

St. Joseph's P.S. Galbally

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RE: Transfer Test

5th November 2020

Dear Parent,

As you will be aware, the transfer test is going ahead in some of our local Post-Primary schools in January 2021. In continuing to best prepare those children seeking to sit the transfer test, two practice tests will be sent home on Mondays beginning next week (Monday 9th).

These practice tests are to be completed at home and will be corrected in school on **Tuesdays (Numeracy)** and **Thursdays (Literacy)**.

For purposes of preventing the spread of Covid, practice tests will be sent home in polly-pockets and must be brought into school in polly-pockets. You may wish to get your child a plastic folder that can be wiped-down to keep these practice papers in.

Children are to bring completed practice tests in on the day they are being corrected, i.e. - **Tuesdays (Numeracy)** and Thursdays **(Literacy)**.

Prior to the transfer test taking place, those children taking the test will sit several 'mock' exams, completing both a literacy and numeracy test in the format and timeframe of the actual test.

These measures will build on the excellent work Mr Kelly did during lockdown from March to June in providing online literacy and numeracy tests,

alongside regular learning activities, on a weekly basis to best support and prepare the children.

Please be reassured that if your child is not sitting the transfer test, your child will continue to receive equal support and access to the curriculum. It will always be our priority that <u>every</u> child attending St. Joseph's receives the best education and therefore the best opportunity to achieve their full potential in life.

Can I ask that all parents complete this <u>online form</u> to confirm whether they do/do not want practice test sent home for their child.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding the transfer test, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Hugh Meenagh

Principal