



LURGAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

P7 PUPILS

INFORMATION BOOKLET

Dear P7 Pupil

Thank you for choosing to come to Lurgan Junior High School.

We are very much looking forward to your arrival in August.

Many of you may have visited us on Open Evening, or have brothers and sisters at our school, so have some knowledge about our high expectations.

On your first day here you will have the opportunity to meet other new pupils in your class as well as your Form Teacher.

I would encourage you to do your best in all your subjects and join in many of our after-school activities. Remember, the more you put into your school life; by contributing in class, actively engaging in your lessons, asking questions, co-operating with your teachers, completing work to the very best of your ability, developing friendship groups, being part of a school team and going on school visits and trips, the more you can achieve.

I hope that you will enjoy your three years at Lurgan Junior High School and look forward to September when I have the opportunity to meet you again.

Mrs L.E. Currie
Acting Principal



LURGAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

empowering you to reach your potential, to feel respected, cared for and equal.



Mr R. McDowell
Teacher in charge of Year 8 pupil induction.

Welcome to LURGAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Parents are invited to attend the Year 8 Information Evening which will take place on **Monday 29th June at 6 p.m.** in the Junior Assembly Hall.

This is an opportunity for you as parents to become familiar with all that Lurgan JHS can offer to maximise your child's potential.

School Website:
www.ljhs.co.uk

School Forum:
www.ljhs.co.uk/forum

LJHS T.V. Studio:
www.ljhs.tv also available via the School website, click on link: [ljhs.tv](http://www.ljhs.tv)

School Email: (*Principal's Secretary*)
agraham013@c2kni.net

You are welcome to visit any of our sites to find out more about teaching and learning experiences in our school.

This booklet is designed to give you some information about the Junior High. We hope it will help you prepare for your transfer to our school in August.

REMEMBER

If you are happy in school, there is every opportunity to succeed. At Lurgan Junior High School we encourage you to:

- work to the best of your ability;
- show your good manners;
- be respectful to your teachers and fellow pupils;
- be responsible for your own behaviour and belongings.

Your teachers care about you and at all times want you to feel safe.

THE CLASSES

In Year 8, there will be 8 classes with approximately 25 pupils in each. The class, to which you are allocated, will depend on the information we receive from your present primary school.

By half term, your work will have been carefully assessed and, if necessary, you will be changed to a different class.

At Christmas, following continuous assessments throughout the term, further changes may be made.

YOUR TEACHERS

In addition to the Acting School Principal, Mrs Currie, Vice Principal, Mrs Kerr, and Acting Vice Principal, Mr Thompson Lurgan Junior High School has about 35 teachers.

1. Your Subject Teachers:

Unlike Primary School, you will have a different teacher for each separate subject; that means about 14 teachers in total!

2. Your Form Teacher:

Each class has a Form Teacher. Your Form Teacher will see you every day to mark the register and will take a special interest in your work, progress and happiness in school.



Usually your Form Teacher also teaches you one of the many subjects you will study in Year 8 - so you will get to know each other well.

Should you have any problems or concerns, please tell your Form Teacher.

Your Form Teacher will help you settle into your new school.

YOUR SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL

You will study many subjects in Year 8. You are already familiar with most of these, but a few are new:-

- Learning for Life and Work
 - Employability
 - Personal Development (PD)
 - Citizenship
- English
- Science
- French
- Technology & Design (TD)
- Home Economics (HE)
- Physical Education (PE)
- Religious Education (RE)
- Maths
- History
- Geography
- ICT
- Music
- Art & Design
- Drama



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

It is good to get involved in some of the various clubs and societies available to all pupils at Lurgan Junior High School. This will help you to make new friends. Lurgan Junior High School offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities including:-

- Football
- Fantasy League
- Musical Activities
- Computer Club
- Scripture Union
- Sports Clubs
- Art Club
- Drama
- Technology Club
- Craft Club

Classes end at 3.25pm and most clubs take place after school, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm



BUS PASSES

If you feel that you are entitled to a free bus pass, application forms are available from your **Primary School Principal**.

Your bus pass should be available in school on the first full day providing the form is completed by the beginning of July.

You will be allowed on to the bus on the first few days without your bus pass and you will not have to pay to come to school.



LUNCH

There are three options at lunch-time:-

- **buy lunch** in the canteen (*approx. £2.50*);
- **bring a packed lunch**, which you eat in the canteen;
- **go home for lunch**.

If you wish to go home for lunch, your parent/guardian must sign a letter which you will receive on your first day.

If you feel that you may be entitled to free school meals, ask your Primary School Principal for an application form.

Free meal tickets are worth approximately £2.50. (*This is the current value, but it may alter between now and September.*)



PERSONAL PROPERTY

Any item considered unnecessary, unsuitable or dangerous for school, will be removed and only returned at the end of term.

Please turn off all mobile phones, iPods and MP3 players during the school day (*see Mobile Phone Policy*).

We very much appreciate pupils who are respectful and considerate of their own property and that of other pupils and staff.

DAY 1

The first day of term is a half day. *(Friday 28th August 2015)*

Plan to arrive at school between 8.50am and 9.05am.

You will finish school at 12.30pm.

A parent or Guardian will be responsible for your transport to and from school, as there will be no buses running on this particular day.

Your first day at Lurgan Junior High School is very special, only Year 8 pupils will be in school. This enables you to become familiar with your new surroundings, your Form Teacher and your timetable.

When you arrive at school, teachers will show you where to go.

DO NOT WORRY

On your first day, you will spend quite a lot of time in your Form Room with your Form Teacher.

While you are with your Form Teacher in your Form Room, you will:

- have registration;
- meet the rest of your Form Class;
- be given your new timetable;
- tour the school and find out where your subject teachers are;
- learn about school procedures;
- be shown the canteen;
- have a chance to ask questions and discuss how the morning has gone.

A DAY IN LURGAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

A normal day is divided into ten 30 minute periods and most classes last for two periods, that is, one hour.

The time-table on page 8 shows how you will spend your first half day at Lurgan Junior High School.

YOUR FIRST HALF DAY *(Friday 28th August 2015)*

Please bring your School Fund Money (**£20 per pupil or £30 per family**) in an envelope with your name on the front. You can give it to your Form Teacher on arrival in the Form Room.

8.50am - 9.05am	Arrive in school:- teachers will direct you to the Junior Assembly Hall.
9.10am - 9.20am	Assembly:- meet the Acting Principal, Mrs Currie, and your Form Teacher.
9.20am - 10.35am	Go to Form Room with your Form Teacher.
10.35am - 10.50am	Break <i>(bring your own snack)</i> After break go to the Assembly Hall. Your Form Teacher will collect you.
10.50am - 11.20am	Return to Form Room.
11.20am - 11.50am	Form Room
11.50am - 12.20pm	Form Room
12.20pm - 12.30pm	Return to Form Room.
12.30pm	Home



YOUR FIRST FULL DAY *(Monday 31st August 2015)*

8.50am - 9.05am	Arrive in school:- remain in Junior Cloakroom until 9.05am. Go directly to Form Class.
9.10am - 9.20am	Registration with Form Teacher.
9.20am - 9.35am	Your Form Teacher will escort you to the Assembly Hall.
9.35am - 10.05am	Period 1 class on your timetable.
10.05am - 10.35am	Period 2 class.
10.35am - 10.50am	Break <i>(bring your own snack)</i> After break, go to the Assembly Hall. Your Period 3 teacher will collect you.
10.50am - 11.20am	Period 3 class
11.20am - 11.50am	Period 4 class
11.50am - 12.20pm	Period 5 class
12.20pm - 12.50pm	Lunch / Period 6 class
12.50pm - 1.25pm	Lunch / Period 6 class
1.25pm - 1.55pm	Period 7 class
1.55pm - 2.25pm	Period 8 class
2.25pm - 2.55pm	Period 9 class
2.55pm - 3.25pm	Period 10 class
3.25pm	Home



CHECKLIST FOR YOUR FIRST DAY

It is advisable to bring the following items with you:-

- school bag
- pencil case
- pens
- pencils
- colouring pencils
- eraser
- pencil sharpener
- ruler
- earphones (*portable*)
- USB pen drive

Also bring your Record of Achievement.



BREAK

- Bring a snack for Break (*if you wish*).

LUNCH

- Dinner money (*approx. £2.50*) unless you get free dinners
- A packed lunch
- Written permission to go home for lunch



LURGAN YOUTH ANNEXE

Periodically, some aspects of the curriculum, in particular LLW, will be accessed within the Youth Annexe during the school day.

In the main, the Youth Annexe has its own identity and supports our pupils through the Senior Youth club. It is run by Mr Andrew Barr, the SELB Area Youth Worker who liaises closely with the school when organising joint projects.



Lurgan Youth Annexe is situated in the grounds of our school and offers young people aged 11 - 16 a variety of extra-curricular activities in which to participate. In the Youth Annexe there is a very enthusiastic and motivated team of staff and volunteers who are committed to young people's personal and social development.

The work with the young people at Lurgan Youth Annexe is flourishing and developing at a very fast pace and it is exciting to see young people participate in a wide variety of personal and social development programmes through which they have opportunities to express their own views and opinions. Staff and volunteers have engaged with high numbers of young people from South Lurgan in a number of high profile projects. The Youth Annexe plays a vital role in supporting teachers and other professionals by supporting young people to make informed choices.

Summer Scheme will take place in July (*see website for details*). **There will be no Summer Scheme programme on 12th and 15th July.**

More details will be available on the school website in June. To access information log onto school website www.ljhs.co.uk and go to sub heading Extra Curricular then click on Youth Annexe.

OPENING HOURS

Junior Youth Club (8-11 years)	Monday: 7.00pm - 9.30pm
Senior & Junior Youth Club	Tuesday: 7.00pm - 9.30pm

So why not come along... try it out for yourself and enjoy the fun at Lurgan Youth Annexe!

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Boys' Uniform

- Blazer** Navy with maroon trim and school badge
- Trousers** Grey (*same as skirt*)
- Shirt** White
- Tie** School colours
- Socks** Grey
- Sweater** Grey, v-necked (*compulsory*)
- Shoes** Black leather sturdy shoes
- Coat** Navy outdoor coat

NO HOODIES UNDER BLAZERS AT ANY TIME

Boys' PE Uniform

Indoor

- PE Top** White, with maroon trim
- Shorts** Navy (*Indoor & Outdoor*)
- Socks** Navy with maroon trim
- Trainers** White

Outdoor

- Rugby Shirt** Maroon with navy band
- Shorts** Navy (*Indoor & Outdoor*)
- Socks** Navy with maroon turn down

Shin Guards & Football / Rugby Boots

Team Players can wear tracksuits for matches.
Tracksuit with badge - a navy 'Canterbury' tracksuit

SCHOOL UNIFORM IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL PUPILS.

You will be expected to wear the uniform specified on the uniform list.

Girls' Uniform

- Blazer** Navy with maroon trim and school badge
- Skirt** Grey with 2 front pleats
(maroon, navy & white plaid)
- Blouse** White
- Tie** School colours
- Socks** Grey with 2 maroon bands
- Tights** Navy *(these will be compulsory on return from Halloween break until end of Term 2)*
- Sweater** Grey, v-necked *(compulsory)*
- Shoes** Black, flat heeled and with black laces
(no sling-backs)
- Coat** Navy outdoor coat

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Girls' PE Uniform

- Skirt** Maroon with logo
- PE Top** White, with maroon trim
- Shorts** Plain black
- Socks** White with maroon turn down
- Trainers** White & laced

Team Players can wear tracksuits for matches.
Tracksuit with badge - a navy 'Canterbury' tracksuit



SUPPLIERS: S.D. Kells, 59 Market Street, Lurgan BT66 6AA
Menary Bros, 9b High Street, Lurgan BT66 8AW
Donaghy's 25-27 Newry Street, Banbridge BT32 3EA

NOTES *(for all pupils)*

To be fair to all our young people, we respectfully request that the guidelines below are strictly adhered to.

Coat: A suitable plain, dark coloured coat, sweatshirt or fleece may be worn as outerwear to and from school. There should be **no logos** on this clothing.

Skirt: Skirts should not be tight, slit, or made of stretch fabric. The hem of the skirt should reach the crease at the back of the knee.

Trousers: These should be **straight** legged and not a tight, 'bootleg', 'drainpipe' or 'jeans' style nor should they be 'low-rise'. There should be no large belts or buckles. Trousers should not be made out of a denim fabric or leather.

Blouse / Shirt: The blouse / shirt should be tucked into the waistband at all times with the top button fastened and the 3 'R's of the tie visible.

Shoes: Only black shoes of **sensible** design with **low heels** are acceptable and they should be clean and polished. Trainers of any kind are not permitted other than for PE classes and in cases of medical need. Shoes should protect and support feet to comply with the school's Health & Safety Regulations.

Jewellery: Jewellery raises concerns about health and safety and is not in keeping with the good appearance of the school uniform. Students may not, therefore, wear jewellery apart from a watch. **Studs or rings around the ear or in the nose, tongue, eyebrow etc. are not permitted** to remain in place until a hole has healed.

Hair: Hairstyles should be tidy, neat and acceptable to the school with no unnatural colours.
Boys: never a No. 1 haircut.

Make Up and Nails: Make-up and nail polish should not be worn in school.

Badges: Badges or emblems which are deemed by the school as likely to cause offence or detract from the good appearance of the school uniform may not be worn. Only badges which pertain to school i.e. House badges, Prefect/Form Prefect badges, etc may be worn on the school blazer.

NOTICE TO PARENTS:- SAFETY IN PE

One of our many responsibilities in teaching, particularly teaching PE, is to make pupils aware of 'safe' practice. Recent trends in training shoes and clothing have prompted us to appeal for your help.

Trainers - Please ensure your child has the correct laced training shoes which are supported.

Gum Shields - We strongly recommend the wearing of a gum shield and shin pads while playing games. In early September, pupils will receive a talk on safety from the Area Dental Nurse. She will be able to advise on appropriate mouthguards.

(Those available from shops are not recommended).



EXPENSES *(for all pupils)*

At the Year 8 Information Evening on Monday 29th June at 6 p.m. we will require payment of the **SCHOOL FUND** and **SWIMMING LESSONS** along with the return of the completed School and Swimming Fund Form *(see enclosed)*.

SCHOOL FUND - A payment of **£20 per pupil** or **£30 per family** is required. This income raised enables us to increase the educational experiences and opportunities for the pupils.

SWIMMING LESSONS - A payment of **£6 per pupil** is required *(Year 8 only on 29th June)*. As swimming is a **compulsory** element of the Physical Education Programme in Northern Ireland we will be providing a block of swimming lessons for all our Year 8 pupils commencing in term one. Transport to and from the pool will be subsidised by the school.

Additional expenses are to be paid separately to the departments concerned. This helps with the administration of school monies.

We fully appreciate the high cost of equipping children for a new school and we do try to keep requests for money to a minimum. However, we feel we must advise you that during your child's first week at our school there will be some further expenses, so be prepared!

Art Book - A contribution of **£5** is requested towards the cost of a high-quality sketch book and art material. This book will be used for homework and class work throughout your child's three year course.

Home Economics - A school apron, which is bought from the Home Economics teacher, will cost approximately **£6.50**. This must be obtained during the first two weeks of September. A file is also necessary and this may be purchased in school or brought in from home. Practical cookery is an integral part of Home Economics. Throughout the year pupils have opportunities to cook snacks and meals. A payment to cover the cost of the ingredients for the entire year will be requested in term one.

Calculator for Maths - Although traditional mathematical skills are practised, children need to be able to use a calculator efficiently and with understanding. The school recommends the Casio fx - 83ES, which costs about **£6** and may be ordered in school during September. All pupils must have their own calculator.

TD - A contribution of **£5** is requested towards the cost of materials for models made throughout the year.

Science - A contribution of **£6** will help towards the cost of a revision book, work book and reinforced folder.

On your first full day also remember your LUNCH money (approx. £2.50 per day). All pupils will be told by their teachers when other amounts are due.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. We ask that you plan in advance to be prepared for these financial contributions.

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