misleading in any material way, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

## WAITING LIST

The school's policy on the consideration of applications after the open enrolment admissions procedure concludes on 28 April 2021 is available directly from the school. Should a vacancy arise, the above criteria will be applied to select pupils from our waiting list.

## ADMISSIONS YEARS 2-7 CRITERIA

The following criteria will be applied, in the order set down below, to all pupils seeking admission to years 2 to 7. The school shall not cause or allow the number of registered pupils to exceed the school's enrolment number nor to prejudice the efficient use of the school's resources. Priority will be given to children who are residents of Northern Ireland.

If there are more applicants than available places then the Criteria for Year 1 will be applied.

The Governors at JMPS take a keen interest in



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Governors at JMPS take a keen interest in the life and well-being of the pupils, staff and school. They have considerable responsibility and accountability for the school, and make decisions about financial management, curriculum, maintenance of premises, Staff appointments, admissions and enrolments, Community links and Pastoral Care.

The Governors are highly supportive of the work of the school and work closely with the Principal and staff to ensure children fulfil their potential in all areas of curriculum.

### **2018 - 2022 Membership**

#### ***Education Authority Representatives***

Mr D Graham  
Vacant

#### ***Parent Representatives***

Mrs S Johnston  
Mrs D Morrison

#### ***Transferor Representatives***

Mrs A Beattie  
Canon I Ellis  
Mrs R Hamilton  
Mrs D Wilson

#### ***Teacher Representative***

Mr N Foy

The Principal acts as Secretary to the Board of Governors.

## COMMUNITY

" My daughter has attended 'Mischief Makers'. We thoroughly enjoyed our monthly visits to JMPS. Each afternoon showed me a variety of ways to develop her speech and she enjoyed the social occasion.

The way the staff used different themes each month was amazing. It was one big happy family."



## Celebrating Success

Each week in Assembly we celebrate pupil's achievement by rewarding 'Pupil of the Week'

Pupil achievements out of school are also celebrated in assembly.

The school can also celebrate receiving the following awards:

- PATHS Model school
- Sustrans Gold Award
- Action Cancer Gold Award
- Eco Schools Green Flag Award
- Ambassador Green School
- Digital School
- Choir of the year (Fermanagh)



# Parental Involvement

Our school greatly values the positive partnership between home and school and the encouragement that parents give their children in school. Assisting with time to read, accompanying classes on school trips are some ways in which parents can become involved in their child's education.



JMPS has been fortunate to have the support and encouragement of an active and enthusiastic Friends of Jones Memorial Primary School. The FOJMPS organises events such as social evenings, school fairs, table quizzes and raffles to help raise money for our school which, in turn, benefits our pupils.



# Information for Parents

Parents are provided with information in a variety of ways such as:

- The School Pastoral Care Pack
- School Newsletters
- Letters from Principal / Teachers
- Information events
- Facebook / Twitter
- The school website
- [www.jonesmemorial.co.uk](http://www.jonesmemorial.co.uk)





## Attendance

In the interest of children's education, they are expected to attend school for 190 school days each year. Attendance is recorded on the Computer Attendance Module twice daily (morning and afternoon sessions). A full attendance being present the entire school day. The school's Attendance policy is available from the school office on request.



## Shared Education /Extended schools

JMPS and Holy Trinity PS have a long standing relationship within the Enniskillen Community. Staff work together to plan, collaborate and evaluate learning. To enhance the experiences of every child in both schools through STEM.

The school benefits from Extended schools that allows the school to avail of online software to enhance their learning experiences.

"It is wonderful to hear about the joined up activities that go on between both schools. A positive way forward"  
(Parent)



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