

Starting Junior Infants

Registration

All children who are due to start Junior Infants in Scoil Mhólainge and who have been baptised in the Parish will receive a registration form in the post. This is usually sent out at the beginning of the year in which the child is due to start.

If the child was not baptised in the parish or you have not received a registration form in the post please contact the school at [\(051\)427305](tel:051427305) or e-mail: listerlinns@eircom.net

Meet & Greet Afternoon

Each year parents/guardians and incoming Junior Infants are invited to casually meet their teacher and fellow classmates in the Junior Infants classroom, which is located at the far end of the school yard next to the playing field.

Preparing you child for school

All Junior Infants should be able to do the following:

- Button & unbutton their coat and hang it up.
- Be fully toilet trained and able to use the toilet without help, flush the toilet, wash and dry their hands.
- Share toys and take turns.
- Tidy up and put away things.
- Open and close all compartments of their school bag.
- Manage their lunch i.e. open and close lunch box, drinks, sandwich boxes, open yogurt lids, peel their own orange etc.

If the child can not tie shoe laces choose shoes with *velcro fasteners*.

If they can not manage trouser buttons or zip's choose *elasticated trousers*.

Jolly Phonics

Jolly Phonics is how we teach our students to read and write it is a fun and child centred approach to teaching literacy through synthetic phonics.

It would be a huge benefit to your child if you could familiarise yourself with Jolly Phonics as it is a big part of their learning in Junior Infants. You can find out more on the jolly phonics website <http://jollylearning.co.uk/>.

There is also a very useful manual & cd called jolly phonics jolly songs which is available to buy online or in the [treasury book store](#), new ross. This CD has all the songs which we will learn in class and is very handy to have playing in the car or at home, alternatively you can view this song for free on YouTube by searching "Jolly Phonics full song".