

Parental Information for Primary 1 Session 2026-27

20th April 2026



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.

Stay and Play Session – either Wednesday 6th May or Monday 11th May 3.30 – 4.15pm

Your child is invited to join us for a Stay and Play session in the Gym Hall on either Wednesday 6th or Monday 11th May. This informal session is a great opportunity for your child to visit the school, have some fun, and meet our staff as well as new classmates. While we encourage you to leave your child for the session, you are very welcome to stay if you prefer.

Induction Visit 1 – Wednesday 27th May 9.15-10.30am

The Senior Leadership Team and class teachers will warmly welcome you and your child before finding out your child's class. You and your child will then spend the rest of the session in their new classroom, where they can explore their new environment, enjoy some play-based activities and begin getting to know one another as well as their class teacher.

Induction Visit 2 – Wednesday 3rd June 9.15-10.30am

Your child will line up outside their new classroom and be met by their new teacher at 9.15am. You are then invited to an information sharing session with the Senior Leadership Team about school life at Giffnock Primary. This will be followed by an opportunity to meet one another, as well as some of our school partners, including representatives from:

- 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 07769 229 503
- Clarkston After School Service (CASS) 07949 328 295

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Your child's Primary 7 buddy will also introduce themselves to you after the session when you collect your child from outside their new classroom at 10.15am.

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 1 Starting School Guide 2026-27](#)

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](#)

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 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