



JMPS
JONES MEMORIAL
PRIMARY SCHOOL



PROSPECTUS





Caring, Sharing, Preparing!

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

ETI Report

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank-you for your interest in Jones Memorial Primary School. I hope you will find our Prospectus both interesting and informative.

As a parent you want the very best for your child which is what we seek to offer through high quality teaching and learning, a positive ethos and attention to pastoral care. We are a happy, caring school with pupils who are motivated and keen to learn. At Jones Memorial Primary School academic standards are high; discipline and hard work go hand in hand with respect, courtesy and kindness; and positive relationships reach out from the school into the local community.

A sustained improvement inspection in November 2015, the Education Training Inspectorate (ETI) stated that the school's recent focus has resulted in improvements in the standard and enjoyment of reading. The staff are embedding a range of multi-sensory approaches in numeracy and the activities meet effectively the variety of needs in year groups.

The Prospectus will give you a flavour of things in Jones Memorial Primary School and should you wish to visit the school for more information we would be delighted to welcome you - please feel free to contact the principal to arrange a visit.

We hope that you will share with us in making these important years in your child's life a successful and enjoyable experience.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs S Isherwood
(Principal)



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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 and



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.

OUR SCHOOL

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

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.

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.

Cross-curricular skills: Communication, Using Mathematics & Using Information and Communications Technology

Thinking Skills & personal Capabilities: Thinking, Problem-solving & Decision making, self-management, working with others, managing information & being creative.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

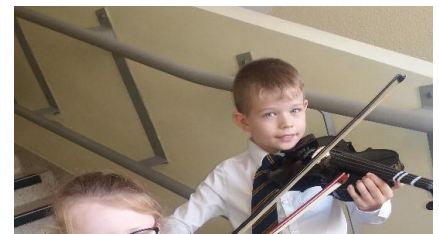
Religious Education

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 performs at a number of events. Our pupils also benefit from expert musical tuition and have the opportunity to learn to play various instruments including 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 / Online learning

ICT is embedded into classroom learning and teaching. All classrooms are equipped with recently installed active panels and iPads. Our well stocked and modern ICT Suite allows for the creative teaching of ICT. We have successfully become a Digital Leader School. The school avails of online learning from: Mathletics, Accelerated Reader, Bug Club and Reading Eggs Each child uses either Seesaw/Google classroom /Teams to allow teachers and pupils to record and share what is happening in the classroom. It helps pupils learn how to use technology , be creative and stay connected.



Assessment

The assessment of children's progress is an integral part of the learning and teaching process. It will contribute to a holistic view of the child – that is, the child's personal, social, physical and intellectual achievements. The outcomes inform parents & teachers about a pupils progress and enable diagnosis of individual development needs and the identification of appropriate learning targets. Parents obtain information about their child through year group meetings, annual reports, parent

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

If your child does not make progress we will want to find out why. By closely monitoring progress especially in literacy and numeracy, we hope to identify children having difficulties as soon as possible. A range of provision is made for children who may have learning and/or physical difficulties.

The class teacher will cater for the individual needs of each child, supported by the school's Learning Support Coordinator, relevant outside agencies and classroom assistants where appropriate. We have several successful early intervention programmes in operation, catering for a range of needs.

Behaviour & Discipline Policy

Our aim is to promote positive behaviour by helping each child to behave in a responsible way, showing consideration, courtesy and respect to others in school and on the way to and from school. Through our teaching and example we expect children to be responsible and accountable for the actions they take.

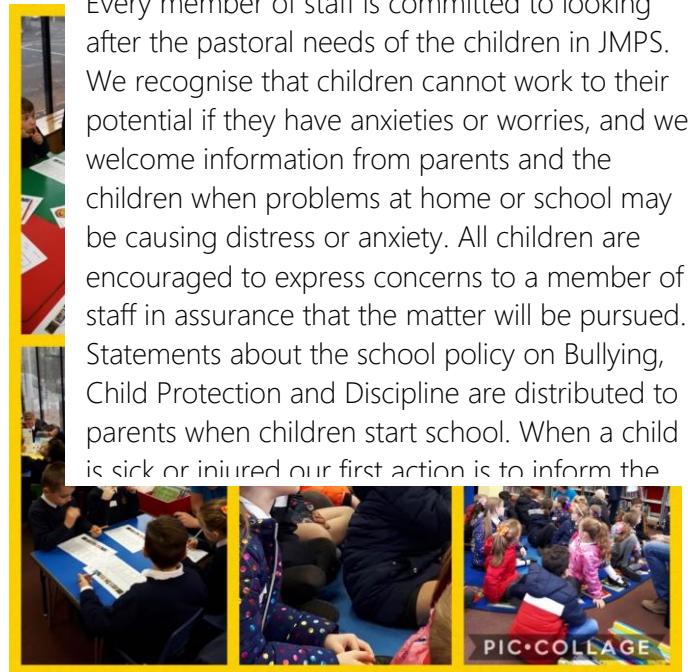
Acceptable Behaviour

- Each child is expected to behave in a responsible way to both to themselves and other, showing consideration, courtesy and respect always.

PASTROAL CARE

As a school committed to offering excellence in pastoral care to all pupils JMPS offers support for those children in need. Primary aged children are in early stages of their personal, emotional, social and educational development. As such they deserve the highest standards of pastoral care and support to assist them to develop their full potential.

Every member of staff is committed to looking after the pastoral needs of the children in JMPS. We recognise that children cannot work to their potential if they have anxieties or worries, and we welcome information from parents and the children when problems at home or school may be causing distress or anxiety. All children are encouraged to express concerns to a member of staff in assurance that the matter will be pursued. Statements about the school policy on Bullying, Child Protection and Discipline are distributed to parents when children start school. When a child is sick or injured our first action is to inform the



After- School Activities Offered



Football



Roots of Empathy

Mandarin



Rugby



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Netball



Cookery



Book Club

Coding Club





Gardening

Heartstart

Choir

CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES

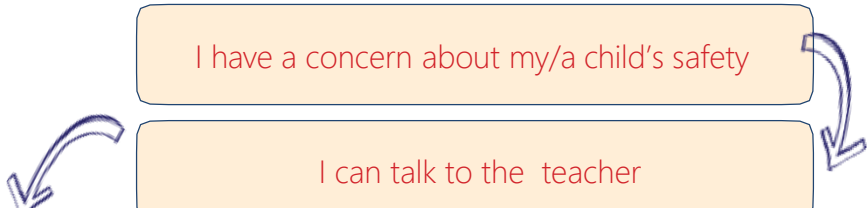
The welfare and protection of children is of critical importance in our school. A large amount of time and effort goes into ensuring that every child in JMPS is safe and happy. Jones Memorial Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers 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

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

Eco-Committee

Jones Memorial PS has a thriving Eco-Committee with two representatives from each class P4-7. The eco warriors are the driving force behind the school's participation in the programme. Annually many events are organised and we have recently received our sixth

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 22-23 school year.



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.

Physical Education

The school's PE policy sets out aims which are designed to

- Encourage a positive attitude to sport
- Provide opportunities for participation to every child
- Improve physical skills
- Provide new experiences and set new challenges

The children participate in many tournaments and competitions throughout the year. Each class has at least two sessions of physical education per week. Pupils from P3-6 receive football coaching from either the IFA coach or council provision. P5-7 are given swimming lessons at different times during the school year. The school is very fortunate to have a large school playing field, two hard core pitches and a multipurpose hall for indoor sporting activities.

As a Gold Ambassador school for Sustrans we encourage the 'Daily Mile, walking bus and cycling proficiency'

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 especially if they have early work commitments.

- **Breakfast club**
 - Children are supervised and there are light options to choose for breakfast
- **Buttercup Club (Rec – P1) 1.40 -3.15pm**
 - Children are supervised by a Classroom Assistant
- **After school Homework Club**
 - This is available Mon to Thurs from 3-5pm. The club is run by Classroom Assistants. Pupils engage in a variety of activities indoor/outdoor, iPads board games etc. There is the opportunity to complete homework and receive a light snack is also available. This is a place for pupils of all ages to mix together as well as providing a convient after school care in a familiar setting.
- **After school activities**
- **Pick up from childcare providers.**



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.

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
<p>Dark Grey skirt or pinafore In winter dark grey school trousers Navy Sweatshirt with school crest White blouse and school tie White socks, Grey or Navy tights Black shoes only (low heels) Blue & white checked summer dress</p> <p>Our PE kit : white school t-shirt with crest Navy shorts In winter navy jogging bottoms plimsolls/trainers in a strong named slipper bag School hoodie with crest</p> <p>Reception Aged Pupils Navy Joggers Yellow polo shirt with school crest Navy Sweatshirt with school crest Black trainers/pumps</p>	<p>Dark Grey trousers</p> <p>Navy Sweatshirt with school crest White shirt and school tie Grey/Black socks Black shoes only In summer dark grey school shorts</p> <p>Our PE kit : white school t-shirt with crest Navy shorts In winter navy jogging bottoms plimsolls/ trainers in a strong named slipper bag School hoodie with crest</p> <p>Reception Aged Pupils Navy Joggers Yellow polo shirt with school crest Navy Sweatshirt with school crest Black trainers/pumps</p>

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

Who are our school embroidered uniform suppliers?

LE Graphics & School Days, Enniskillen

High Street Stores for trousers and skirts etc i.e. Marks & Spencer's, Asda

School Office for the ties:

P1-P3 elastic tie (£4)

P4- P7 clip on tie (£5.50)



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Chairperson:	Mrs A Beatte
Secretary:	Mrs S Isherwood
Transferors:	Mrs A Beattie Bishop I Ellis Mrs R Hamilton Mrs D Wilson
Parent Reps:	Mrs S Johnston Mrs D Morrison
EA Rep:	Mr D Graham
Teacher's Rep:	Mr N Foy
Principal:	Mrs S Isherwood (non-voting mem)

TEACHING STAFF

Miss R McNeill	Reception
Mrs R Bailie (VP)	P1
Miss R Jack	P2
Miss K Dunne & Mrs A McGee	P3
Mrs Y King	P4
Mrs L Emerson	P5
Mr G Barbour	P6
Mrs H Graham	P7
Mrs S Mitchell	ASD
Mr N Foy	LSC

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."

NON-TEACHING STAFF

Clerical Officer:	Mrs C Doonan
Building Supervisor:	Mr F Wilson
Cleaners:	Mr G Britton, Mrs M Bowles & Miss K Baker
C/A's:	Mrs M Armstrong, Miss J Stinson Mrs D Parr, Miss K Thompson, Mrs L Jones, Ms J Armstrong, Miss E Elliott, Miss L Donnelly, Mrs Y Foster, Mrs B McGrath, Mrs K Donaghy, Mrs J Balfour, Mrs J Magee, Miss C Curley

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 / Instagram
- The school website
- www.jonesmemorial.co.uk

ATTENDANCE

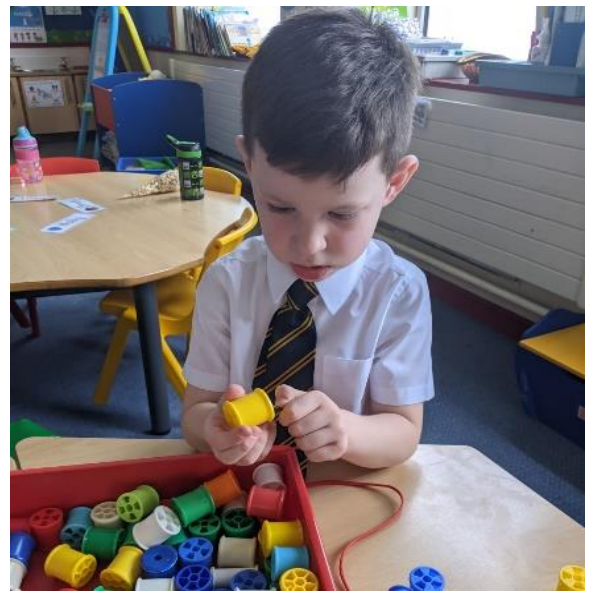
In the interest of children's education, they are expected to attend school for 190 school days each year. A record of your child's attendance during the year is carefully monitored.

We have a record of high attendance, consistently around 95%

ADMISSIONS POLICY

If the school's admission and enrolment numbers have not been reached the school will admit all children of appropriate age whose parents wish them to attend.

Places may be available for P2-7 children whose parents wish them to move school. Interested parents should contact the Principal. We make every effort to ensure that your child is happy and feels secure as they make the transition to Jones Memorial Primary School. To achieve this, we invite you to the school so that you can tell us more about your child and we can explain our admissions and other arrangements.



Shared Education /Extended schools

Jones Memorial Primary School is currently involved in the Department of Education's Shared Education Peace IV program. We are linked up with Holy Trinity Primary School, Enniskillen and will be engaging in the program for the next number of years. Shared Education occurs when schools come together in local partnerships with the objective of enhancing educational outcomes for all young people through collaborative working.

Throughout this year, the school has availed of extended school's funding to raise standards in literacy and numeracy and to promote positive emotional well-being. This partnership is with five local schools in Enniskillen.

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



Rewards in School

Our emphasis is on a positive approach of praise and encouragement for both academic, social and behavioural matters. We strive to acknowledge the effort, attitude and achievements of all children to develop their self-esteem as well acknowledge success.



Our School

Class Organisation

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

Times of the Day

8.15am - 9am	Breakfast Club
9.00am	Arrival
9.20am - 11.15am	Morning lessons Assembly on Tuesday and Thursday
11.15am - 11.30am	BREAK
11.30am- 12.55pm	Midmorning lessons
12.55pm- 1.40pm	LUNCH
1.40-3.15pm	Afternoon Lessons
12.55pm	Reception and Y1 Finish Or Avail of After School Care for Reception & Year 1 "Buttercup Club'
3.15pm	Y2 - Y7 Finish
3.15 - 5pm	Homework Club / After school Clubs

Break and Lunch

We adopt a healthy eating policy in relation to mid-morning snack, and children are encouraged to drink water during the day. Pupils play outside during break where possible.

P6/7 pupils are given the responsibility of Playground Pals and their role is to help develop play in early years.

Parents can choose whether they would like their child to have a packed lunch or school dinner.

School Meals are cooked on site and parents receive a menu in advance.

Families in receipt of Income Support/Job seekers allowance and/or tax credit may be entitled to free school meals.



