

Frequently Asked Questions



- **What happens if children are twins? Will they be in the same class?**

At Hyndland, we always try to accommodate your preference for your twins, whether this be having both in separate classes or together in the same class. The Depute Headteacher will contact you to discuss your twins prior to the P1 classes being finalised.

- **What are the lunches like?**

Glasgow City Council provides 4 weekly school menus which take place on a rotational basis. There are 3 main meal options each day (these include Halal and vegetarian options). School meals are free to all children in P1 – 4. Families are welcome to send a packed lunch to school if preferred.

All school meals options are nut free but should you have any further dietary requirements, please provide a letter detailing these from a GP/dietician to the school and the catering staff will be happy to arrange suitable alternatives for your child(ren).

For our current weekly menus, please lick on the following link:

<https://twitter.com/fuelzoneglasgow?lang=en>

- **What is the school uniform for the school and how can this be purchased?**

We have a wide choice of school uniform options at Hyndland Primary, allowing you and your child(ren) to choose options to suit their individual style and tastes.

- **Online Purchases**

Uniforms are all available to view and order online at 'Borders Embroideries' via the following link:

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/>

- **In store Purchases**

School uniform items can also be purchased in person from the Borders Embroideries store at the following address (NB Prices are slightly higher when purchasing in store than online):

35B Argyle Street

Glasgow

G2 8AH



- **What are the timings of the school day?**

At the moment, we have staggered start and finish times for the infant and upper school departments to support our COVID-19 mitigation measures. The same applies to break and lunch timings. At present, timings are as follows:

	P1 - 3	P4 - 7
Start of Day	9am	9.15am
Break	10.20am – 10.35am	10.40am – 10.55am
Lunch	12pm – 12.45pm	12.50pm – 1.35pm
End of Day	3pm	3.15pm

If there are any changes to the above, we will let you know in due course.

- **What does a typical school day look like for a P1 child?**

Every day is different at Hyndland! Please see our online resources, which include a virtual tour. We will also be having socially distanced face to face visits for our new P1 pupils where the children will be able to see some of the things that our current P1 pupils get up to on a daily basis.

These will help you and your child to get a flavour for what P1 life is like here at Hyndland Primary!

- **How can contact be made with the after school care provision and what is on offer?**

The best way to contact Hyndland After School Care (the 'Afty') is to get in touch with the Afty Manager Fiona Ansdell directly by calling 0141 339 9526. She will be able to provide you with information about the provision they provide and whether there are spaces available or a waiting list.

Although the Afty is not part of the school, we work very closely with the Afty team on a daily basis. P1 pupils attending Afty are collected from their classrooms by a member of the

Afterschool staff at the end of the school day, who accompanies them to the Afterschool building at the back of the school.



- **Does the school have a breakfast club? How is this arranged?**

Yes. The school Breakfast Club is available daily from 8am – 9am. This takes place in the school dining hall and children attending should be dropped off by an adult and can enter via the glass doors in the main playground.

Breakfast Club costs £2 per child. For families with siblings, the eldest child pays £2 and each additional sibling pays £1 each. There is no charge for families who have applied for and are in receipt of free school meals. A variety of healthy breakfast options including cereals, toast, milk and water are available.

P1 pupils who attend the breakfast club are taken to their classrooms at 9am by a member of the catering team.

- **Where can I access info on the curriculum and how can I best support my child(ren)?**

You can begin to find out about the curriculum Hyndland Primary provides through the online presentation available on the school website as part of the Nursery – P1 Transition resources.

Hyndland Primary School also provides Curriculum Overviews for each stage from P1 – P7. These can be accessed via the school website and provide a general account of the topics and themes covered each term across the 8 curricular areas of Curriculum for Excellence. Overviews may be subject to changes and amendments to reflect the interests of learners each session.

- **What needs to be bought for coming to school?**

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, to help to prevent the risk of COVID-19 transmission, we have requested that families send their child(ren) to school with essential items only (*i.e. for pupils in P1 - a school bag, a change of underwear for any little accidents, fresh water to drink in a water bottle, and a packed lunch if not having a school meal*).

During the pandemic, physical education has been taking place outdoors and the school has requested that parents and carers send their children to school dressed appropriately for



physical activity and all weathers on their P.E. days. We have recently moved into Tier 1 and are beginning to introduce non-contact P.E. activities indoors again so P.E. kit can be brought to school with your child in an individual bag. This will be kept in school during the week and sent home at the end of each week for laundering.

- **Will they be in class with their nursery friends?**

Yes! Children from the same nursery schools are grouped together as far as possible in their P1 class so your child will be with friends they already know well. They will also be joined by other children from different nurseries and Early Learning and Childcare Centres, giving them the chance to socialise and form new positive friendships.

If a child comes as an individual from a nursery, we make every effort to place them in a P1 class with someone they may know socially outwith the nursery setting (e.g. a friend living closeby, etc). The Depute Headteacher will contact you directly if your child is the only person coming from a nursery to discuss options.

- **What if my child finds it challenging to settle into school?**

Making the transition to primary school is a major milestone in any child's learning journey. It is only natural that it takes some time for our new P1 pupils to adjust to their new learning environment: finding their way around a new building and classroom, becoming familiar with new routines, forming relationships with their new peers and teacher(s), etc. We have a fantastic team of teaching and non-teaching staff at Hyndland Primary who will do everything possible to make your child(ren)'s move into primary school as smooth and positive an experience as possible. If you notice that your child(ren) seems to be finding aspects of their transition challenging, please do not hesitate to let the class teacher or Depute Headteacher know so support can be offered as necessary.

- **I think my child(ren) may require some extra help and support for coming to school. Who should I contact about this and what is the best way to do this?**

The school liaises closely with all nurseries and Early Learning and Childcare Centres prior to pupils starting P1. Information about your child's personality, strengths and any areas potentially requiring support are passed on to us as part of the transition process so these can be taken into account when staff are preparing for pupils beginning in August each year.

If you have any specific concerns about your child(ren) in relation to any additional support you feel they may require coming into P1, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Frame



(Depute Headteacher) in the first instance to discuss these. In some cases, some external transition arrangements can be put into place to cater for the needs of individual children.

sframe@hyndland-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

- **What arrangements are in place for introducing my child to the school, their teacher(s)?**

To help prevent the transmission of COVID-19, we have had to adapt our usual transition programme accordingly. Although we cannot provide our full offering of nursery and parent/carer visits, we have made every effort to provide a range of useful online presentations and resources within the school website to help prepare your child(ren) for the move to P1 at Hyndland Primary.

The online provision this year consists of the following:

- **Parent/Carer Presentation** – This is a general presentation about Hyndland Primary School, covering covers a range of useful information about our school, our curriculum and our learning community. It also provides details about how to access after school care and eligibility for financial support in relation to free school meals/clothing grant.
- **Children's Presentation** – A separate child-friendly presentation that can be shared with your child(ren) that will help to give them a first insight into what they can expect to see and do in Hyndland Primary in P1.
- **A virtual tour video** - Some of our very own Hyndland P1 and P7 pupils show you and your child(ren) around the school.
- **Parent/Carer Testimonials** - Some of our current P1 parents and carers share their first hand experience of what it has been like to become part of the Hyndland Primary community.
- **Frequently Asked Questions** – Again, some of our current P1 parents/carers have provided questions that they feel most new parents/carers may have, which we have answered.

- **School Visits**

We are intending to offer socially-distanced face to face visits in small groups for our new P1 pupils with a parent/carer in the week beginning 7th June. This visit will provide the opportunity for parent/carers and children to meet myself and the class teacher in their P1 classroom, to get a feel for the school, and to ask any further questions you may have.

Mr Frame will be in touch in due course to let you know about the dates and times of the school visits.

We hope you find the P1 Transition content on the website informative and useful!

Welcome to Hyndland Primary!

