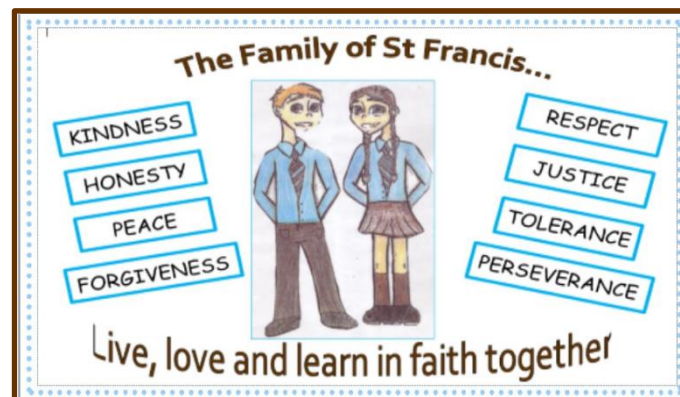




Welcome to
St. Francis Primary School
&
Nursery Class



Starting School
August 2020



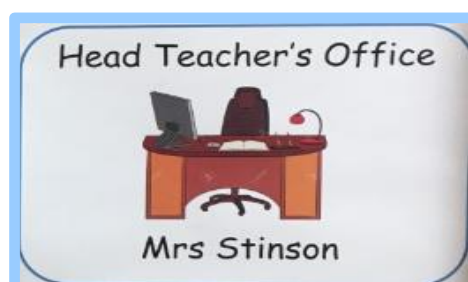
This is our school entrance.



This is our school foyer.



This is where you will find the Head Teacher's Office and the Main Office.



Start of Term

The first day of term for Primary 1 is during the second week in August, 2020. (This day has yet to be confirmed) On the first two days, the children will come to the school hall at 9.30a.m. and will be collected at 2.50p.m. from the school hall. From day three the children will come to school at 9.00a.m.

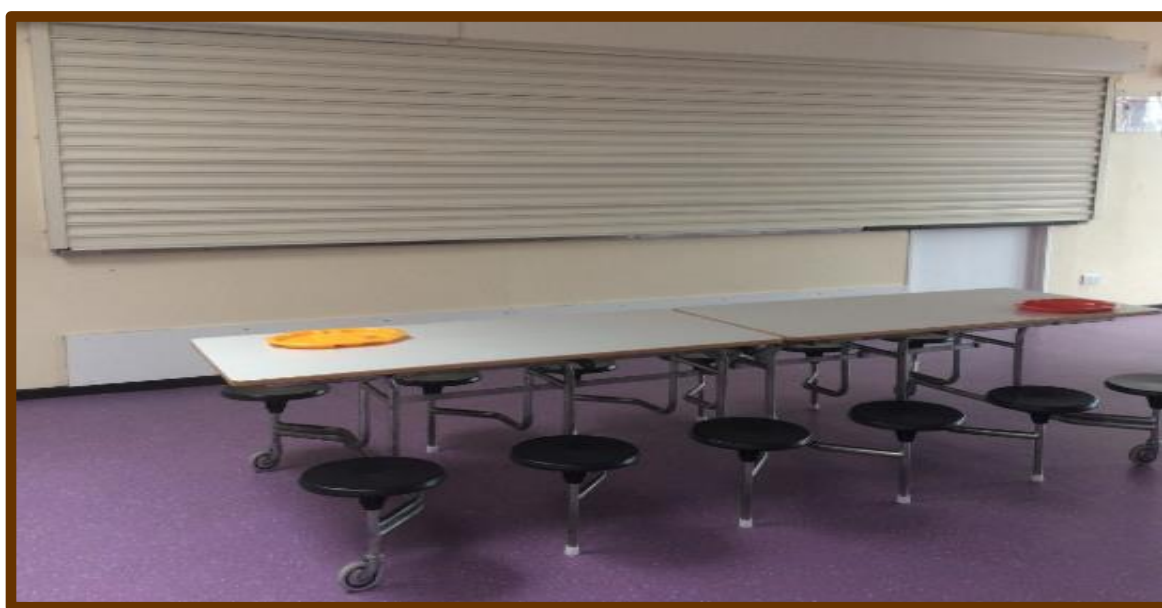
Where will I go in the morning?

Primary 1 children should assemble in the playground just outside the Primary 1 classroom. Parents are welcome to bring children into the school playground for the first few days and to collect them at home time. However, very soon, you will be asked to leave your child at the school gate to go into the playground to meet their friends. Be rest assured that children usually settle down quickly as soon as their parents leave.

These arrangements will be subject to change based on the most up to date guidelines at the time. We will update you as soon as we have more definitive arrangements.

What happens at lunchtime?

All children from P.1 - P.4 are entitled to a free school meal. Children have their lunch in the school canteen. The choice of menu runs on a 3 weekly cycle. Your child will receive a copy of this and weekly menus are posted on Twitter. If your child has any dietary requirements can you please inform the school. Children may also choose to bring their own packed lunch.



This is where I will sit in the canteen. I might have a packed lunch.



This is where I will collect my drink and cutlery.



This is where I will clear away my tray with the help from the Primary 7 monitors.

What will I do at playtime?

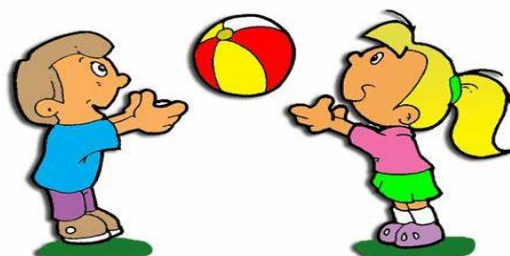
Primary 1 children are supervised at all times in the playground. They play in the Infant playground which is used only by Primary 1 and Primary 2 children.

During interval times, for the first few weeks, the Primary 1 Buddies come up to the playground to help supervise. Children can bring a snack for playtime.

During spells of bad weather, children stay in the classroom and play quiet games, while being supervised by support staff and the Primary 7 Monitors. We also encourage children to bring their own colouring book and pens/pencils to use at these times.



My playground - This is where I have my playtime. I can eat my snack and play with my friends.



What about going to the toilet?

Children have access to the toilet at break times and are encouraged to go at this time. They will be taught to ask their teacher if they need to go to the toilet during class time. If your child has any medical issues regarding this (e.g. *needs to make frequent visits to the toilet*), please let the teacher know. This helps to avoid any accidents. We do keep a supply of spare clothing in case such an accident should occur. Children will be reminded of the importance and necessity of handwashing and hand sanitising throughout the day.

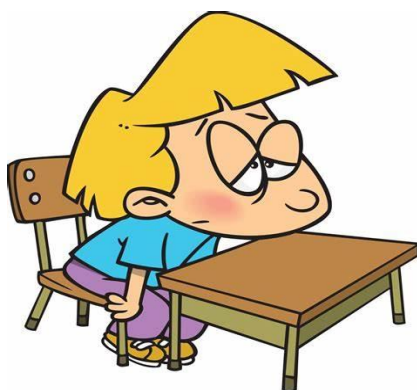


My toilet is just outside my classroom.

What if I am ill?

In the event of a child being sick or having an accident, the child is immediately attended by the First Aider on duty. We will contact you if we feel that your child requires to be taken home.

In the event of the child needing hospital treatment, parents will be contacted immediately.



What should I bring to school?

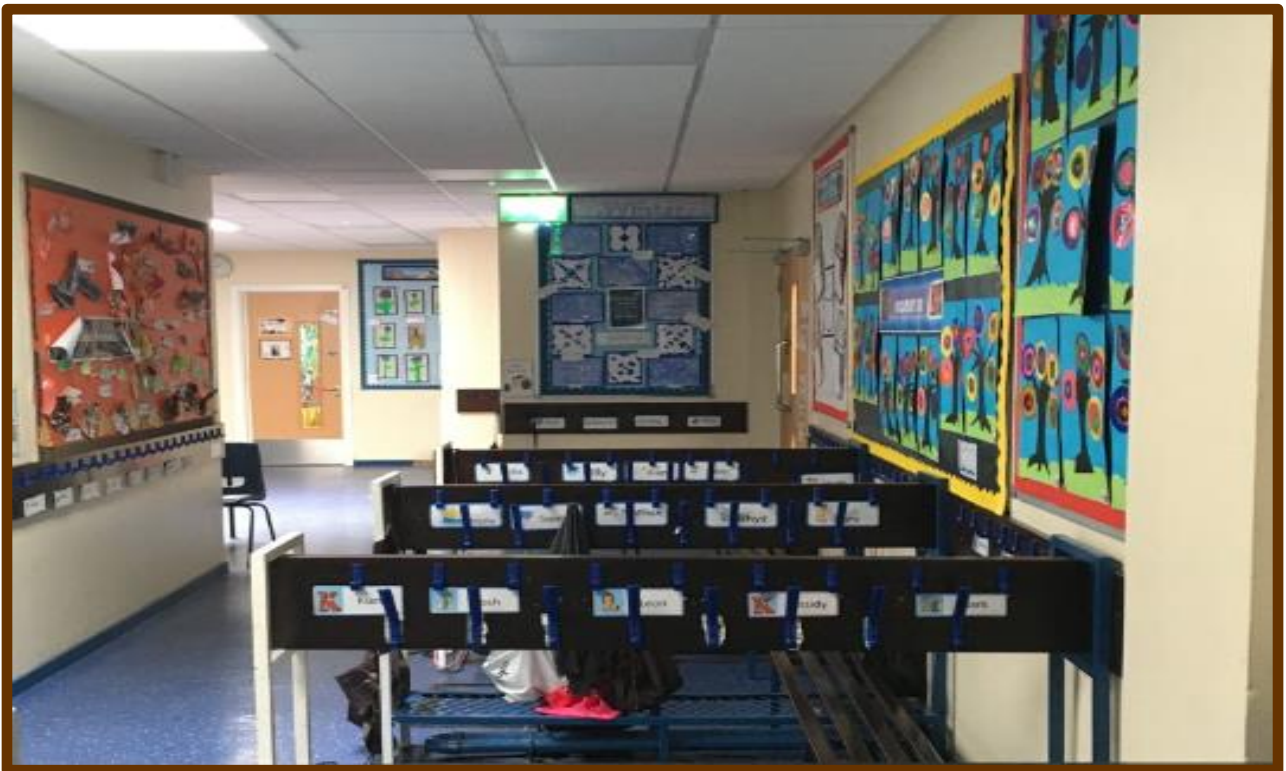
SCHOOL BAG - for holding reading books, homework jotters, snack.

SNACK - for playtime.

P.E. KIT - Not on first day! - Sandshoe bag with shorts, and sandshoes - slip on or Velcro sandshoes make life easier for teacher and child. Children wear their polo shirt to school on PE days.

WATER BOTTLE - which may be kept in class and refilled during break time at one of the water dispensers. Labelled with their name.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS HAVE CHILD'S NAME CLEARLY MARKED ON THEM. (YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE HOW MANY EXTRA ITEMS OF ANONYMOUS CLOTHING 'APPEAR' ON A REGULAR BASIS!)



This is my cloakroom area, where I will hang up my sandshoe bag, my coat and my school bag.



We have an interactive whiteboard in the classroom.



This is what my classroom may look like. It is very colourful.



This is the gym hall where I will do PE. I will also come here to the School Assembly and First Friday mass.



This is the ICT Suite and Library. I will come here to do some of my work on the computer.



This is the Music Room. I come here for some music lessons and hymn practice.

Our School Uniform



BOYS- Brown Blazer (optional),
Brown pullover, cardigan or sweatshirt
Blue shirt or blue polo shirt
Brown trousers
School tie

GIRLS- Brown Blazer (optional),
Brown pullover, cardigan or sweatshirt
Blue blouse or blue polo shirt
Brown skirt or kimono
School tie

The preference is to wear brown as this depicts the cossack of St Francis of Assisi, however if this is difficult to source then grey is the next alternative.

Children should wear a polo shirt, shorts and gym shoes for PE lessons and **all jewellery should be removed.**

Our School Day

P1 to P7 Breakfast Club - 8.00 am-8.40 am - Monday - Thursday

There is a charge of £1 per day to attend the Breakfast Club however, if your child is in receipt of a free school meal/ clothing grant, no payment is required.

P1 to P7 Open - 9.00 am
Interval - 10.30 am - 10.45 am
Lunch - 12.15 pm - 1.00 pm
Dismissal - 3.00 pm

SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

How can my parents find out about school policies and procedures?

- SCHOOL HANDBOOK
- SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
- CLASS NEWSLETTER
- TWITTER - @StFrancisPG
- SCHOOL WEBSITE -
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/in/stfrancisprimary>
- PARENT COUNCIL
- SPEAKING TO SCHOOL STAFF

Most importantly we want you and your child to feel that you are part of our St Francis' Family.

Our aim is to work in partnership with you and I am always more than happy to meet with Parents/Carers to discuss any questions or concerns regarding your child.

Telephone : 01475 715725

With Kindest Regards,

Jane Stinson

Head Teacher

Senior Management Team



Mrs Stinson
Head Teacher



Mrs Kelly
Depute Head
Teacher



Mrs Murphy
Depute Head
Teacher
Nursery

Here are our Primary 1 Teachers



Mrs Smith



Miss Mulgrew

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred ... let me sow love
Where there is injury ... pardon
Where there is doubt ... faith
Where there is despair ... hope
Where there is darkness, light
Where there is sadness ... joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled ... as to console,
To be understood ... as to understand,
To be loved ... as to love, for
It is in giving ... that we receive,
It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned,
It is in dying, that we are born to eternal life.



