



# Scoil Thomáis

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FOR JUNIOR INFANTS CLASS – Sept 2021  
**SET UP OF ALADDIN CONNECT FACILITY  
FOR SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

## Dear Parent/Guardians of Incoming Junior Infants

We wish to inform all parents/guardians that the school has set up **Aladdin Schools Connect** facility as an upgrade to our present Aladdin system. **The new system will be available in June for parents of incoming Junior Infants..** There is a small additional cost to the school for the Connect upgrade which is included in the Junior Infant 2021/22 school supplies bill already paid by you when you accepted your child's admission offer.

*What is Aladdin Connect?* The school currently uses the basic Aladdin Schools software service for pupil information and records. The upgrade to the 'Connect' service gives each parent secure access to your child's details and relevant communication from the school.

*What does the Aladdin Connect App allow?* Aladdin Connect is a very user-friendly app which allows parents access to the school's messaging service. As parents and teachers become more familiar with the system, other important information will be available e.g access to attendance records, completion of Return to School Health Declarations, viewing school messages and classroom/school news etc.

Aladdin Connect will help the school manage administration tasks and costs including assisting the school and parent/teacher **communication** as the need arises and **reducing costs** by eliminating the need to send school report cards by post.

*Security of Information:* Please be assured that 'Aladdin Schools' uses state-of-the-art security to safeguard all information entered by the school. Data is stored and processed in strict compliance with Irish and European data protection laws.

*What happens next?* In mid June parents/guardians of incoming Junior Infants will **receive an email message containing your Aladdin Connect registration link.** There will be **one link per parent** which gives each parent access to relevant information for all their children in the school from one user account.

**\*\*\* Please do not forward this text/email or share this link, as this is a unique registration code for each parent for your child/children in this school.** As part of the registration process, you will choose a password that must be used along with your email address to securely access your Aladdin Connect account.

*When you have registered, you will receive an email with links to download the Aladdin Connect App for your mobile device. The Aladdin Connect App will allow you to receive immediate alerts for app messages sent by the school. Downloading the App is highly recommended to give the quickest access to Aladdin Connect.*

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS TO NOTE

By default, both parents of each child will have access to view their child's personal details and contact details etc. ***If for any reason you as a parent do NOT wish to share your own personal contact information with your child's other parent/guardian or if you have any concerns regarding your particular family situation please contact the school in confidence to discuss this. It is possible for the school to have this facility restricted if requested by a parent/guardian.***

**It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to inform the school should you wish to activate restricted parent access. Please do so by 1<sup>st</sup> June by email to**

**secretary@scoilthomais.ie – subject ALADDIN CONNECT RESTRICT INFORMATION.**

**After this date the school will be set up the registration emails to send out to Sept 2021 Jnf parents.**

We strongly advise all parents to register for the Aladdin Connect facility as soon as you get the registration link so that the system can be up and running for parents by summer 2021 in preparation for September 2021.

Thanking you

*Mary McGarry, Principal & Mary Ryan, Deputy Principal*

26<sup>th</sup> May 2021