



Our Lady's Grove
Information Meeting for
New Parents
2021 - 2022

Your Child, Our Child:
The Wellbeing and Education
of every child

31st May 2021

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WELCOME



The Agenda

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- **Our School Ethos**
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Your Hosts

Principal: ***Anne Kernan***

Deputy Principal & Special Education Co-Ordinator: ***Elaine Molyneaux***

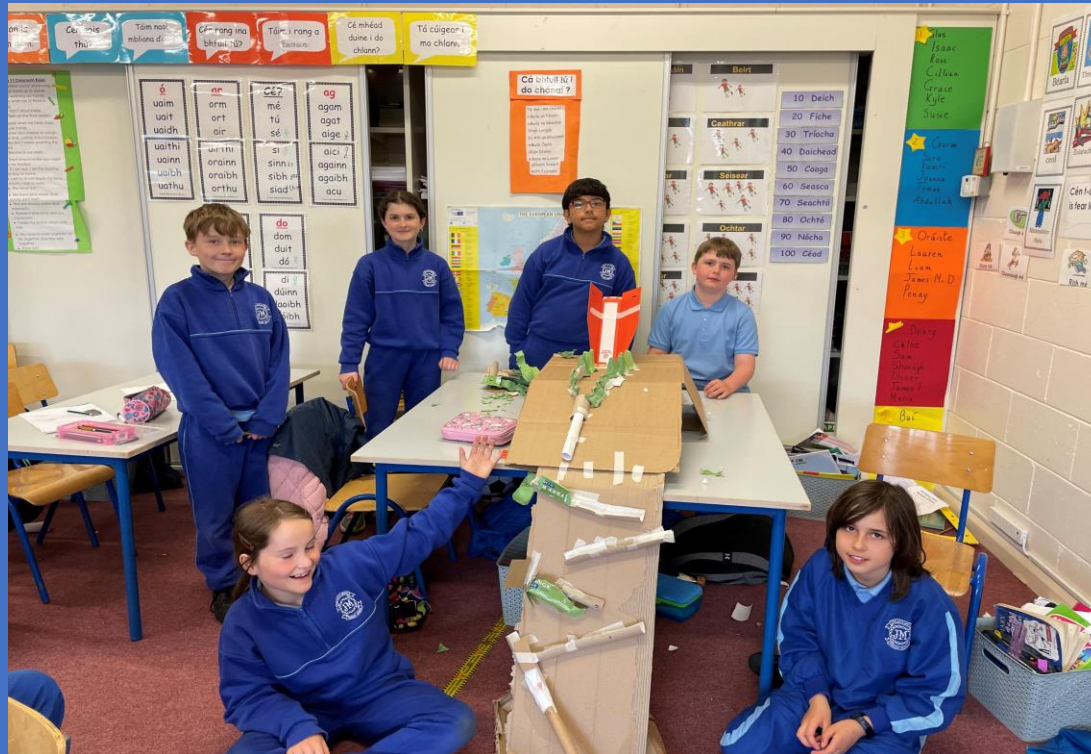
2020/21 Junior Infant Class Teachers: ***Anne Hutchinson and Sarah Clerkin***

OUR SCHOOL ETHOS

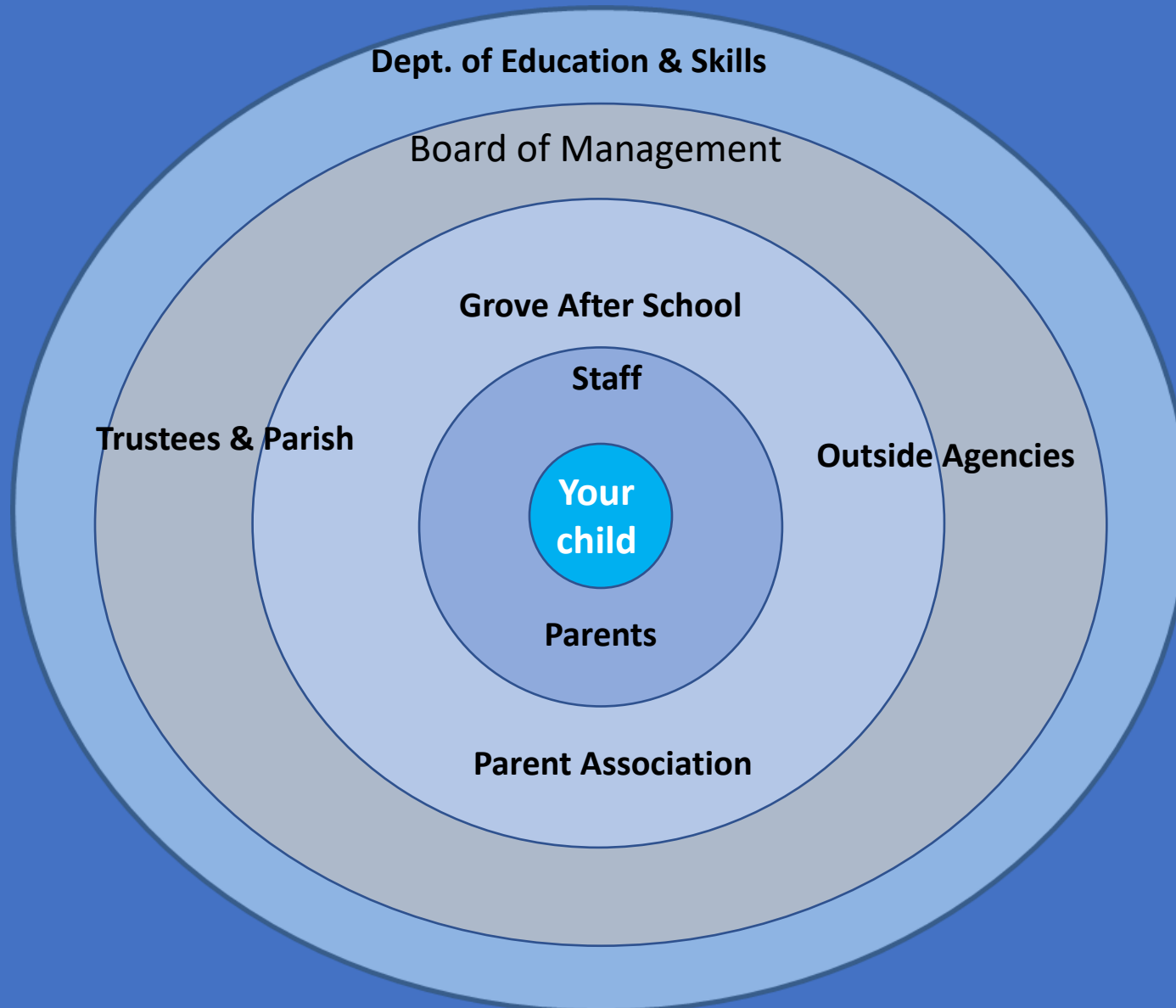
A happy, loving, caring and nurturing environment

A co-operative and collaborative environment

A culture of tolerance and appreciation for all



Your Child, Our support



OUR GOAL



Ensure excellent learning outcomes for every child



Foster a culture of respect, tolerance and appreciation of others



Promote wellbeing for all



Maintain close links between home and school

The Curriculum

Develop Gross Motor Skills

- Play ball games and skipping
- Practise zipping/hanging up a coat
- Practise using the bathroom/washing hands changing out of wet clothes/cleaning up

The Curriculum

Develop Fine Motor Skills

- Playdoh / Marla / sand / cutting with scissors
- Threading beads

The Curriculum

Oral Language

- Listen to how your child uses language
- Encourage full sentences
- Expand your child's vocabulary
- Engaging in daily conversation with your child
- Recite nursery rhyme

The Curriculum

Develop Pre-Reading Skills

- Read to your child every day
- Talk about the story and the pictures
- Ask your child to retell the story
- Recite nursery rhymes
- English as an Additional Language (EAL)

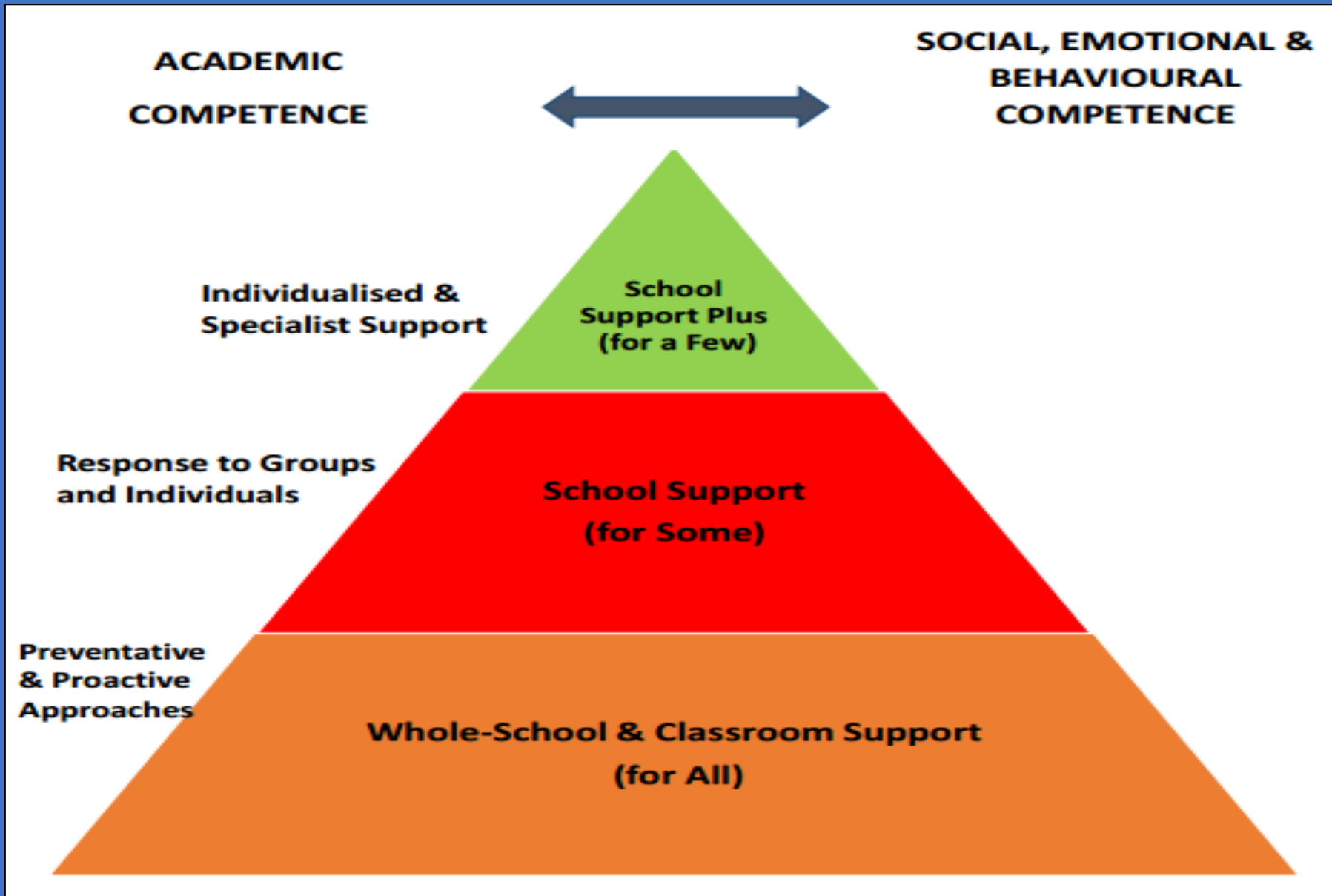
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Social, Personal and Health Education SPHE

- Stay Safe is taught as part of the SPHE Curriculum in all Primary schools
- Parents will be informed when our school begins to teach 'Stay Safe' in Term 1
- Welcome to Well-Being

Special Education Team (SET)

- A happy school for all children
- Trust between School and Parents
- School and Parents work together
- 8 SET Teachers + 1 Shared with local school
- 8 Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) currently in school
- Support for all children



Special Education Team (SET)

- Early Intervention – Literacy, Numeracy, Social Skills, Emotional Development
- Home and School Partnership
- Role of Communication

Parent / Teacher Communication

- Children will visit their new classroom and meet their new Teacher at the end of August. (15 children for 15 minutes)
- Contact the Class Teacher by sending in a written note with your child
- To arrange a phone call with Class Teacher send an email to admin@olgps.ie *Class Teacher and Room number in the subject box*
- A meeting to describe the curriculum and class routines will be hosted early in the Term 1
- Formal Parent/Teacher meetings take place during the last week of **November**

Healthy Eating Policy

- Full **HE** policy is on our school website
- Lunch ideas include peeled segmented oranges, sliced apples, small sandwiches, banana, carrot sticks, cheese and raisins. **NO NUTS**
- Children do not swap lunches and bring home leftovers / packaging
- No Treats in school. No treats in schoolbag.

Drinks

- Only drinks allowed are water and milk
- Milk is available through the school pay by EPP
- Children bring water in a sturdy bottle that can open easily and does not leak in schoolbag.

Allergies

NOT ALLOWED

- Nuts of any kind
- Nut butter
- Nutella
- Pesto

Head Lice

ACT TOGETHER

- Long hair must be tied back in school
- Check hair at least three times a week and on the weekend
- If you find eggs/headlice, please inform the school immediately
- The 'Headlice' letter will be sent to parents in that class, it must be acted upon by all families that night

Safety on School Campus

NOT ALLOWED

- Scooting
- Cycling
- Playing on the yard before school or directly after school
- Climbing the railings
- Bringing dogs to school
- Parking illegally
- **PARKING is permitted in 'Set-Down' parking zone only**
- **Walking/cycling to school is always encouraged**

Playdates

Going on a playdate

- Send a written consent note into Class Teacher on the previous day or on the day of the playdate
- Children will not be allowed go with another adult without parental consent
- No last minute/unplanned playdates. Do not send an email to office
- In an Emergency situation always call the Office

Birthdays

- Birthday invites are NOT distributed in school
- Parents may send invites via the Class WhatsApp Group (set up in September through the PA)
- Children do not bring in birthday treats for the class

Clothing, Footwear, Schoolbags and Toys

- School tracksuit may be worn, otherwise comfortable clothes that are easy for child to open/close
- Comfortable footwear: Velcro fastenings. No sandals or Crocs
- Schoolbags should only contain lunch box, drink and change of clothes, no stationery necessary
- Do not send toys to school

Outside Agencies

HSE

- Immunisation
- Dental (off-site)
- Hearing and Sight

Parental Consent is sought in advance

Outside Agencies

TUSLA

- We promote excellent attendance and punctuality
- At the end of each term, Parents are informed by email if your child has been absent for 10 days, 15 days and/or 20 days
- The Principal is mandated to report to TUSLA all absences of 20 days or more

Grove After School



School Age Childcare and Pre-School Services

The Grove After School Care

(Management Co) Ltd

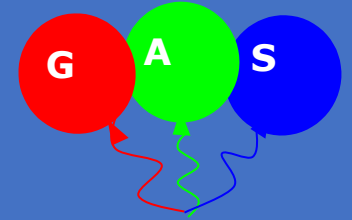
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Grove After School



About Us:

The Grove After School has been in operation since 2002. It is an on-site childcare facility located on the grounds of Our Lady's Grove Primary School. Established as a not-for-profit company, with Charity status, and managed by a voluntary Board of Directors, together with a team of paid employees who run the day to day operations, the service consists of both an After School & Pre School. In both the Pre & After School service we provide a safe and homely setting where your child can make new friends or meet up with their school friends in a warm, welcoming environment. Homework is supervised. Our facilities include four large rooms – dining area, homework room, playroom & two pre school rooms. We also have a large outdoor space. Our staff are experienced, caring & friendly. All staff have First Aid & Child Safeguarding Training. We employ two members of our staff to help out in the Junior Infant Classrooms.

Grove After School



The service includes:

Hours of Opening: 8am-8.45 & 1.35-6pm (during school term)

Children are brought & collected from Primary School by our Staff.

Open outside of school term weeks 8am-6pm:

Halloween, February Mid Term, Easter & Month of July.

Activity Camps. Closed for 2 weeks at Christmas & 1st three weeks in August for staff holidays.

Grove Pre School:

Hours of Opening: 9am-12pm Extra Hours Available: 8-9am & 12-6pm (limited availability)

GAS is registered with the government Early Childhood Care & Education Scheme (ECCE) since 2010. We have 2 pre school classrooms and provide care before and after the classroom hours if required. A hot meal & snacks are available to the pre school children who stay on in the afternoons. Our pre school staff are fully qualified and provide a happy & safe environment for children's learning & development in their early years.

We would be delighted to meet or talk to you with any questions you may have. Please contact the office by phone or email and visit our website www.groveafterschool.ie

Home and School Links

Our School Website

- School Calendar
- School Policies
- Ongoing Events
- Newsletters
- Upcoming Events
- Junior Infant Folder

When your Child is Sick

- If your child is feeling unwell the night before or in the morning, it's recommended to keep him/her at home
- If we observe that your child is unwell, we will contact you and you must be available to collect your child
- Upon returning to school after an illness, a **Medical Declaration** is signed electronically the Databiz App
- **Allianz 24/7 Pupil Accident Insurance** is recommended. This product will be available on EPP
- **COVID-19 Protocols** will be updated before our return in September

Electronic Payment & Booklist

- **EPP:** OLG is a cashless School
- The school uses the Easy Payments Plus system (EPP) for all payments
- New Junior Infant Parents will be added to the EPP system during the FIRST week of July
- Junior Infant books and stationery are ordered by the school
- Class Fees must be paid by 30 September

PAYMENTS TO OUR LADY'S GROVE

Voluntary Contributions: Once a year we invite parents to offer a Voluntary Contribution towards the maintenance of the school. Ideally, parents mark a date in the Academic Year and this can roll over every year. A Voluntary Contribution Request, Standing Order Forms & CHY Forms are sent to each family. The preferred method of payment, of (say) €125 per child, is EPP. If you wish to make your contribution by cheque or Standing Order, please return it with the remittance slip to the Office, in an envelope marked VC. *As a Registered Charity OLG can make a Tax Reclaim on donations over €250 (per family).* A contribution of €250 allows a tax refund of €112.32. This increases your contribution by approx. 45%. Your **€250** contribution is in effect worth **€362.32** to the school. This applies to both PAYE and self-employed tax payers under the regulations. Please complete and return the CHY Form so that we can claim the benefit, all at no extra cost to you. **Voluntary Contributions operate on a calendar year (Jan- Dec) because tax relief is only claimable on this basis.**

Parent Association

- Fundraising for benefit of School & Pupils
- Organisation of after-school sports, music & languages
- Uniform swaps
- Annual Events: Christmas Fair, charity/fundraising walk, quiz nights, active week events
- Promote & encourage communication between home & school (key tool: WhatsApp)
- Your ideas are always welcome!

Volunteering

- Sports Co-ordinators for Tennis & Gymnas'
- Music Co-ordinators
- Language Co-ordinators

- Committee Members & Fundraising Helpers
- Skills with Graphic Design (Newsletters)

Get involved!

- Email OLGPAmain@gmail.com
- Make sure to join your class WhatsApp group in September

PRE- COVID-19



COVID-19





Ar Scáth a chéile a mhaireann na páistí