

Parental Information for Primary 1 Session 2025-26

9th May 2025



Dear Parent/ Carer

We are delighted to welcome you and your child into Giffnock Primary School. Some of your children already attend our nursery class and therefore already know all about our 'Giffnock Family', a sense of community which we take great pride in. As your child embarks upon their journey into Primary 1, Giffnock's School Values and shared responsibilities, alongside our respect and compassion for one another, will remain paramount in all that we learn together.

We know that you and your child will have begun thinking about the move into Primary 1 and we are aware that you will have a number of questions about the arrangements ahead. We therefore hope that this letter will begin to answer some of these, with further communication and clarification to follow during the weeks ahead.

Primary 1 Induction Visits and Information:

We are delighted to be inviting you and your child into the school as part of our induction process.

Induction Visit 1 – Tuesday 3rd June 9.15-10.30am

You and your child are invited into school to meet the Senior Leadership Team, our new Primary 1 teachers, our P7 buddies and other friendly faces who you will get to know much better in the months ahead. Your child will get the opportunity to visit their classroom with their teacher, while the Senior Leadership Team share a range of information with you about school life at Giffnock Primary.

Induction Visit 2 – Wednesday 5th June 9.15-10.30am

Your child will visit their classroom again while you get the opportunity to meet some of our school partners, including:

- Parent Council
- Sustainable 'Eco- Uniform'/ clothing stall
- ERC Catering (school lunches)
- Giffnock Library
- Primary Playcare – out of school hours childcare service 0141 644 0111
- Off Grid Kids – outdoor out of school hours childcare service 07769229503
- Clarkston After School Service (CASS) 07949328295

You will then get the opportunity to spend time with your child in their classroom environment.

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Starting School Guide:

In order to help to answer many of the organisational questions that you may have, we have updated our Starting School Guide which you can access through the link below:

[Giffnock Primary School Starting School Guide Session 2025-26](#)

We would also recommend going on to our school website where you will be able to find a wide range of information about life at Giffnock Primary:

[Giffnock Primary School Website](#)

Primary 1 Transition Project:

Staff colleagues within our local area collaborate on a regular basis and our early years/ nursery establishments will continue to share information about all of our children and their learning. In connection, we have put together a transition project which all of our children are welcome to take part in and enjoy. The theme relates to the book “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt” and we hope that this proves both fun and engaging. Over the next six weeks, your child can take part in a range of fun activities. Please use the link below to access our “We’re Going to go to School Soon....” project:

[We're Going to go to School Soon...](#)

Additional Information:

Following each of our induction visits, we will share further information and videos for you to enjoy with your child. In the meantime, if you have any other questions or issues that you would like to discuss further at this time, please do not hesitate to contact the school via our main email address: schoolmail@giffnock.e-renfrew.sch.uk. Our Principal Teacher Mrs. Natalie Forrest will be visiting or speaking to your child’s nursery as part of their transition journey and is a good person for your contact and support at this time.

We are excited to get to know all of our new families properly and I very much look forward to the shared learning journey ahead.

Kind regards,

Rob Lawson
Head Teacher