Snack & Lunch

Water and a healthy snack is enough for playtime. No glass bottles, fizzy drinks or diluted juice please. Please provide your child with a refillable bottle, which you should send in full in the morning. We cannot allow nut-based products in school due to allergies. This includes some chocolates.

School Security

The playground is supervised by members of support staff and the senior management team during break times. No other adults are permitted in the playground at these times.

If someone (other than a parent) is coming early to collect your child, please write a note to avoid delay. The child will require to be signed out of the premises on such occasions.

Dogs are not permitted on school premises. If there is an emergency which means you will be late, please phone the school as soon as possible. **Car Park**

The staff and visitor car park is locked at the start and end of the school day. If driving your child to school, please park nearby and walk them to that entrance.

Your Contact Numbers

If your child is unwell or has an accident he/she will be cared for by a member of staff. If this proves to be serious you will be contacted immediately.

Please inform the school if there are any changes to your emergency contact details.

Communication Parents' Evenings Report cards Regular Head Teacher newsletters Parent Council communications Informal meetings and telephone conversations Twitter/ School Website Please check school bag nightly for letters and reminders

Getting Ready for Primary 1

Uniform

School Uniform – white shirt, tie, black skirt/pinafore, trousers or shorts, black cardigan or jumper. Blazer is optional.

P.E Kit – yellow polo shirt & black shorts/joggers and trainers Outdoor Learning – welly boots, waterproof trousers and jacket/ waterproof suit

School uniform is practical and economical. There are a number of options for purchasing items in the school colours. For example, large chain stores and local supermarkets. The school tie and items branded with the school logo can be purchased from AC Schoolwear, 48 Aurs Drive, Barrhead.

Useful Preparations for Starting School

* Encourage your child to dress him/herself and to try fastening/unfastening buttons & zips.

* Ensure that your child can visit the toilet on their own.

* Laces can be difficult – Velcro should be on all shoes unless your child is able to tie their laces independently.

* Ensure your child can put shoes on the correct feet.

* Make sure that school bags and lunch boxes are easy to open.

* Please ensure that your child's school bag can hold an A4 size folder. It is a good idea to have a pencil, crayons, scissors and a glue stick at home to help with homework tasks.

Things to work on over the holidays... Work on colour recognition. Read to your child as much as possible and say/sing nursery rhymes together. Play board games and turn-taking games. Talk about changes and how they make us feel. Help fingers develop by rolling marbles, using playdough, holding a pencil, using scissors safely, completing jigsaws and playing with Lego for example.

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