

# Applying to Newpark: Parent/Guardian Information Session



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# Ethos

We are a *comprehensive* school illustrated in three core value strands:

- Comprehensive intake
- Comprehensive curriculum
- Comprehensive outcomes



Association of Community and Comprehensive Schools  
*Cumann na Scoileanna Pobail agus Cuimsitheacha*



# Comprehensive intake

Diversity of culture, belief, ethnicity, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity and socio-economic background... Not just *tolerated*, but seen as a *value to the benefit of all*



# Comprehensive curriculum

We believe all young people have a right to both an academic and a vocational education and that all young people achieve the best educational outcomes by pursuing these different strands, to greater and lesser extents, together



# Comprehensive outcomes

We value a comprehensive range of destinations for our students because we believe that is what is right for them, right for their communities and right for our society



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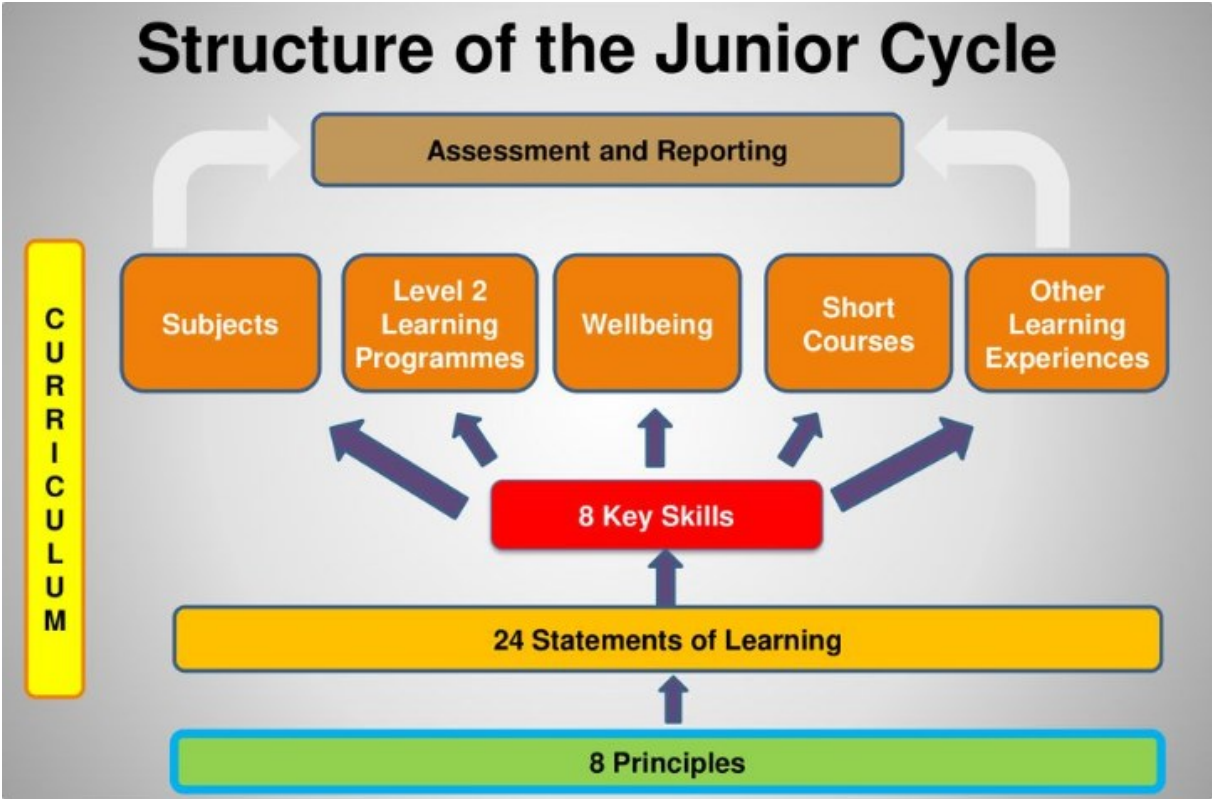


# Curriculum provision





# Junior Cycle



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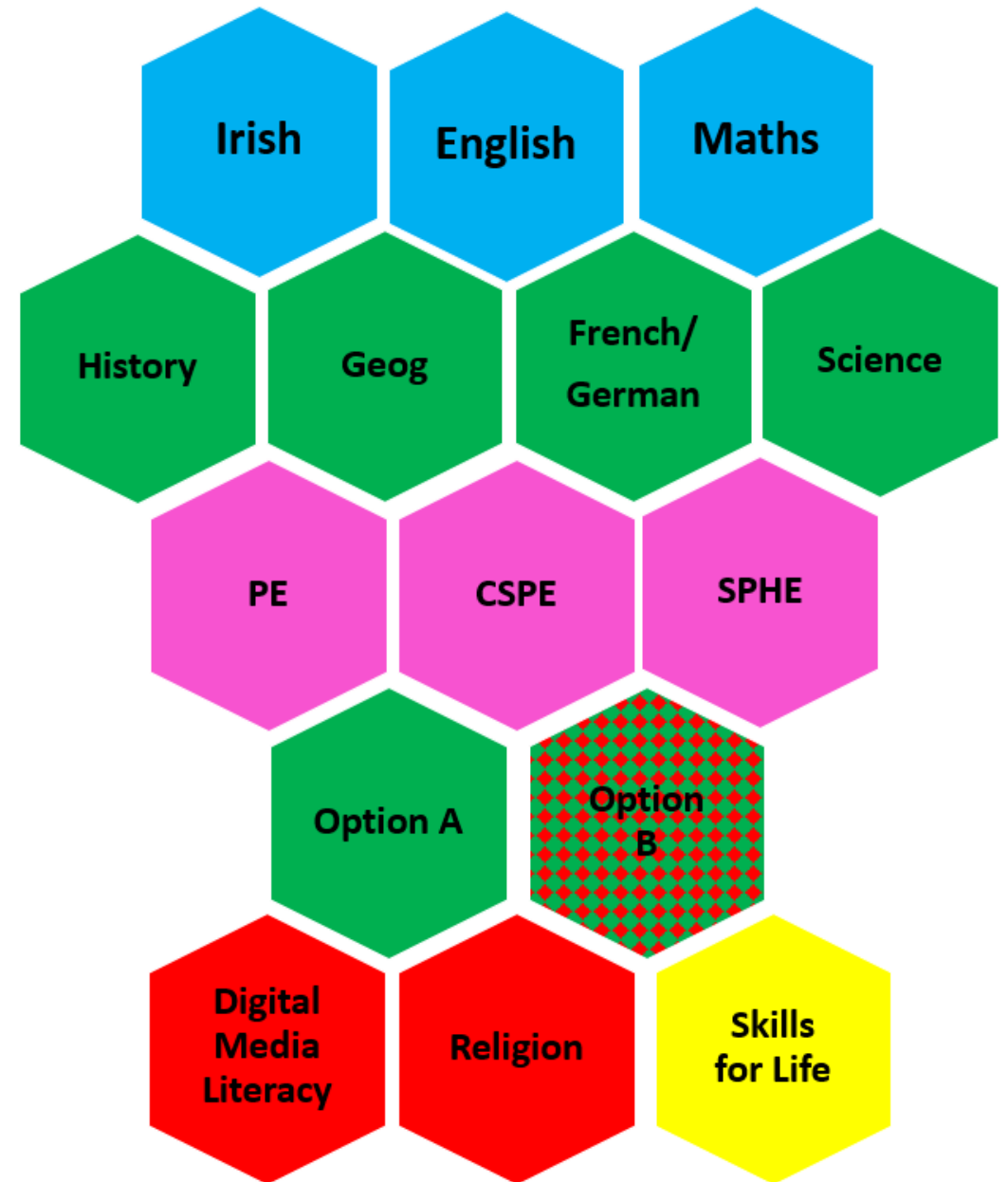
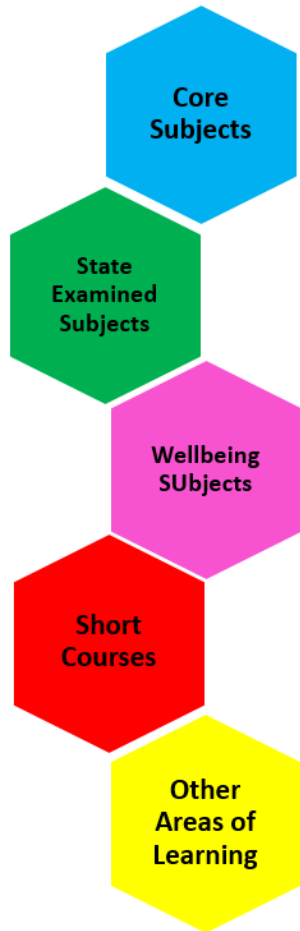
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# Junior Cycle Programme in Newpark

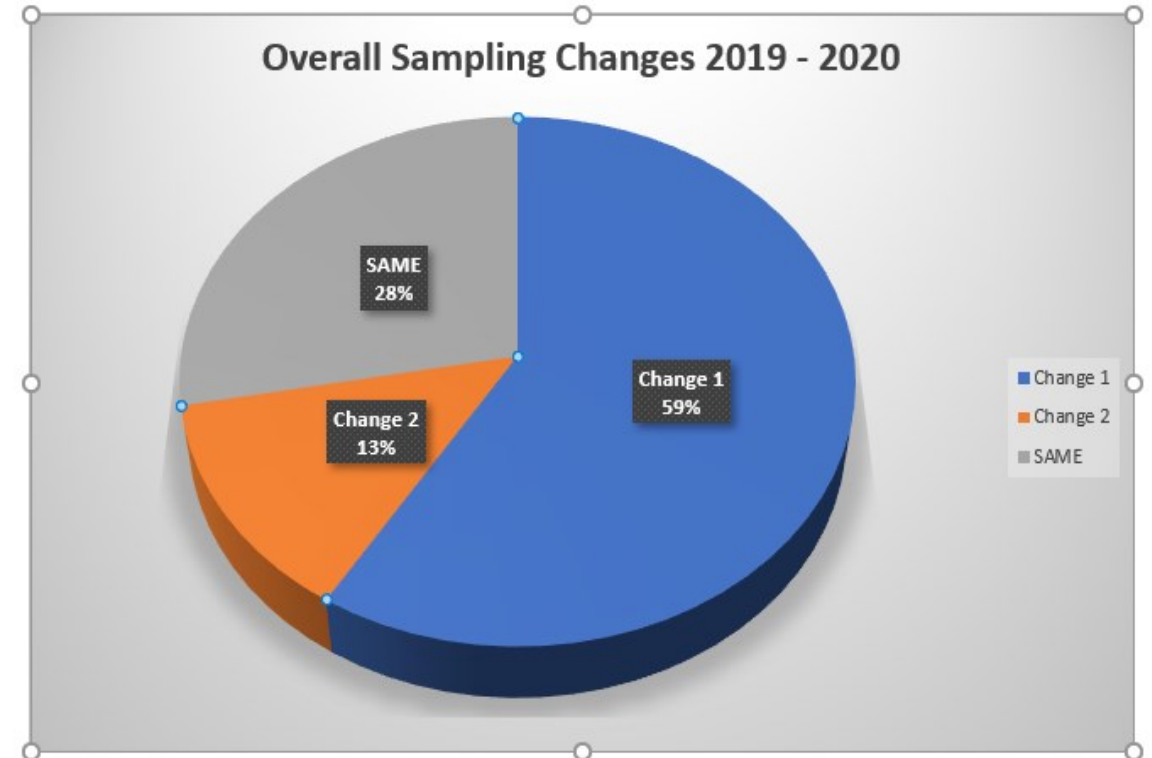


# Options, Short Courses & Skills for Life

- Art
- Business
- European Section
- Home Economics
- Metalwork
- Music
- Technical Graphics
- Woodwork
- Philosophy/Artistic Performance
- Digital Media Literacy
- Religion
- Vocabulary Enrichment Program (VEP)
- Mindfulness
- Drama
- Maths
- Coding, Film Studies, Visual Design Technology

# Option sampling

- Option subjects sampled over two blocks of four weeks
- Four subjects sampled in total by the end of the sampling period
- Option choices set up to start after the Halloween break



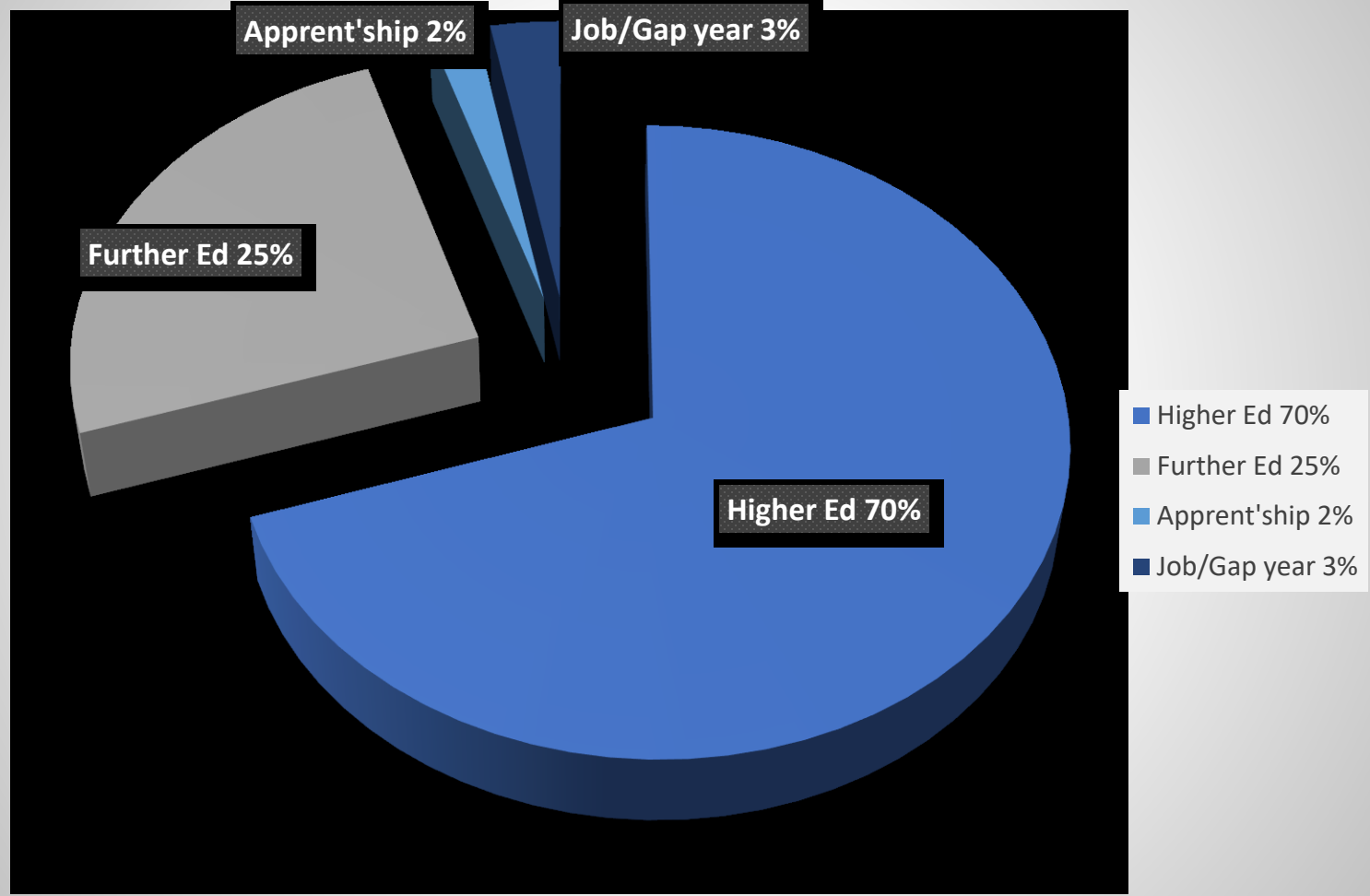
# Senior Cycle

- Transition Year - Mandatory
- Leaving Certificate Established
- Leaving Certificate Vocational Program
- Leaving Certificate Applied





# Where do Newpark students go?



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- National average in Higher Education participation is 60% in Ireland and 40% in UK
- 80% of our Higher Education progression students attend UCD, TCD, TU Dublin and IADT
- Newpark's 'first destination' statistics reflect appropriate next step education and training choices (i.e. according to learning style) and informed career decision making on behalf our students



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# Extra curricular - Academic

- SciFest
- Maths Week
- Maths Olympiad
- Science Week
- French Week
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Green Week
- Music Links Programme  
(Schlinks)



# Extra curricular - Sport

- Hockey
- Rugby
- Basketball
- Swimming
- Athletics
- Equestrian
- Chess



# Extra curricular – Arts & Culture

- Drama
- Visual
- Animé
- Green Schools
- Christian Union
- Model United Nations
- Creative Writing
- Newpark Singers
- Newpark Orchestra
- Film making
- LGBT+
- Club Gaeilge
- Newsletter



# Extra curricular - Travel

- Aran Islands
- London
- Stratford
- Donegal
- Venice
- Biarritz
- Berlin
- Language Exchange



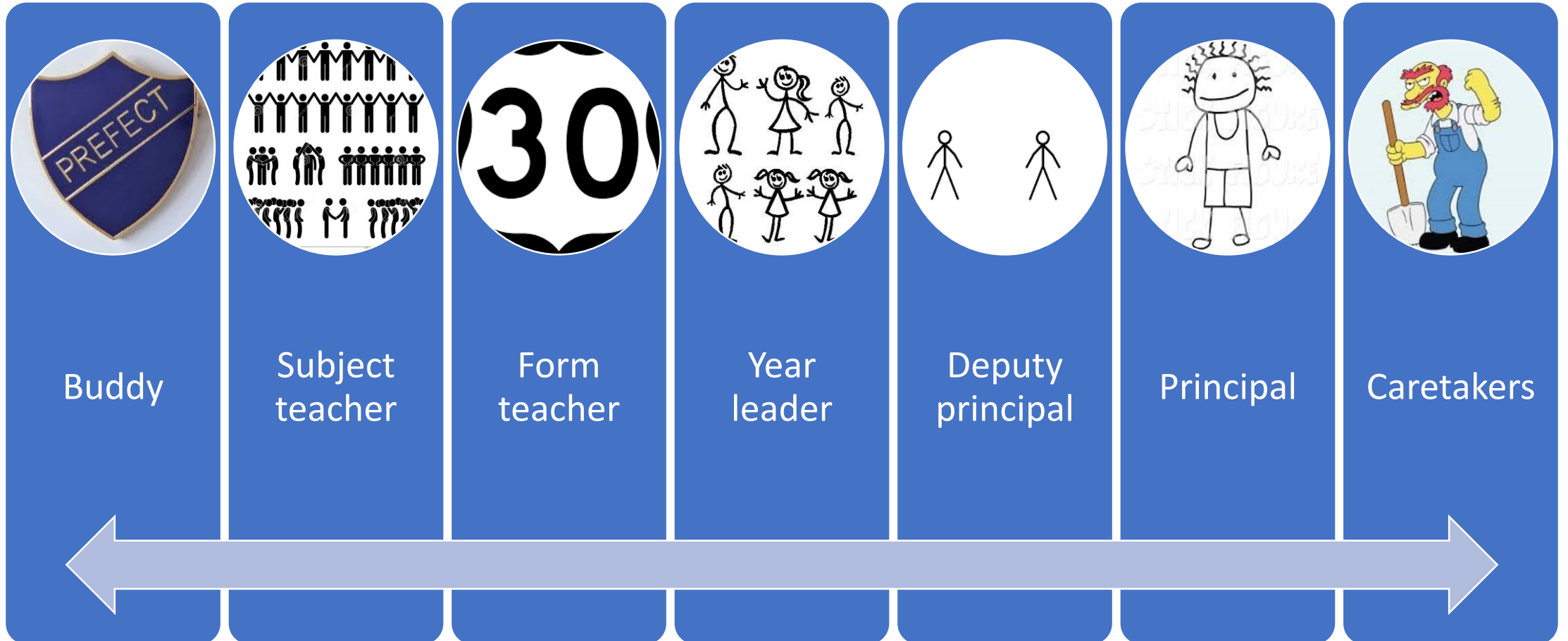
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# People your child will encounter



# Student Support



Guidance  
Counsellors



Chaplain



Nurses



Support  
teachers



# Wellbeing

- 400 hours over Junior Cycle
- SPHE, PE, CSPE
- Senior Cycle 'Life Skills'
  
- Student Voice
- Restorative Practices
- Relationship & Behaviour Policy



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# Communications

- School Journal
- Website [newparkschool.ie](http://newparkschool.ie)
- School App
- Text message
- Email/letter
- VShare
- Parent/Guardian teacher meetings
- Newsletter



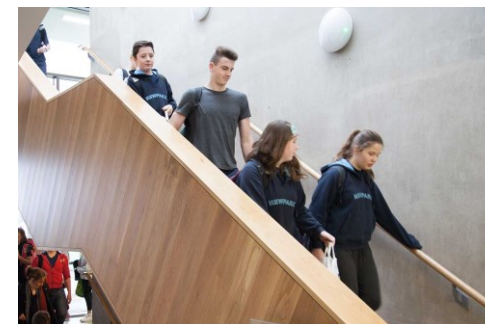
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# Estimate of costs

- **Books (approximately)** €300
- **Uniform** €120
- **Locker rental (PTA Six Years)** €135
- **Voluntary Contribution Year 1** €325
- **ECA Sports** €150



# Voluntary contribution

**There is no charge for tuition**

- School Nurses
- Equipment
- Improvement projects
- Library
- Books and prizes
- Extra curricular activities





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# Complete the application pack

AF1 – General

AF2 – Medical

AF3 - Academic



## Application Form

Date Received Stamp

Student Information	
FIRST NAME(S) _____	SURNAME _____
Date of Birth _____	Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Country of Birth _____	Religious Denomination _____
Address _____	
Proposed year of entry _____ Year Group (1-6) _____ PPS Number _____	
Name of current school _____	
Name of previous schools _____	
Number of children in family _____	Position of applicant in family _____
Names of siblings at Newpark _____	
Parental Information	
Mother/Guardian	Father/Guardian
Name _____	_____
Address _____	_____
Occupation _____	_____
Home telephone _____	_____
Work telephone _____	_____
Mobile telephone _____	_____
Email address _____	_____



## Confidential Medical Information

Confidential Medical Information	
FIRST NAME(S) _____	SURNAME _____
Date of Birth _____	Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> PPS Number _____
Address _____	
Mother/Guardian	Father/Guardian
Name _____	_____
Home telephone _____	_____
Work telephone _____	_____
Mobile telephone _____	_____
Mother's Maiden Name _____	Medical Card? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>In the event of parents/guardians being unavailable please list an emergency contact person</i>	
Name _____	Telephone _____
Medical Details	
1. Is your child on medication? If so please give details.	
_____	
2. Has your child had the Meningococcal C vaccination against Meningitis? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Please indicate if your child has any of the following conditions and list details	
Epilepsy <input type="checkbox"/>	Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	
4. If there is a reason why your child may not participate in sporting activities please list details and include relevant doctor's letter(s).	
_____	



## Educational Information

Educational Information	
FIRST NAME(S) _____	SURNAME _____
1. LANGUAGES	
• If your child has studied language/s other than English and Irish:	
1. State the language/s studied: _____	
2. For how many years? _____	
• Which of the following language options do you wish your child to take in Newpark:	
French <input type="checkbox"/> French (European section) <input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	
English language support classes are in place for some students who speak English as a second language. The aim is to improve students' use of English for their class work, homework and exams.	
• Do you think your child needs English language support in Newpark? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
• Did your child have English language support in his/her previous school? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
• If yes, for how many years? _____	
• Has your child been exempted from Irish in Primary school? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
(A copy of the Irish exemption MUST be attached to this form)	
2. CHILD'S INTERESTS, HOBBIES AND AMBITIONS	
_____	
_____	
3. STUDENT PROFILE	
Please give us a brief profile of your child. All comments will be treated with respect and confidence. The following guidelines may help.	
Family background	Personality strengths/difficulties
Physical strengths/difficulties	Academic strengths/difficulties
Achievements and skills	Ever subjected to bullying?
_____	
_____	



# Complete the application pack

- Forms AF1, AF2 and AF3
- Primary school certification (green form)
- Acceptance of school policies and data protection
- Four passport sized photographs
- Copy of birth certificate
- Payment of 75 euro as deposit



Submit the application pack

Deadline for acceptance

**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Places will be allocated week commencing Monday,  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**



# Important future dates

- Year One Induction: March/April 2020
- Next information evening: April 2020
- First day in school: Late August 2020
- Parent/Guardian meeting: September 2020
- Report log in: December 2020



# Important contact details

**All enquiries about enrolment to Ms. Rachel Plunkett**

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At our first assembly...



# Questions & Answers





Many thanks for coming along this evening

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