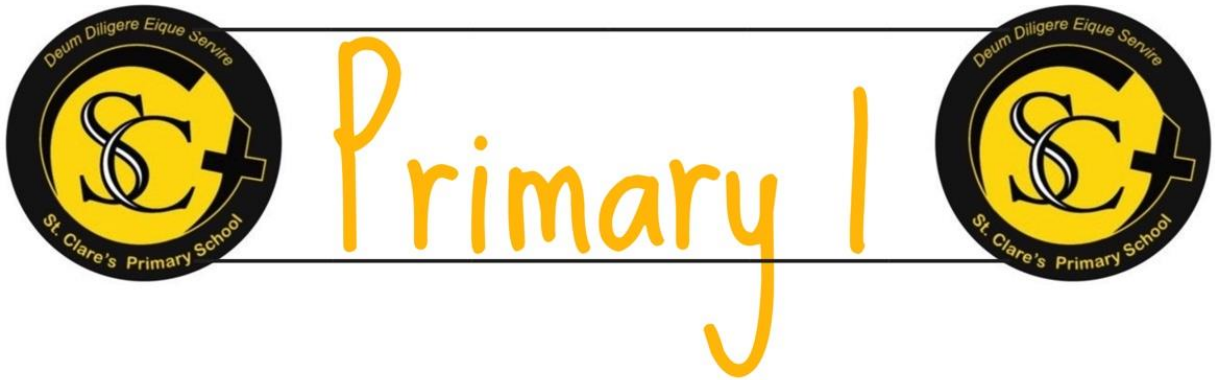


# St. Clare's Primary



Welcome Booklet  
2021-2022

## Your First day at St. Clare's Primary

### **Welcome Primary One,**

We are all very excited to welcome you to St. Clare's Primary school.

Your first day of Primary One is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August. On your first day you can come to school at 9:15am and finish at 3:00pm.

At the end of the day your new teacher will wait with you at the same door you entered until your parents have collected you. They'll do this at the end of every day.

### Normal School Day

After your first day, you will come to school and follow the same school hours as all the other children at St Clare's

- Informal entry from 8:45am
- School starts at 9:00am
- Morning break 10:40am to 10:55am
- Lunchtime 12:35pm to 1:35pm
- School finish time 3:15pm

### Our School

Our school is a very special place and we can't wait to welcome you to our St. Clare's family.

Here is the link to take our virtual school tour.

<https://www.thinglink.com/video/1429476822239674369>



## **Entry and Exit**

This is your Primary 1 entrance and exit where you will make your way to each morning.



When you arrive, you will go straight into the classroom where your teacher will be waiting to meet you. The adult you are with will bring you to the door each day and meet you back here at the end of the day when they collect you. At the end of the day, you should not leave your teacher unless you can see the person collecting you. If the person collecting you is late then your teacher will take you to the office where you can wait until they arrive.

## **Uniform**

Your school uniform is a white shirt, school tie, grey skirt/pinafore or trousers, a grey v-necked sweater or cardigan, black shoes and a black blazer.



## **PE Kit**

On PE days you can wear a black hoodie or St Clare's sweatshirt, white polo shirt and trainers.



## **Muddy Movers**

Each week, you will have an outdoor Muddy Movers play session. On this day you will be asked to bring welly boots and a waterproof suit or waterproof trousers and jacket.



It will help your teacher if you have your name on **all** of your school clothes and other personal items.

## **School Bag and Homework**

You should bring your schoolbag with a healthy playtime snack and a filled water bottle to school each day. You can re-fill your water bottle at school too if needed.

Most of your homework will be assigned using Google Classroom. We will send home a special code to invite you to join your Google Classroom when you start P1. There will also be a guide to help if you're new to Google Classrooms. We will use this and our P1 class Twitter page to communicate any important information about what's happening in school.

## **Playtime and Lunchtime**

You will have a playtime at school when you can play outdoors, chat to your friends and eat your snack. It is important you have a warm outdoor jacket as sometimes it can be windy and cold. If the weather is very bad you will have playtime in your classroom with your classmates.

Here is your playground.



You can choose a free school meal or bring a packed lunch. If you are having a school lunch you will choose this from the school menu each morning, in class. The menu is also available for you to see on the East Renfrewshire website and it is helpful if you can look and see what you would like before you come to school.

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/school-menus>

At playtime and lunch you can buy a small snack from tuck. You do not need to bring money to school. Your parents can put money on your ParentPay account and you will get your own PIN. If you are bringing a packed lunch it should be well-balanced, include a sandwich, fruit and a drink. If you are having a packed lunch it would be best to bring it in a lunch box or lunch bag with your name on it. Snacks for playtime should also be healthy. You should remember we are a nut-free school so you should not bring any snacks or packed lunches that contain nut products.





If you go home for lunch then an adult from home will meet you at the office. Ask an adult at home to write a note to let the teacher know.

## **Toilet**



If you need the toilet just tell your teacher. Sometimes she will ask if anyone needs to go but you don't have to wait until then. You will always be allowed to go to the toilet if you need to.

## **Playful Pedagogy**

In your Primary 1 class you will have a wonderful time learning as you play, just like in nursery. You will recognise some areas like the sand and construction but it might be a little bit different as you have targets to complete. Your new teacher will explain these to you. Sometimes you will work at the teaching table.



## Staff



Head Teacher  
Mrs Absolom



Depute Head Teacher  
Miss Flaherty



Principal Teacher  
Mrs Pinna

## Primary One Teachers



Primary 1a  
Mrs Ness



Primary 1b  
Mrs Watson



Primary 1c  
Mrs MacDonald

## Primary One Pupil Support Assistants

A Pupil Support Assistant helps the teachers in Primary 1. She works in the classrooms and in the open areas and she looks after you in the playground. They also look after you when you are unwell or if you fall.



Mrs Cooper



Mrs Gauld

## **Office Staff and Janitor**

Here are some of our office staff.



They answer the phone and type letters. You must go and see them if you arrive at school late.

Our janitor is Mr Edgar. He helps us in the playground and we have to help him too by keep the playground tidy. We do this by putting all of our rubbish in the bins.



**We are all looking forward to welcoming you in August.**



## **Additional Information for Parents/Carers**

### **New Beginnings**

Starting School is a time we look forward to, often with mixed feelings. St. Clare's has the pleasure to welcome you to our school community. We recognise this is a big moment in your child's life and an exciting time for the whole family to enjoy. At St. Clare's we make the transition from nursery to Primary as smooth as possible by establishing a friendly, caring rapport between child, parents/carers and staff.

You should always contact the school if you have a concern. Either send a note in with your child or give us a call.

Information letters and newsletters will be sent home or emailed to you regularly for your convenience. Additional information can be found on our website and school twitter account.

Website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/stclares/>

You can also follow us on Twitter [@stclarespserc](https://twitter.com/stclarespserc)

### **Getting ready for school**

When your child starts school they will learn so many new things. In order to make the settling in process smooth it would be helpful if you could help them do the following things:

- Getting dressed independently and manage buttons or zips
- Use cutlery correctly
- Use the toilet and wash hands independently
- Recognise their written name
- Know the days of the week
- Take care and put away resources
- Listen to others
- Take turns during games
- Show kindness to others
- Play happily and safely with others
- Know that they are special and appreciate that every other person is also special