

# Open Night FAQ's

## 1. How do I make an application for 1<sup>st</sup> Year enrolment at Crescent College Comprehensive SJ?

### You must:

- Complete the Limerick Area Post-Primary Schools Common Application form and Data Consent Form. Please note that is very important to include the PPS Number.
- When completing the form please indicate **11** schools to which you are applying in genuine, descending order of choice.
- Early submission of forms is advisable, however the forms must be submitted no later than **12.30pm, Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**
- When you have the form completed, please enclose a self-stamped addressed envelope. You may come to the school and ring the doorbell. Someone will come to the door and collect the form from you. Alternatively, you may post the form to:  
Principal  
Crescent College Comprehensive SJ  
Dooradoyle  
Limerick V94 W6W8

### Please do not email application forms.

- Once the application has been processed, an acknowledgement will be posted to you. If you have not received any communication from the school within a week, please contact the school office on 061 229655.
- Lastly all participating post-primary schools will post offer on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## 2. How can I contact the school?

The school can be contacted by telephone on 061229655 or via email at [info@crecentsj.com](mailto:info@crecentsj.com)

<p><b>3. How can I prepare my child for secondary school?</b></p>	<p>Moving to secondary school can be a daunting time for both children and their parents. Encourage your child to be organised. Remind them never be afraid to ask for help, or talk to someone they trust, like you or their Form Tutor if they're concerned about anything. Suggest they make the first effort to make new friends. Also to prepare your child for transition is to develop their independence skills by perhaps by encouraging them organise their own school bags to get ready for school or other activities and looking after their belongings.</p>
<p><b>4. What happens on my child's first day?</b></p>	<p>The students will be dropped off at the back of the school and will be greeted by the Principal &amp; Deputy Principals. The-Year Head and School Prefects will direct them to their base classroom. During the morning they will hear from the: Year Head; Form Tutor; Principal; Deputy Principals, IT Technician (Microsoft Teams) &amp; Guidance Department (Wellbeing). Students will receive their timetables and school journals. They will only have to bring a pencil/pen and copy book with them. No books just yet.</p>
<p><b>5. How will my child know where to go on the first day?</b></p>	<p>Parents will received letters in early August via the school app providing further information. Staff &amp; Prefects will also be on hand on the first day to greet pupils.</p>
<p><b>6. What uniform and books does my child need?</b></p>	<p>You can access details of our uniform and booklist on our Crescent College School App and Website. We will alert parents when the booklist is available.</p>
<p><b>7. How are classes made up?</b></p>	<p>First Year is made up of five 30-student classes. Each class must represent a mix of gender and ability.</p>

<p><b>8. Which subjects will my child study?</b></p>	<p>Subjects studied by all students for Junior Cert are:</p> <p>Irish English Maths Science History Geography Modern Foreign Language (choice of one – Spanish, French, German) Physical Education Civic, Social and Political Education (CSPE) Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE) Religious Education</p> <p><u>Elective Subjects</u></p> <p>Students choose two subjects from the following:</p> <p>Music Visual Art Home Economics Business Materials Technology (Woodwork/Metalwork) Technical Graphics</p> <p><i>Students get six weeks at the beginning of first year to try out these options before making their choices.</i></p>
<p><b>9. The School Day</b></p>	<p>Students are to be in their Roll Call room at 8:55AM for attendance. First Class is at 9AM with each class lasting 40 minutes. There are two staggered morning breaks and lunch breaks. School finishes at 3:55pm except on Wednesdays when classes finish at 1:20pm.</p>
<p><b>10. Will they need PE kit on the first day?</b></p>	<p>No. PE gear will not be required on the first day. Details of PE gear are listed under Uniform details on the school app and website.</p>
<p><b>11. What do pupils do for lunch?</b></p>	<p>Pupils can bring a packed lunch or purchase their lunch from our school canteen using the Canteen Card via the Crescent College School App. Our lunchtime food service is provided by Get Fresh.</p>
<p><b>12. How do I pay for my child's school trips?</b></p>	<p>As a cashless school, we use Crescent College App to assign fees for all payments including school trips, books, etc. When your child enrolls in the school the standard charge for 1<sup>st</sup> year will be applied. You will have the option to pay this in full or over 12 months.</p>

<p><b>13. What happens if my child feels unwell during the day?</b></p>	<p>If pupils become unwell they will be seen by a member of support staff. Please note that we do not have a school nurse or any medical professionals onsite. If pupils are too unwell to remain in school, parents will be contacted to collect their child. Medical information forms are included in our First Year Information Pack via the school app prior to joining us for you to advise us of any medical conditions your child may have.</p>
<p><b>14. What should I do if my child loses something?</b></p>	<p>Pupils should check the rooms where they last visited and parents/students can enquire at Reception to check with lost property.</p>
<p><b>15. What can my child do if they are upset, worried or having friendship issues?</b></p>	<p>Pupils can speak to their Form Tutor or a member of the pastoral team who will offer support and address any concerns.</p>
<p><b>16. How does the school communicate with parents/guardians?</b></p>	<p>Our School App - The school uses Unique school app to communicate with our parents/guardians/students. To get the most up-to-date information it is important to download the app. Information and video is available on the school's website.</p>
<p><b>17. Is my child allowed a phone in school?</b></p>	<p>Yes, for limited use.</p>
<p><b>18. What should we do if we do not have internet access?</b></p>	<p>Please let us know if you do not have internet access at home so that we are aware and can send paper copies of letters, documents etc.</p>