St. Mary's Junior Boys N.S - Important Information - New Schools Communication and Payments App - Aladdin Connect - Please NOTE:

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Dear Parent/Guardian.

Our school is delighted to announce that we are now rolling out the Aladdin Schools Connect App to parents/guardians of children in our classes.

The school uses the Aladdin Schools software service <u>www.aladdin.ie</u> for administrative purposes and Connect will give you secure access to messages from the school and to details of your child's attendance, test results, reports cards etc via secure login from your internet browser or Aladdin Connect App. Electronic payments for various school expenses (Class money/school tours/Sports etc) will also be enabled.

Aladdin Connect is a fantastic way to enhance a school's communication with parents. It enables parents to stay connected and informed about their child's education by:

- Ensuring that the school has their most up to date contact information
- Allowing schools to gather permission(s) from parents
- Allowing parents to quickly and efficiently select preferred slots for parent teacher meetings
- Keeping parents apprised of their child's attendance
- Keeping parents up to date on school and classroom news via noticeboard messages
- Allowing parents to view what items their child had for homework today
- Allowing parents view their child's approved report card
- Giving parents the option to opt in to share contact information with their child's classmates' parents via the Parent Privacy option for the **class list.**
- Allowing parents to view their child's latest standardised test results

Along with strengthening our home/school partnership, we also envisage Aladdin Connect helping the school by:

- Helping to **improve attendance** by allowing parents to keep track of any school days their child may have currently missed, along with late arrival and early leaving information.
- Helping to reduce the amount of class/school notes being sent home
- Helping the school/ teachers communicate with parents when the need arises
- Reducing costs by eliminating the need to send school report cards by post
- Reducing costs by reducing the number of text messages that need to be sent

You can rest reassured that Aladdin Schools uses state-of-the-art security to safeguard information entered by the school and data is stored and processed in strict compliance with Irish and European data protection laws.

In the next few days, you will receive a text/email message containing your registration link. There will be one link per parent which will allow the parent to access information for all their children in the school from one user account. Please do not forward this text/email or share this link as this is a unique registration code for each parent for your child/children in this school. During registration you will choose a password that will be used in conjunction with your email address to securely access the Aladdin Connect going forward. If you choose you may share your own contact details with other parents of children in the same class as your children, but please be reassured that this information will not be shared unless you choose to share it. Once you are registered you will be sent an email with links to download the Aladdin Connect App for your mobile device (see reverse of this page also). The main advantage of using the App is to receive immediate alerts for app messages sent by your school. Downloading the App is highly recommended to enhance both the parent and school's Connect experience, as Aladdin Connect app will become our main method of communicating with you.

In preparation for this please let the school know if your email address or phone number has changed recently.

Please note: If there are any personal concerns, or legal provisions in place regarding giving access to Connect to any parent/guardian of your child please contact the school in confidence to discuss or restrict access as required.

We hope that you enjoy using Aladdin Connect. Your class teacher, the secretary or myself will welcome any feedback or questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

John Gunnell, Principal



How parents register for Aladdin Connect



1. Link From School

You will receive either a text or email from the school.

Within this message there will be a link unique to you.

Simply tap on this link to begin.



2. Connect Registration

The link will direct you to the Connect registration page.

You will be required to enter information such as your childs first name and date of birth, along with your own name.



3. Account Setup

The next step is to setup your login details.

To create your account you will be asked to enter an email and password that will act as your login.

Make sure to select an email you have access to and a password you will remember.



4. Account Created

Once you have created your account you will be greeted with this screen.

The next step is to download the Connect app.

If you are on mobile you can click the continue button to be directed to download the app.



5. Download App

You can find the Connect app on both the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

The App is free to install so you will need to simply press the install button to add it to your device.



6. Sign Into App

Once you have installed the Connect app the last step is to login.

Parents will use the details set up in step 3 in order to login.

Once signed in parents will be prompted to enter their mobile number for validation.