

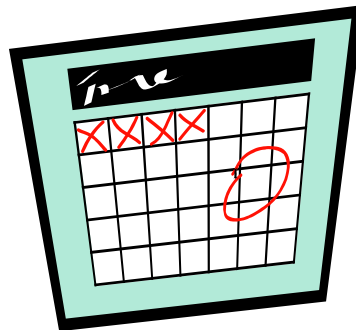
Transition Information for Parents/Carers

New Cumnock Primary School





Getting Started



First Day of School - Monday 21st August 2023

We look forward to welcoming our parents and new Primary 1 children to the New Cumnock Primary School community. Our school day is 9am until 3pm.

Staff

Head Teacher - Mrs McMurdo



Depute Head Teacher - Mr Hastings



Principal Teacher - Mrs McNulty



Primary 1 Teacher

Mrs Clarke



Primary 1/2 Teacher

Mrs Elliott



Home Link Practitioner

Mrs Bradford



The Curriculum

At New Cumnock Primary School we deliver a Curriculum for Excellence where we aim to develop Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors.

Our curriculum in the early stages is designed to be practical and interactive. This delivery of the curriculum is of a similar style to the Early Years Childhood Centre where play is the approach used to encourage learning throughout all curricular areas.

"In New Cumnock Primary School, we work together to ensure a welcoming, nurturing and innovative environment which allows everyone to excel on the journey to excellence."

Literacy

Active Literacy, Jolly Phonics and Talk for Writing are used to introduce the children to their sounds, develop reading, teach grammar and develop confidence in writing.



Children will have a sound booklet which will be brought home to practice the letter sound and accompanying action. The next step will be to blend the sounds to read words. Soon after your child is able to do this, a reading book will be introduced.

Mathematics



We use an active approach to teaching mathematical concepts where the children use concrete materials to allow them to develop a deeper understanding of number and calculations. We also have a daily mental arithmetic and problem solving input.

Tooth Brushing

As part of their HWB programme, P1 will be visited by a member of East Ayrshire's Dental Health Team. They will be shown how to brush their teeth and give a toothbrush for using in the school. We try to brush our teeth after lunch every day supervised by the class teacher.

PE

We ask that you provide a pair of shorts and gym shoes that your child will wear for PE. The kit will remain in the school throughout the year. If shoes become too small or dirty, we will send the shoes or shorts home with a note.



For safety reasons, it is East Ayrshire Council's policy that children are not allowed to participate in PE wearing any jewelry at all. You will be informed of what days your child has PE times at the start of each term. Please could you make sure that your child is not wearing jewelry of any kind on these days. Thank you.

Medicines/Absences

If your child is absent, please contact the school before 9.15am on 01290 338404.



Any medication that has to be taken requires a form to be filled in. This can be collected from the school office. All medicines should be brought into school via the school office. Children should never carry their own medicine. Also, medicine must be prescribed to the child by the doctor/pharmacist and have the child's name and dose on it.

Learning Journals

Your child will be set up with a personal online learning Journal where you will be able to engage in their learning, see what they are doing at school and celebrate successes with them.

Labelling all Clothing

Please label all clothing. We have a huge problem with lost property due to children's names not being on clothing. Please label jumpers, cardigans, trousers, skirts, pinafores, shorts, gym shoes as these are the items that are very easily mixed up due to the children getting changed for gym lessons.

Playtime Snacks

A small snack and drink is all that they need - some children take too much and don't manage to eat it all. We have pupils within the school that have a NUT ALLERGY, therefore please ensure your child's snack or packed lunch does not contain nuts.

Children are always supervised in the playground by buddies, Classroom Assistants and the Janitor.

School Lunches



Primary 1 children are entitled to free meals and we have a system where the children can choose what they want from a varied and healthy menu. There is always soup and a choice of 3 main courses and fruit. The School App will keep you up to date as to what the lunch choices are each day.

Some children prefer a packed lunch which is eaten in the hall at the same time. They are always supervised in the lunch hall by the Senior Management Team and Classroom Assistants.

Breakfast Club

Children are invited along to school to not only receive a nutritious breakfast, but they can socialise with their friends and take part in a range of activities before the start of the school day.

Breakfast Club will start at 8.15am and children are to enter via the door to the back of the gym hall (at the rear of the school car park). At 8.45am, children will be released into the school playground before coming into school with their classmates, all energised for the day ahead!

Parent Pay

We are a cashless school - anything needing paid throughout the year, you will need to pay through Parent Pay - an activation letter will be given to you for this.

Water in Class

We encourage the children to drink water in class - only water, no flavoured water as a rule. Diluting juice is not allowed either.

Parent Council

The Parent Council represents parents' views and supports the school in its work with pupils, reporting back to the Parent Forum. In addition, the Parent Council organises fund-raising events and encourages links between the school, parents, pupils and the wider community.

Contact Us

If you have any questions contact Mrs J McMurdo, Head Teacher.

Phone: 01290 338404

Email: Joanna.mcmurdo@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

School Website/Blog:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/newcumnockprimaryschool/>

Apps to Download

Apps to download in preparation for your child starting school are -

Safer Schools Scotland App



Learning Journals for parents



Once you receive your login details through email, when you are linked to the system, you can then login to the above app.

Other relevant Information

Numeracy Parental Strategies to support parents/carers

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/numeracyandmathematics/category/numeracy-strategies-for-parents-carers/>