

MOUNT ANVILLE MONTESSORI JUNIOR SCHOOL



Information Booklet

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Introduction

I extend a very warm welcome to you as you read this document. I hope it will give you an insight into the high quality of educational experiences we offer. Our school was founded by the Society of the Sacred Heart and its origin dates from 1865 when the Glasnevin School transferred to the former home of William Dargan at Mount Anville.

Our ethos is to live the Goals of the Society of the Sacred Heart which are: Faith; Character; Intellect; Community and Social Awareness.

Every child in our school is valued as an individual and our aim is to develop each pupil academically, spiritually, morally, physically and socially. As children progress through the school, our team of experienced and dedicated staff plan meticulously to deliver a stimulating, exciting curriculum for the pupils in their care. We also offer an extensive programme of extracurricular activities and child care facilities.

Pupils begin their education at 2 ½ years where each child's development is nurtured in our Montessori Department and they then progress to the Junior Department. The Senior School caters for pupils aged 12 to 18 years on our shared campus. We thus provide the opportunity for our girls to have a continuous educational experience.

A calm, safe environment prevails throughout our school leading to the wholehearted engagement of both pupils and staff, who create in turn the ideal atmosphere for teaching, learning and mutual respect. Ours is a close knit and inclusive family where respect is consciously taught, and where children are instilled with a lifelong love and enjoyment of learning.

Elizabeth Kavanagh

Principal

Mount Anville Montessori Junior School

DISCLAIMER

The purpose of this handbook is to serve as a source of information for parents, students and teachers of the school.

The Mount Anville Junior Montessori School may alter, amend, modify or change, policies in the handbook.

OUR MISSION

The Heart of Christ is the Living Inspiration of a Sacred Heart School.

Mount Anville Montessori Junior school seeks to educate the whole person as a responsible member of society, confident of personal worth, actively living out Christ's call to know and share His Love.

Our school aims to provide the environment for development in every sphere, spiritual, physical, emotional, social, intellectual, artistic and moral.

The management and staff of our school are committed to understanding the values and aspirations of our young people and to ensuring that our pupils gain in self-knowledge, energy, purpose and conviction.

We encourage our pupils to make decisions in the light of Gospel values. Our school is a Catholic institution within the ecumenical tradition of the Church. We promote, among the pupils, an awareness of the gifts of the spirit in other traditions as well as their own.

(Heritage and Horizon ,2010)



Our Goals

"The five Goals of Sacred Heart Education is the catalyst for all that we do at Mount Anville Montessori Junior School." They guide our school community in a genuinely integrated approach to learning which is spiritually nurturing, academically challenging and productive of children who are committed to social justice, a spirit of Christian community and a sense of wise self – discipline."

We have five Goals which express our key values and aims. These are Faith, Character, Intellect, Community and Social Concern. Each year we have a particular focus.

“In a world badly in need of wisdom, a global vision, and a capacity to rise beyond individualism, we must seek to give young people real confidence: a sense of their inherent dignity as children of God, the fundamental stability of knowing that they are personally loved by Christ. They need to acquire the good judgment that knows the real reasons for their worth”

Aideen Kinlen, rscj, Provincial of the Irish-Scottish Province 2010

As a Sacred Heart School the development of Faith is central to our aims. From their earliest days the children join their hands in prayer, celebrate Feast days and Masses and begin what we trust will be a lifelong spiritual journey. Preparation for the Sacraments of First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation form an integral part of 2nd and 6th classes.

The children are consciously taught respect, generosity and a sense of responsibility not just for each other but for everyone in the school community. The mixed age range of our classes and interaction between all of the children in the whole school enhances this sense of ‘school family’. The school recognises each child’s contribution and the need to develop good trusting relationships. The warm, calm and cooperative atmosphere helps each child to feel secure.

The full expression of the Sacred Heart goals can be found on the Heritage & Horizon website.

Our History

The Society of the Sacred Heart was founded in France 1800 by Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat. To read more about our history and philosophy see www.heritageandhorizon.ie

Our school was opened in Glasnevin in 1853 and transferred to the former house of William Dargan in Mount Anville in 1865. A school also opened in Harcourt Street in 1875 and was transferred in 1885 to Lesson Street. A Sacred Heart school was opened in Monkstown in 1954. The pupils of Lesson Street transferred to the Mount Anville grounds in 1967.

The Montessori and Junior schools amalgamated in 2009. Today we have one shared identity, providing a stimulating and holistic education that caters to the talents and abilities of each of our pupils from age two years six months to twelve years.

CURRICULUM

Our school is a thriving, welcoming community where each pupil is cherished and nurtured. To this end, we have an experienced, dedicated team of teachers and assistants who ensure the learning environment is both stimulating and inviting. The Montessori Department upholds the principles and philosophy of Maria Montessori, providing an authentic experience for children, that prepares them for the demands of the Junior Department and Senior School. Mount Anville Montessori Junior School delivers the School Curriculum, from 3rd to 6th Class.

SCHOOL HOURS:

Morning only children: - 8.50am to 12.30pm

Full Day Children: - 8.50am to 3.00pm

Children are requested to be in school by 8.50am

Supervision available from 8am

Aftercare: - 12.30pm to 5.00pm Monday - Thursday,

12.30pm to 4pm on Friday - see page 3

Advanced Booking Essential.

Study - 3pm – 4pm – Monday –Thursday

Advanced Booking Essential

After Study Supervision

Monday- Thursday from 4pm – 5pm

Friday – 3pm – 4pm

Advanced Booking Essential

Fees are payable by the following method:

- Twice yearly by Direct Debit Mandate on the 3rd September and 3rd February
- Monthly, over nine months through Easy Payment plus by Laser or Credit Card (details on request)
- By cheque, on or before the 3rd September

Other Terms & Conditions:

- There is a reduction of €1000 a year for the third student.
- A parent paying by cheque must pay fees for the full year in advance.
- No reduction can be made for temporary absence.
- A term's notice in writing, is required before a student leaves the school, otherwise liability for the fees for the following term is incurred.
- Details of the annual fees are available on our website www.mountanvillemjs.ie
- All School Fees are subject to annual review.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board's main function is to strategically manage the Mount Anville Montessori Junior School on behalf of the Trustees for the benefit of the children and to provide an appropriate education for each child in accordance with the religious & educational philosophy of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

Activities on the Board

Among other things the board is responsible for:

- Drawing up the School plans and ensuring that they are implemented.
- The appointment of the Principal, the teachers and other staff, their welfare & development.
- Ensuring that the School fulfils the functions as set out in the Education Act, 1998.
- Promoting contact between the School, the parents, the community and facilitating the formation of a Parents Council.
- The development of School policies.
- Maintaining the Schools' finances.

MONTESSORI DEPARTMENT

"Free the child's potential and you will transform him/her into the world."

Dr. Maria Montessori

The Montessori Method promotes the joy of learning and emphasises the unique development of every child. It is a collaborative learning process which is facilitated by the Directress (Teacher) who guides the children to explore and make his/her own discoveries about the world around him/her.

The Casa child uses concrete materials to develop his/her sensory, numeric, language and practical skills. These activities cover every aspect of the child's development; physical, intellectual and social. The aim is simple, to foster self esteem and create a love of learning.

The Elementary child (1st and 2nd Class) moves towards more abstract ways of thinking and starts to take more imaginative steps beyond the physical limits of home, classroom and community. The child now explores the world and the universe around her. This cross-curriculum is academically challenging and covers the full range of subjects as outlined by the National Primary School Curriculum.

The Morning Class

Mount Anville Morning Class (2 ½yrs) will be run according to the Montessori philosophy and will offer the child an environment where their motor coordination, independence, social skills and language are cultivated. It will be a nurturing environment where young children will experience their first structured contact with other children, providing a bridge between the home and school environment.

The Morning Class will be open to children, both boys and girls, from the age of 2 years 6 months. It will offer the children the opportunity to participate in a large variety of lessons and activities, all following the Montessori principles.

The environment will be prepared to enable the child to develop independence and to participate in the social community.

The main developmental needs of this age group are:

- * Co ordination and control of movement
- * Language acquisition and development
- * Development of independence
- * Socialisation

Please note children entering the Morning Class must be toilet trained.

Everything in the Morning Class environment will be designed to nurture the child and cater for their physical, intellectual and spiritual needs

The lessons in the Morning Class will be developmentally appropriate for both the children's age and ability level. There will be age-appropriate, interesting activities available to channel their energy in creative ways and allow their developmental needs to be met.

Examples of materials and activities in the Morning Class

- Wooden puzzles
- Jigsaws
- Matching work
- Threading beads
- Lacing cards
- Peg Boards
- Sorting activities
- Cutting
- Gluing
- Colouring
- Dressing frames

Arts and crafts activities will be chosen carefully so that they are age appropriate, enjoyable and will teach the children specific skills.

Sample Timetable:

9.00am Circle

9.30am Work with the Morning Class materials

11am Snack

11.30am Outdoor Play in a purpose built playground

12.00 Arts and Crafts / Music/ Movement

12.30pm Home time

Montessori Curriculum 2 ½ – 8 years

Casa

Montessori Education respects the unique individuality of each child. It is a process that promotes the joy of learning which will develop a sense of purpose and direction in life. The child moves from the known to the unknown, the concrete to the abstract and the simple to the complex. Each classroom environment is prepared by the directress and provides a stimulating environment that the children can explore freely. The children work through a series of carefully graded, concrete exercises and multi-sensory activities, developing their muscular co-ordination and concentration. They learn how to become independent, creative and self confident workers. The curriculum is organised into a spiral of integrated studies which encompasses Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Arithmetic, Culture (Geography, Botany and Zoology), Science, SPHE, Gaelge, Religion, PE, Art and Music.

Elementary 6-8years

Children in the 6 – 8 age group are starting to realise that the world is an enormous and interesting place. The world becomes their classroom as they study continents, cultures, scientific concepts and great literature. The Elementary curriculum guides the child through identifying, classifying and researching all the fascinating concepts in each area of study. The curriculum encompasses language (English and Gaelige), Mathematics, Geometry, Botany, Zoology, Geography, History, Religion, SPHE, PE, Music and Art. Each class is equipped with materials that lead the child to abstraction of the fundamental concepts in each area and invite exploration and research. This integrated thematic approach ties all the separate disciplines of the curriculum together.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT 3rd—6th CLASS

The Junior Department (3rd to 6th Class) builds on skills and knowledge acquired in the Montessori Department. We aim to provide a broad, challenging curriculum that is pupil-centred, which encourages children to maximise their potential and fully develop their individual aptitudes.

We aspire to develop an understanding of the world in which they live, to respect the views of others and to live co-operatively within the school community. There is an emphasis on creative learning and active participation, allowing each child to work to her full potential.

Junior Curriculum 3rd—6th Class

As well as following the seven areas in the National Primary School Curriculum – Language (English and Gaeilge), Mathematics, SESE (Geography, History and Science), Arts Education, PE, SPHE and Religion - the children additionally have the opportunity to study ICT (Information and Communication Technology), French (5th and 6th) , Cookery (5th & 6th) and avail of specialist teaching in P.E., Music, and Drama.

Secondary School 12 – 18 years

After 6th class, our pupils move forward into the Secondary School. As we share the same campus, this proves to be a successful progression for the girls.

SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL/ SPECIAL NEEDS POLICY & PROCEDURE

Mount Anville Montessori Junior School believe that every child should have the best possible learning opportunities. We recognise that some children may have particular special needs and the Mount Anville Junior Montessori School will work to support those needs to the best of our ability, subject to their needs being within our current competencies, resources and staff ratios.

- ◇ We will enable all children to participate fully in learning activities and experiences by providing a curriculum that responds to the individual development of each child.
- ◇ We work closely with parents to monitor the child’s progress carefully, and provide effective, additional support to meet the child’s needs.
- ◇ We will ensure all staff, including students and parents are aware of this policy and procedure.
- ◇ We will ensure that children with special needs and disabilities are involved in play activity alongside the other children wherever possible.
- ◇ We will share reports on children’s progress and ensure consistent communication and consultation with parents.

AFTERCARE

Aftercare is designed to assist parents who need afterschool care (5pm Monday –Thursday and 4pm on Friday) or part time care for the Morning Class and 3-4 year olds who do not attend afternoon classes. If you wish your child to attend Aftercare please return the Aftercare form as soon as possible to confirm your place. We have limited availability so early booking is essential. Please contact the Secretary / Admissions Officer at montessori.junior@mountanville.ie or by phone 01 2885313 for details of the options offered.

STUDY

Supervised study is available from **Monday – Thursday 3pm – 4pm** and is designed to facilitate children who attend school until 3pm, i.e. Afternooners, 1st – 6th class. All children who are waiting for school buses, lifts or sisters in the Senior School must register and attend study.

AFTER STUDY SUPERVISION

After Study Supervision will be available from **Monday – Thursday from 4pm – 5pm** and on **Friday from 3pm – 4pm**. As with our Aftercare facility, we ask you to book days/hours in advance.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMME

The school has developed an After-School Sports Programme from 3pm–4pm for 3rd Class to 6th Class. Each class level has been allocated a school day. We would encourage pupils to participate in our school sports.

Monday– 5th Class and 6th Class Hockey training

Tuesday– 6th class

Wednesday- 4th class

Thursday- 3rd class

We will have a variety of sports available to our pupils each term. This programme will change and develop over the school year e.g. tag-rugby, athletics, yoga and camogie.

MUSIC

Music is included in our curriculum and is taught by a specialist Music Teacher. Each class group receives 30minutes of tuition each week in our fully equipped Music Room. Classes include singing, percussion and all aspects of the music curriculum which include listening and performing. Our School Choir is open to all pupils of 5th and 6th Class who perform at public and school events throughout the year. Our School Orchestra is open to pupils who play an instrument and all levels are welcome. The Orchestra and Choir practice at 8am, prior to the commencement of formal class.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Children from Middle Morninger – 6th Class (4 – 12year olds) may participate in the wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer. Specialist teachers provide rich and varied opportunities for the girls to discover and develop their talents, to share their gifts and to build on their sense of school community.

FACILITIES

Mount Anville Montessori Junior School has extensive grounds and a wide range of facilities. Our facilities include:

Library

Mount Anville Montessori Junior School library is a bright attractive 'bookrich' environment that supports our school wide focus on reading for pleasure and information and where the students are always welcome. We have an excellent range of over 5,000 books to be read and enjoyed, with both fiction and non fiction in our collection.

Each class from 3rd to 6th inclusive is timetabled for a specific period each week to facilitate borrowing and returning their books. Students may borrow two books and must return them the following week. The Library and its resources are well used for Library sessions, Book Clubs and 'Read to Me' sessions with 1st and 2nd Classes. The Library has a very active volunteer parent committee who help out each week to facilitate the borrowing and returning of books. New volunteers are always welcome. Volunteers also plan such activities as Book Fairs/Book Swaps.

Our Recommended Reading List has been compiled by reference to the books that the students have read and enjoyed from the library during the year, and by books they have recommended themselves. This list covers many topics and genres to be read for pleasure during the summer break.

Information and communication technologies (IT)

All classes from 2nd to 6th are equipped with Interactive Whiteboards. These boards expand the use of e-learning in the classroom, allowing teachers to create customised learning tools and adapt it to the needs of the class in real time. They stimulate children to participate in group discussions and allows them to work collaboratively around a shared task.

The children have weekly computer classes in our refurbished IT Hub which is fully equipped with computers and I Pads. Outside the timetabled classes, children can use the computer suite to research and complete work under the supervision of the Librarian, Ms Smyth.

Sports Halls

Here in the Montessori Junior School, we have 2 large P.E. halls and we have the use of our large multipurpose Sports hall that is shared with the Senior School.

Tennis Courts

The school has brand new tennis courts which can be converted to basketball courts during the winter months.

All weather hockey pitch

Our all weather pitch provides a state of the art surface, which allows the girls to play hockey, tennis and athletics no matter what the weather.

General purpose areas

Our school has 4 large areas for assemblies, concerts, extra curricular activities and celebrations for example, First Holy Communion and Graduation.

Playgrounds

The children in the Montessori Department have the use of 2 playgrounds. There is an all-weather playground which opens up to a second “active playground area” for our 5+ children. It is equipped with monkey bars, balancing blocks, a willow tunnel and much more. There are also many raised flower beds within the playground which the children plant every year. The children also use our second large grass playground which incorporates a Wildlife Garden.

The children in the Junior Department also have the use of 2 playgrounds, one of which has an all-weather surface. There is ample room for all our children to run and play many active games.

Chapel

We are very fortunate to have a beautiful Chapel in our school. The children participate in First Friday Masses. It is a great privilege for our children and their families to enjoy its ambience.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

1. As parents in the educational process at Mount Anville Montessori Junior School, we ask parents to set rules, times, and limits so that your child
 - * Gets to bed early on school nights;
 - * Arrives at school on time and is picked up on time at the end of the day;
 - * Is dressed according to the school dress code;
2. To actively participate in school activities such as Parent-Teacher Conferences, School meetings and activities.
3. To notify the office if your child will be absent from school.
4. To notify the school with a note when your child returns to school after being absent or tardy.
5. To notify the school office about changes in address or important phone contact numbers.
6. To meet all financial obligations to the school, in a timely and responsible manner.
7. To inform the school of any special situation regarding the student's well-being, safety, and health.
8. To promptly complete and return to school any requested information.
9. To read school notes and check the school website <http://www.mountanvillemjs.ie> for updated information on a regular basis and to show interest in the student's total education.
10. To support the religious and educational goals of the school.
11. To support and cooperate with the discipline policy of the school.
12. To treat teachers and staff with respect and courtesy when discussing student challenges.
13. To treat other students and families with respect and courtesy.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS

The school office should be notified immediately concerning a change of address, phone numbers, or other vital information needed in case of an unexpected emergency. This is necessary so that we can care adequately for your child should an emergency arise, and so that we are able to communicate effectively with you concerning school information.

COMMUNICATION

As always, parent communications with teachers and office staff is not only acceptable, but necessary in any form that is accessible to both parties.

Some activities include:

- Reception Day
- Parents' Information meetings
- Open Day
- Performances
- Reports written and orally communicated
- Arranged Meetings
- Website
- Monthly Newsletters
- Notes to Parents are sent by e-mail
- Text messaging

IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK

Mount Anville Montessori Junior School understands it is difficult when a child is sick however if everyone follows the procedure, it should make for less illness, therefore less inconvenience overall.

A call will be made to the parents of the child, informing the parent of the symptoms and signs that the child is showing.

A conversation will occur determining the next step to be taken which could be making a doctor's appointment or collecting the child or undergoing observation for a longer period of time.

Communicable Disease:

At Mount Anville Montessori Junior School, we have a responsibility to protect our children from illnesses as far as possible. Parents of students with communicable or

contagious diseases (such as chicken pox, measles, lice, pink eye, impetigo, and scabies, etc.) have a responsibility to phone the school so that other students who have been exposed to the illness can be alerted. Students with contagious diseases are not allowed to come to school while they are contagious. A student may not remain at school with a fever, diarrhoea, or while vomiting. A child must not return to school unless he/she has been free of symptoms.

SETTLING IN PROCEDURE

Mount Anville Montessori Junior School aims to work with both parent and child to ensure that their first day starting in School is a positive one and that this will continue to strengthen and grow each day. On arrival when parents drop off their child, the class teacher will be ready to give the child a warm greeting to ensure they are feeling secure and safe prior to the parent's departure. Parents are encouraged to leave promptly and the school will contact the parents should the child not settle within a few minutes. Parents are encouraged to speak to their child's teacher, at an appropriate time, to get an update.

VISITS TO SCHOOL BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS

It is very important that if you are visiting the school for any reason you must first report to the office. It is imperative that we know you are on the premises. This is not only essential for Health & Safety purposes but also necessary in order to comply with Child Protection Guidelines which are in place for the protection of all our students.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES

If your child is experiencing any difficulty encourage them to approach their class teacher. If the matter is not resolved please contact the school to arrange an appointment with the relevant class teacher. In the case of 1st—6th class the back of the homework journal can always be used to communicate with the class teacher. The Principal is always pleased to meet parents/guardians, however, not every problem demands her attention.

OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS

As far as possible, appointments should be kept outside school hours. However, if this proves impossible please consider the daily timetable to avoid disrupting lessons. Please make sure that your child understands what time he/she will need to leave at and send a note in advance to ask permission to collect your child early. Please note students must always report to the Welcome Office before leaving the school premises.

LUNCHBOX GUIDELINES

- A healthy lunch-box contains a piece of food from the lowest 4 levels of the Food Pyramid. Snacks for small break include fruit, vegetables, flapjacks, crackers and raisins.
- Healthy fillings for sandwiches are encouraged
- A total ban on chewing gum, chocolate, large bars, popcorn, crisps, sweets, fizzy drinks .Water is encouraged, although juices may be used as an alternative.

UNIFORM

The uniform list is available from the school or on our website – www.mountanvillemjs.ie. School tracksuits will be worn on P.E. days.

EMERGENCY FORM

The emergency contact form will be issued to you in September and must be completed each year for every child in the school. This is a Health and Safety requirement. We would ask that you complete the mobile number and email address you wish to be contacted on. Please inform the Secretary **in writing** of any change of address or telephone number.

CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS

Your child's education is important, therefore we must insist that classes be allowed to continue as smoothly and effectively as possible. Parents bringing lunches, glasses, money, etc., to a student or having business to transact, should come first to the Welcome Office, so that arrangements may be made to contact the student effectively and with respect for the other students in the class.

SOLICITING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We have a responsibility to monitor the commercial information distributed within our school community. Commercial enterprises, including both for-profit groups and non-profit groups, must obtain permission from the principal before distributing advertising or informational materials to our school families. Please contact us immediately if you become aware of any such unsolicited contact.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES / INVITATIONS

It is important that we, as adults, teach the children the importance of respect and compassion for all other students in the community. Therefore, party invitations which are passed out at school must include everyone in the child's classroom, otherwise the invitations should be delivered off campus outside school activities. You are welcome to send a treat for your child's whole class with the child in the morning. The teacher will determine the best time for the birthday treats.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost Property is open a number of times during the week. Please see Notice Board for further details. Please make sure that all your child's clothes and belongings are clearly marked with his / her name. Please avoid bringing valuable items to school.

PARKING

Parents must exercise great care when dropping off and collecting students from the school.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

It means so much both to students, teachers and to all the staff to see parents / guardians coming to the school and giving their support e.g. performances, plays. Do please try to come!

GREEN SCHOOL

In Mount Anville Montessori Junior School, we are very dedicated to being a part of the Green School Programme. To date we have achieved our "Litter and Waste" flag, our "Energy" flag and our "Water" flag .

As a school community, we are very environmentally aware and each teacher ensures that the children respect their environment by keeping their classrooms tidy and using the paper and compost bins provided.

We encourage the children to realise the importance of caring for our environment, raising awareness to all members of our school community and ensuring our school grounds are maintained throughout the year via various methods which may include clean up days or planting.

Our parents committee play an important role in liaising with our teaching staff and meet regularly to share ideas, support and drive upcoming events.

SMOKING

The whole school has been designated a Smoke Free Zone. No smoking inside school grounds or within sight of pupils.

OUR WEBSITE

- **Our school calendar** is available on our website and has details of all forthcoming events and holidays.

- **School policies** available on our website www.mountanvillemjs.ie including:
 - ◇ Application Procedure and Admissions Policy
 - ◇ Code of Behaviour
 - ◇ Anti Bullying Policy
 - ◇ Administration of Medication
 - ◇ Mount Anville Montessori Junior AUP
 - ◇ Mount Anville Montessori Junior Mobile Phone Policy

- **School Brochures**

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- **“Heritage and Horizon “ - Sacred Heart Education.**

Mount Anville Montessori Junior Parents Council

The Parents Council

- is the structure through which parents /guardians in Mount Anville can work together to support the delivery of the best possible education for our children
- works with the Principal, Staff and the Board of Management to build seamless and effective partnerships of home and school.
- elects eight (8) parents to represent all parents, one parent to be drawn from each of the following classes; Middle Mornings, Afternooners, First class, Second class, Third class, Fourth Class, Fifth class and Sixth Class
- elected parents form the “Committee of the Parents Council”, who support and work with the school on issues and events during the year.
- gives feedback to the school on issues of general interest to parents
- provides a sounding board and advisory resource to both the Principal and Board of Management on policy issues, matters relating to school development and also other issues that it may warrant bringing into a discussion forum.
- provides support and help to many extra curricular activities in the school. e.g. school plays, class masses, book fairs, the First Holy Communion, and the Hospice Coffee Morning etc.

It is not involved in the day-to-day running of the school and does not attempt to get involved. It should never be used as a forum to complain about an individual teacher, parent or child. All matters relating to the day to day running of the school are the responsibility of the Principal.

- Mount Anville Montessori Junior School Parents Council is open to all parents/guardians of children attending Mount Anville Montessori Junior School, who have children in the school for one year
- A Committee of the Parents Council is elected to represent the Parents on a day to day basis
- Members of the Committee are usually elected at the AGM at the start of the School year
- Elected parents serve a two year term on the Committee of the Parents Council
- The Council must have a minimum of five meetings per year.