



Supporting Community Learners from:



Transition

Early Years to Primary 1

Starting School

Information for Parents

What is Transition?

Transitions are the moves children and young people make from one stage to the next in their educational journey.

Transitions and changes are part of everyone's life. The vast majority of children and young people look forward to moving on. However, transitions can sometimes be challenging and support from parents and staff can help transitions to go more smoothly.

In St. Luke's Cluster, we nurture every child's unique God-given talents to enable them to flourish in a climate of high expectations, innovation and creativity. This nurturing approach informs our transition programme and puts your child at the centre of the process.

What to expect

We will work closely with you and your child's early learning and childcare setting to ensure we get to know your child as well as we can before they start Primary 1 in August.

As part of this process, your child is invited to attend two transition sessions in St. Mark's. These sessions will take place on:

- **Monday 6th June, 1.30 – 2.30pm**
- **Monday 13th June, 1.30 – 2.30pm**

During these visits, children will play, tour the school and take part in various activities in the Primary 1 classrooms and our outdoor space. They will meet their classmates, their Primary 1 teachers and other key members of the St. Mark's staff team. The emphasis is very much on building relationships and feeling safe, happy and confident in their new environment. Children will also receive a welcome pack to bring home after their visits.

Children should be dropped at the main gate of the school, where school staff and staff from Arthurlie Family Learning Centre will be on hand to support.

How can you help?

It helps children and young people at all transitions if parents/ carers:

- talk with them about what is going to happen
- encourage them to ask questions
- encourage them to talk about any concerns they may have
- listen carefully to their concerns and consider sharing them with other relevant people
- help them to become familiar with the new school or setting and what will be expected of them.

For more advice on supporting your child's transition, visit:

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/my-child/transitions/starting-school>

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Parents/ Carers are invited to attend information sessions in our school hall on both of the induction afternoons. After taking your child to the school's main gate, you will be invited into the school hall whilst your child visits their new class.

Any other information you may need will be provided via the school website and social media at www.twitter.com/StMarksPrimary1. If you have any questions, please contact us via the channels below. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your child to St. Mark's Primary School. Anthony Hutcheson, Head Teacher
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