

BACK TO SCHOOL



UNIFORM

School uniform helps us to ensure high standards in our learning environment, where our pupils can feel that they belong. It also allows us to promote an equitable and fair school environment and helps us reduce the cost of the school day. We want children to wear their uniform with pride. It is an expectation that all children wear school uniform unless it is a designated dress down day. We look forward to seeing a sea of purple when our children return! Please remember to put names on all items of clothing!

THINGS FROM HOME

Children can bring a pencil case if they wish, but this is not required. Fancy pens and pencils or anything of value should be left at home. Toys and trinkets are also best left at home!

Football colours of any kind are not permitted on clothing, bags, water bottles or any other accessories.

More and more children have mobile phones/smart watches. Whilst we understand the importance of these in today's society, children do not need these whilst on school grounds. If children are bringing a phone to school it should be switched off and in their bag as soon as they reach the crossing. If children are found using a phone/smart watch whilst at school it will be confiscated and kept in the office until the end of the day and the Parent or Carer informed. As a school we accept no responsibility for any damage or loss to a mobile phone/smart watches etc.

MEDICINE

If your child requires regular medicine and this needs to be taken in school/nursery or on trips please ensure you have completed the appropriate consent for this. We can only administer medicines or allow children to take medicines that have been prescribed and that have attached the original prescribing label. We are unable to administer or allow children to take over the counter medicines in school. Consent forms are available from Mrs Paton for children in school requiring medication and from Mrs Miller for those children in the ECC requiring medication. Further information can be sought from Mrs Paton, Mrs Young or Mrs Millar respectively.

ALLERGY AWARE

Please remember we are allergy aware. Due to a known allergy, no nut based products can be brought to school. This includes Bueno and Nutella.

LUNCH / SNACK

All children in P1-7 receive a free school lunch. School lunches must be ordered via parent pay at home. Please ensure your child knows what has been ordered for them. Further information on school lunches including menus and allergens are available on the East Ayrshire Lunch Portal. The link can be found on the helpful information page on our blog.

Lunch is provided for children attending the ECC, please check the East Ayrshire Lunch Portal for further information, or speak to your child's keyworker. A fruit snack is also provided.

Children in the school can bring a small healthy snack for playtime. Please note large share bags of crisps and sweets are not required, nor is a large selection of snack options! Fruit is always available for children in school.

Fizzy drinks of any kind are not permitted. Neither are energy or coffee style drinks!

Drop off & Pick UP

Children in P2-7 should come to school as normal from 9am on Wednesday. There will be staff in playground to help your child with where to line up if they are unsure. The courtyard playground is supervised from 8.45 each day, if we have wet weather or in the winter when it is particularly cold we will allow the children to come inside from then too.

We ask family members dropping children off, who are in P2-7, to help encourage independence by dropping children off at the crossing or courtyard gates. At the end of the day family members can either collect their children from the courtyard playground or from a place you have arranged with your child.

First week arrangements for P1 have been shared with families. P1 parents are able to come into the courtyard playground in the morning if your child finds this helpful, but please remember children will be running around playing in this area in the morning. Some children in P1 find it easier to say goodbye if they are only in the playground a few minutes before 9am, you will know your child best in respect of this.

We will remind children, but if they are coming to school on a bikes or scooter they must dismount at the crossing and push their bike or scooter into the scooter/bike parking areas. The same on the return to the crossing. This is for everyone's safety and also applies to children in the school, nursery and siblings.

Children attending the ECC can be dropped off via the main nursery door at 8.45am and collected at 2.45pm from the garden doors. Unless agreed with the nursery staff, drop off and pick up should not be outwith this time. Please ensure the adult dropping the child off and collecting them know to sign them in and out on the designated sign in sheet. This is a requirement of the Care Inspectorate

Sharing Informaton

We would like to remind all Parents and Carers to ensure they regularly check the app for updates and information. This is the main source of information in both the school and ECC.

If anyone you know does not yet have access to the app, please ask them to down load the safer school app from their app store and search for Safer School Scotland, select Newmilns Primary add the code 4242. This is for both school and ECC parents.

The Helpful Information for Families section of the blog School Blog contains information that families often find useful. If there is other information that you would find there, please let us know!

We report to families formally three times per session within the school, this is done in October, March and May. In addition to this we have different opportunities for families to visit classrooms. Any children with identified Additional Support Needs, will also have a Team with the Family (TWTF) meeting at least annually. We will share learning via the app using class newsletters at the beginning of term and a link to a SWAY showcasing learning as each term comes to an end.

Within the ECC Learning Journal continues to be used to share learning with parents. There will be various opportunities for families to visit the centre or speak with keyworkers.

If you have a question about your child's learning, your first point of contact should always be their class teacher or keyworker.

If you would like to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team, please email us or contact the office. Please note, that Mrs Young will deal with most queries for the school in the first instance with Mrs Millar doing the same in the ECC. We always aim to get back to you as soon as we can and within 2-3 school days.

Please also remember, that Mrs Paton, can often deal with day-to-day questions, such as lost items of clothes, changes to pick up arrangements and so on.



Homework

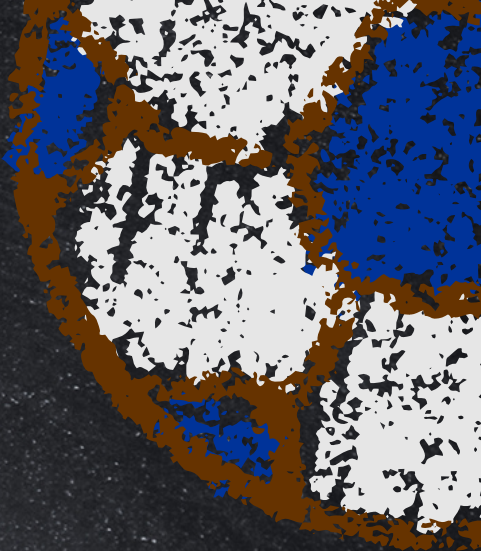
Children are busy learning in school all day, and children learn at home through everyday activities and attendance at various clubs. The subject of "homework" is a very emotive one, with different families wanting different things, so considering different viewpoints we have tried to find a happy medium! No homework will be issued in the first few weeks. More information will follow about what to expect when it is due to begin.



Forms

Annual Data forms were issued before the summer; Mrs Paton will re-issue any not returned. These should be completed and returned by Wednesday 26th August. Photograph consents were issued via the app during the summer. If you haven't already, please complete as a matter of urgency.





PE Times

PE days are noted below, they are also on our school blog within the school information section. There are times, PE days may change.

It is expected that children wear school uniform on PE days and change at school, small PE bags can be kept on pegs with shoes and shorts.

If children have pierced ears, the safest thing to do is to remove earrings before coming to school. If you wish your child to cover them, this must be done at home. Mrs Paton, or other school staff will not do this, nor can we provide tape or plasters for this purpose. If earrings are being covered, you must sign the appropriate consent for this for this school session. This can be obtained from the office.

P1F

MONDAY AND FRIDAY

P2

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

P3/4

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

P4/5

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

P6

MONDAY AND THURSDAY

P7

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

Children attending the Learning Lab will have a short PE session each day. They may also attend PE with their class if this is appropriate, Mr Macleod will discuss this with you. Miss Hamilton will provide more information about P1H PE.