



Larkin Community College
Coláiste Pobail Lorcáin

Incoming First Year Information Booklet 2020



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Ms. Maccari – Italian	

We can't wait to meet you all
and work with you over the
next few years!!

Introducing our Principal & Deputy Principal



Mr. Usher
Principal



Ms. Doyle
Deputy Principal



Mr. Usher and Ms. Doyle are looking forward to welcoming you all to the school on your first day!

If you need to speak to them they are always available before and after school and at break times.

Message from Ms. Tyrrell First Year, Year Head

Firstly, I would like to welcome you all to Larkin Community College. I am sure that you are all so excited about starting your new journey in secondary school. My name is Ms Tyrrell and I am First Year, Year Head.

This can be a very exciting time filled with lots of change, new experiences and opportunities to develop and meet new people. You will also get an opportunity to try a range of different subjects and extra-curricular activities in the school.

It's understandable to feel a sense of worry or nervousness before you start secondary school. This is perfectly normal. I am here to support you during this time and throughout the course of the year. I am responsible for providing you with information, your timetable and discussing any concerns you may have or resolving issues which may arise over the course of the year. Each class group will have a tutor assigned to them who will support and help you also.

On behalf of all the staff, tutors and myself we are really looking forward to seeing you on the first day at Larkin Community College where we will start your Secondary School Journey together.



Ms Tyrrell
1st Year, Year Head

Summer Induction Programme

We hope to run a **compulsory** summer induction programme for all students from Monday the 17th to Thursday the 20th of August for 3 hours in the morning.

This programme will give you the opportunity to get to know your classmates and try out lots of activities such as art and craft, baking, sport, computers and lots more.

We will be in touch with more details in early August!

List of Subjects

This is a list of the subjects you will be studying.
You must do the green subjects and you have a choice with the blue subjects

Junior Certificate
English
Irish
Maths
P-Tech Coding
Wellbeing
Science
History
Geography
Physical Education
P-Tech Robotics
CSR
Home Economics
Woodwork
Art
Music
Italian/Spanish
Business

Scholarships

One day a week for two classes you will take part in one of our scholarships. If you are not on a scholarship programme you will be in class.

Arts Scholarship



Soccer Scholarship



Basketball Scholarship



School Uniform

You can buy your uniform in

Michael Guineys, North Earl Street, Dublin 1

Available from 2nd week in August

Navy school jumper with Larkin Community College crest, school tie, white shirt, navy trousers or school skirt & black shoes.

Girls can wear trousers or skirt.

Full uniform is compulsory at all times.



PE Uniform

Our new tracksuit comprises of Tee-Shirt – white with navy piping 1/4 zip
Hoodie with Larkin Logo/Leggings
Total price €65
Available to order from our supplier on-line (details to follow)



Books

Your books will be provided by the school and given to you by your teachers.
A payment of €150 (Non-Scholarship), €100 (Scholarship) must be paid to cover the cost. (This includes Insurance fee/all photocopying)

We are introducing a new online payment system and will be in touch to let you know when it will be available.



Stationery

- School Bag
- Pencil Case (Generously sized)
- Pens (Blue/Black/Red)
- Pencils and pencil sharpener
- Pencil eraser
- 30cm ruler
- Scientific Calculator
- Maths Set (Geometry set- Compass, Set Square, 360 degree protractor)
- Colouring pencils
- Highlighters
- A4 softback and hardback copies
- A4 Science copy
- A4 Maths Copy

Important Note

This is not a full list of everything you need but it will give you all a good idea of what you may need for starting Secondary School. It is not intended to put extra expense on parents as hopefully most of these items will already be at home from 6th class.

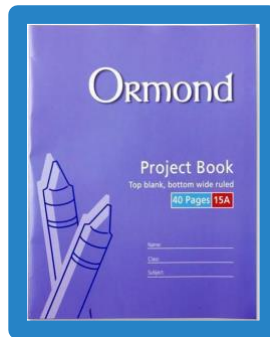


Organisation Tips

With so many different subjects each day, there are steps you can take before you start school to help with keeping everything organised and safe.

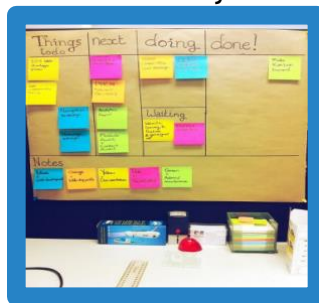
Labelling

Having your books/copies labelled with your name and class ensures that if a book goes missing it will be easier to find.



Organisation

Check your school timetable the night before to see what classes you have the next day.



Homework Journal Tips

It is a good idea to write in Topic and Homework for each class. Your tutor will explain this to you on the first day.

If you have no homework in a particular class, write in what you did in class that day.

Your tutor will check each week that your diary is up to date and in good condition.

You must have your homework diary with you in all classes!

Layout of the School Day

Class begins: 8:40 am

Little Break: 10:40 to 10:50 am

11:00 to 11:10 am (Wednesdays)

Lunch Break: 12:50pm to 1:30pm

Classes Finish: 3:30 pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

1:10 pm (Wednesday)

Please note the timings of the school day may change due to Covid – 19 restrictions.

First years do not have permission to leave the school at lunch time unless they are going home or meeting a relative.

If this is the case a permission slip will need to be completed.

School Holidays 2020 /2021

This is the agreed school calendar for 2020/2021.

October 2020 – Midterm Break

The school will close from Monday 26th of October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020.

Christmas 2020

The school will close on Tuesday 22nd December 2020 and will re-open on Wednesday 6th January 2021

February 2021 – Midterm Break

Schools will close from Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021.

Easter 2021

All schools will close Friday 26th March 2021 and will re – open on Monday 12th April 2021.

These dates are subject to contingency arrangements within the standardised school year to deal with unforeseen school closures

Timetable

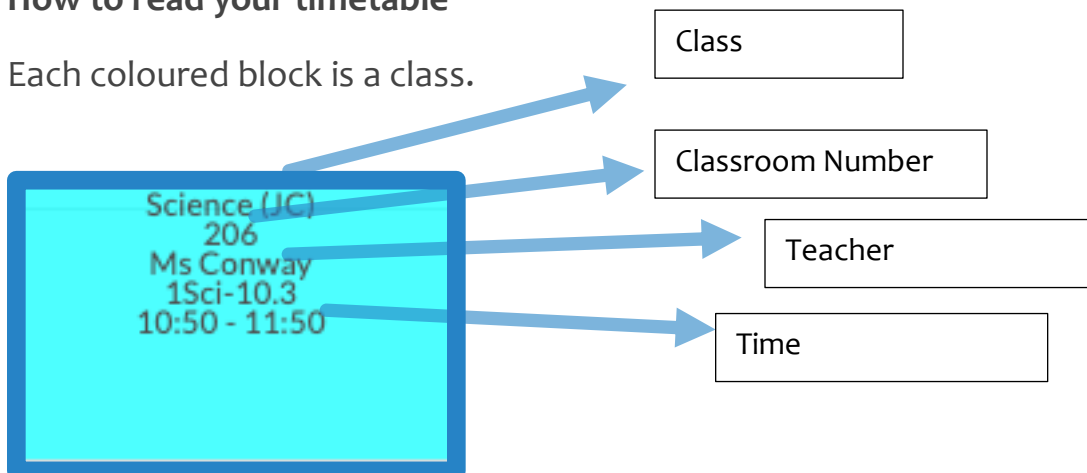
When you get your timetable on the first day back, it is a good idea to make a few copies of it. You will have it in your homework diary, but also put one on a wall at home so you can get used to it quickly.

SAMPLE Timetable – You will get a different one on your first day.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:30 - 08:40					
08:40 - 09:40	Italian 18a-5.1 201 Sophie Gerrard, Ms Kelly, Ms Higgins	Italian 18a-5.1 201 Sophie Gerrard, Ms Kelly, Ms Higgins	CSR 1CSa-11.3 203 Ms O'Dowd, Ms McKenna	Science (JC) 1Sci-4.2 206 Ms Conway	CSR 1CSa-11.3 203 Ms O'Dowd, Ms McKenna
09:40 - 10:40	Mathematics 18a-5.1 203 Ms Kelly	Basketball 18a-5.1 203 Mr McGuire	Music 18a-5.1 129 Mr Cusack	Art, Craft, Design 18a-5.1 129 Ms McKenna	Music 18a-5.1 129 Ms Kelly, Mr Cusack
10:40 - 10:50			TUTOR 1TUT-4.3 203 Ms Dunphy		
10:50 - 11:50	Basketball 18a-5.1 203 Mr McGuire	Geography 18a-5.1 203 Mr Delaney		Media Studies 1st Med grp 204 Ms Conway	Mathematics 18a-5.1 203 Ms Kelly
11:50 - 12:50	English 1Eng-C 203 Ms Craghton	Mathematics 18a-5.1 203 Ms Kelly	English 1Eng-C 203 Ms Craghton, Ms Meagher	Media Studies 1st Med grp 204 Ms Conway	Robotics 1Rob-C 213 Ms Jackson
12:50 - 13:10			History 18a-5.1 203 Mr McGuire		
13:10 - 13:30			Wellbeing 1WB-C 203 Ms Craghton, Ms McKenna		
13:30 - 14:30	Coding 1Cod-C 101 Mr Devine	English 1Eng-C 203 Ms Gavin, Ms Craghton		Geography 18a-5.1 203 Mr Delaney, Ms Kelly	Irish 18a-5.1 203 Ms McKenna
14:30 - 15:30	Art, Craft, Design 18a-5.1 129 Ms McKenna	Irish 18a-5.1 203 Ms McKenna		History 18a-5.1 203 Mr McGuire	Science (JC) 1Sci-4.2 206 Ms Conway
15:30 - 16:30					

How to read your timetable

Each coloured block is a class.



School Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks

Breakfast Club

Breakfast is available daily for all students in the school from 8:00 to 08:30 in Room 211.

A selection of fresh smoothies, juices, fruit bowls and toast with an assortment of condiments. All students are welcome to attend.

Break Time Snacks

We offer a selection of fresh fruit daily at morning break time for all students.

Lunch Time - Hot lunches

Larkin College promote a healthy eating policy to improve concentration, performance and eating habits. Hot meals are available. We offer a seasonal menu with vegetarian options. All meals are prepared daily with only the freshest ingredients.

For the first few weeks first years will be allowed down to queue for lunches a few minutes before the rest of the school.

Payment can be made monthly on our on-line system (details to follow)

Water

Water bottles are provided free for all of our students, we have a number of water fountains available for students to refill their bottles at lunch time. As we are a green school plastic bottles are not permitted.



Tutor Time

Your tutor (who will meet on the first day back) will have a class with you each Wednesday at 10:40. They are the head of your class. They will check your diary, collect notes, discuss any issues etc.

If you are worried or unsure about anything, please talk to your tutor about it.



After School Study

After school supervised study is offered to all students in our school community. This year we hope to pilot a study club for 1st years specifically which will aim to provide specific tailored homework support to students in establishing good homework routines and time management.



Finding Your Way Around

Included in the folder is a copy of the layout of the school.

Even before you start school it is a good idea to see where the rooms are. Then when you get your timetable you will find out exactly what rooms you will be in for each class.

If you print out the map you can pop it in your homework diary to use when you start school. PLEASE don't worry if you cannot remember where all the rooms are from the beginning.

You can ask any staff member or other students where the room is if you are unsure. You will get to know the rooms very quickly.



School Library – Book in Bag

Larkin students have access to a high-quality JCSP Library run by two qualified librarians, Jenny and Michelle. The library is usually open before school, at lunchtime and after school. Lots of fun events and activities happen here. All First-Year students will have weekly Library classes, reading homework and will be expected to have a library book in their schoolbag every day. First Years will also have access to our online Digital Library, Sora.



Have a look at the library page of our website to take part in our Summer Reading BINGO Challenge and explore our newly created Virtual Library where students can click on the pictures to access Sora, our Digital Library and MyON where they can access eBooks and audiobooks as well as many other resources, puzzles and competitions.

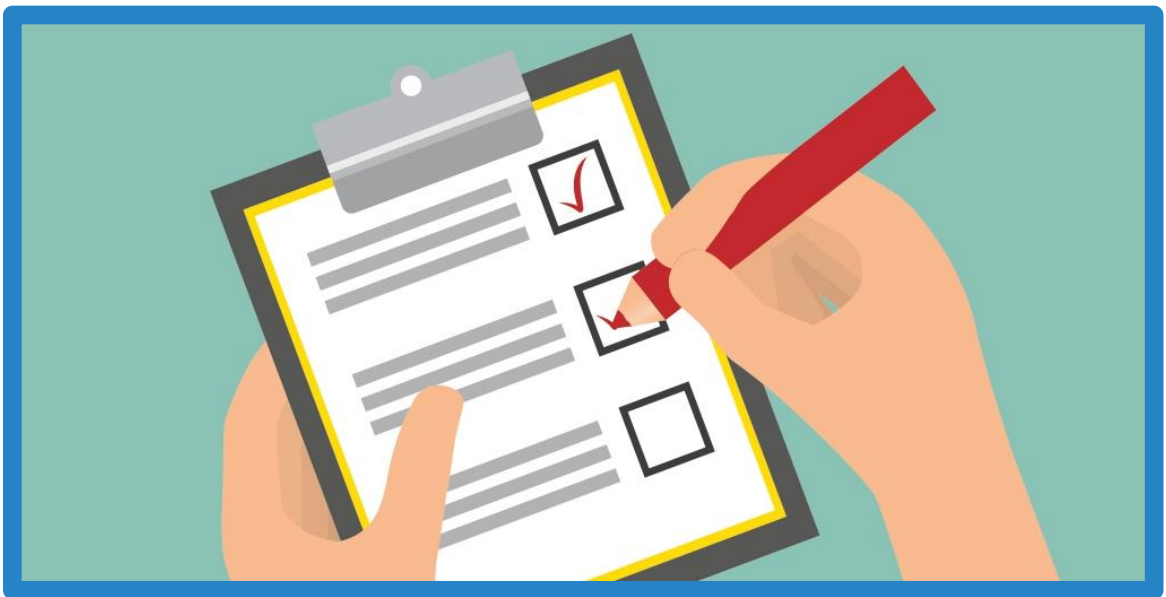
<http://larkincommunitycollege.ie/library>



School Day to Day Checklist

For school each day I need:

- School bag
- School books and copies for that day
- Pencil Case with my stationery
- Homework diary Lunchbox or lunch money
- Water
- PE Kit
- Any other specific equipment (ingredients for Home Economics instruments etc...)
- Any letters to take into school?



Top Tips For Settling Into Secondary School

Every single one of our students have been in first year and have felt the same feelings you are currently feeling. Some of them got together to offer you some advice!

[Click here to watch a video from them!](#)

Be organised, get to know your timetable!

Plan your journey to school so that you get in on time!

Try everything and anything. Take parts in sports and clubs

Don't try so hard to fit in, and certainly don't try so hard to be different... just try hard to be you!

Be Kind!
If someone else seems to be having a hard time, try to help. This is a good way to make friends and hopefully they will return the

Be Brave! It might seem hard to make new friends but everyone is feeling the same way. Say hello!

Questions

Thank you to those of you who sent us in some great questions! We have tried to answer them as best we can and look forward to answering more during the summer induction programme!

Will we have lockers?

Unfortunately we don't have lockers at the moment in school. If you have a device at home you will be able to access your eBooks.

What date do we start back?

The **provisional** date for first years is Monday 31st of August. Please note this date may change.

Due to Covid-19 we have missed a lot of school will there be help available to make up for this?

We will be holding a summer programme for all first year students from the 17th to 20th of August. This programme is **mandatory** for all first year students.

How will I pay my school fees?

We are currently setting up an online system and will send on details of this once it is up and running.

Is it safe to go back to school in August?

At the moment we are following advice from the Public Health professionals and the Department of Education. It is hoped that students will be back in August and we are currently planning for what that will look like.

Am I going to have my own table?

First years will have their own base classroom and their own chair and table. There will be cleaning materials provided for each student to wipe down their table before and after use. There will also be hand sanitiser provided in every class.

When can I get a tour of the school?

We hope to arrange a tour as part of the summer induction programme.

Can you change classes if you have already picked them?

Each of you will be put into a base class called a tutor group and will be in that class for most of your subjects. The options subjects for first years include Business, Music, Art, Italian, Spanish, Woodwork and Home Economics. You will be mixed with other first years during those classes.

What is your policy on bullying?

[Click here for a copy of our anti bullying policy](#)

Do you have teachers that can help students out when they need help with school work?

There will be an after school study club available for all first years and we will provide more details of this in September. There will also be learning support and English as an additional language classes available.

Will we have to do any tests?

All first years will complete a standardised test at the end of September to assess where they are at.

Each subject teacher will give you regular exams and two reports will go home, one at Christmas and one in Summer.

Will I be able to do sport?

Each week all students will have PE on their timetables. Those who are on the football and basketball programmes will have an additional two hours of training each week. At the moment we are awaiting guidance from the Dept of Education and the Public Health authorities on when team sports can restart.

Are there an after school activities?

After school study, music club, gospel choir and basketball.

Will I be in a class with friends from my last school?

We can't guarantee this as the classes are decided on a random basis. There will be students from primary schools all over Dublin in first year and you will get the opportunity to make lots of new friends!

Will I get much homework?

You will be given homework in each class every day to complete.

How to Access Office 365

You will be given a school email account (@larkincommunitycollege.ie) which you can use to access materials from teachers and also to store your work.

The screenshot shows the Larkin Community College website with a blue background. At the top, there are several logos: Office 365, VSWARE, Parent Teacher Meeting, Moodle, Sora, myON, Accelerated Reader, and GL Assessment. A red arrow points from the Office 365 logo to a text box on the right that says "Click here and enter your school email and password." Below the logos, the college's name and address are listed: "Larkin Community College, Champions Avenue, Cathal Brugha Street, Dublin 1, Ireland". There are also social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. At the bottom, contact information is provided: "Call : (01) 874 1913 or (01) 874 1928, Fax: (+353 1) 874 9127, Email : larkinupdates@lcc.cdetb.ie". Social media links are also listed: "https://twitter.com/LarkinCDETB, https://www.facebook.com/Larkincollege/, https://www.instagram.com/larkincdetb/". A yellow box on the right contains a "Top Tip: Download Microsoft Outlook on to your phone!".

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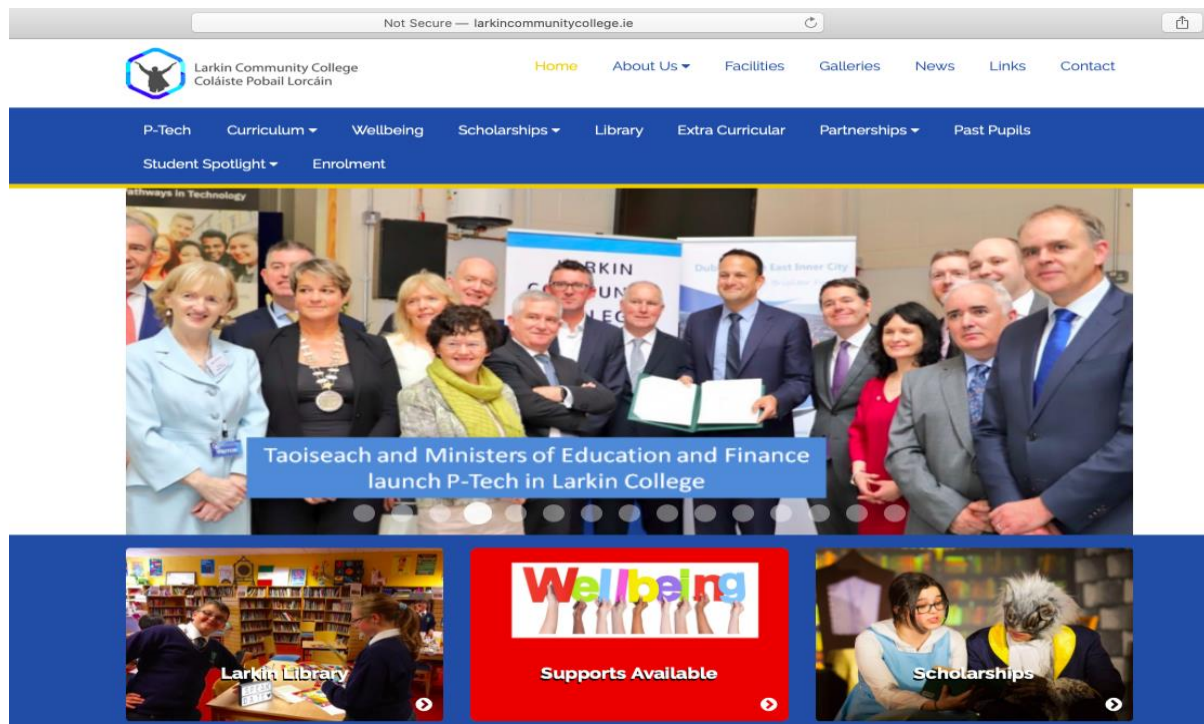
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