



St. Pius Summer Project

A Beginner's Guide



The St. Pius Summer Project is two weeks of fun-filled activities designed for creativity, learning, teamwork - with a healthy dose of competition. The spirit of the summer project is legendary, with kids talking about their experiences for years to come.

What makes the Summer Project so special?

Feedback from parents tell us that the best thing about the Summer Project is the variety of activities, mixing of different ages and mixing of girls and boys ensuring fun and excitement every day.

The Project is divided into:

- Junior Group which includes children who have just finished junior infants up to those who have finished 1st class and
- Senior Group which includes children who have finished 2nd class to 6th class.

The only ask of each family is to make one adult available to supervise two activities over the two weeks. This means that you attend those two activities to ensure we have adequate adult supervision - there will be a committee member to support this and each activity is run by the professionals.

The final schedules will be agreed in the weeks prior to enrolment but here are some examples of what you can expect.

For the younger children, there might be a dance class, martial arts class, hoop games, magic show, tennis, art, baking, day trip, etc.

For the older children, there might be tennis, dance class, golf, art, martial arts, climbing wall, a day trip to Hell and Back, hiking, baking, etc.

There are also activities that both juniors and seniors do together. For example a day trip to Clara Lara, an afternoon at the cinema. One of the highlights of the Summer Project is the annual Olympic Handball tournament which is held two evenings each week with a spread of all ages and from all classes on every team. This event embodies the spirit of the Summer Project as the older children support and mentor the younger children. It's wonderful to see their confidence grow as they take part in new things and share their excitement with their friends old and new.

What else do I need to know?

The Summer Project works because every family volunteers to supervise two events over the course of the two weeks. We promise this isn't very onerous, the children love to see their parents supervise and it's a great way to meet other parents from the community also.

You sign up for your supervision events at enrolment which takes place in the school hall on a Saturday morning during April/May.

Our aim is to have everyone who supervises be Garda Vetted for the Summer Project and you must complete the Child Safety course. This ensures the best running of the Summer Project, but don't worry, we will share all the details you need for this and help you get this done.

The Summer Project sounds great, how do I register?

There are two steps:

1. Online Registration

Because we are restricted in the numbers we can accept to the Summer Project, we run a registration event online. This is on a first-come, first-served basis and sells out very quickly so you must be ready on the agreed date, at the agreed time.

At that time, you will complete a form via our website and pay a pre-registration fee via the Easy Payments link on the Schools Parents Association website. The details for online registration are made published on the Summer Project website and communicated via the class WhatsApp groups.

2. In Person Enrolment

The enrolment event happens in person at the school hall. The reason we run an online registration event is to ensure that when you come to enrolment, you know your children are guaranteed a spot on the Summer Project. At this event, you choose which events you want your child to attend. You also sign up for your preferred and available supervision events (these are also first come first served).

Once you've completed online registration, we'll share more details.

Here's what the kids are saying about the Summer Project...

"My favourite summer camp by far.....you get to go to so many cool places like Clara Lara. I can't wait to do it again'

Eva age 10

" The summer project is really good fun! It's a great way to meet new friends from the younger & older classes"

Ruadhan ... age 12

" I love getting the chance to try new activities with my friends. We go on lots of fun trips. My best memory from the Summer project is being on the winning team at the Handball final "

Laoise, age 9

'Favourite activity definitely Clara Lara because we get into the water'

Senan age 10

"All the activities are such fun and I loved Clara Lara. I can't wait for the Summer Project this year"!

Tom age 8

"My best memory is everyone going on the bus to Clara Lara and when you get there running around with all your friends. The storytelling and the teddy bear picnic afterwards was also really fun. I'll be in the senior group this year and I'm really looking forward to Hell and Back".

Ilona age 10

What's next?

You can get more information from the Summer Project website

www.stpiussummerproject.com

If you'd like to be added to our mailing list, please email us at

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