

# BISHOPMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Transition Programme 2020



**Starting Primary School**



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## **TRANSITION PROGRAMME 2020**

Earlier this year, you registered your child for school at Bishopmill Primary and you are probably wondering what happens next. We will try to outline this for you through this booklet. If you have any further questions after reading it, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Due to school closures at present, as a result of the current Covid-19 pandemic, we have had to be creative in how we plan to deliver the information you will need, and activities you can use, to help prepare your child for starting school.

### **STAFF LIAISON**

#### **Nursery and P1 Liaison**

Towards the start of term 4, our Primary 1 staff would normally be in touch with our partner nurseries to find out about the children coming in to Primary 1. Where possible, they visit the partner nurseries to liaise with early years' colleagues and meet with some of the children. Our intake is normally from a wide range of nurseries and therefore it is not always possible to visit them all and meet with all the children (who may be in at different times), but we try to see as many as we can.

This year, however, we have had to do all these meetings remotely. Our P1 teachers have worked together with staff from our partner nurseries to find out as much as possible about your child's learning, interests and any additional support needs they may have.

### **PARENTS' MEETINGS**

#### **New Primary 1 Parents' Meeting**

We would normally invite you in, towards the start of term 4, to find out about the transition process and what you can do to help prepare your child for school. This would also give you the opportunity to meet with the P1 teachers, see the P1 classrooms and find out a bit about the routines of Primary 1. This usually provides an opportunity for you to share some information about your child with us too.

This year, the Primary 1 staff have recorded themselves presenting the information that would normally be shared with you at the parents' meetings. This will give you the opportunity to 'virtually' meet the Primary 1 teachers, whilst finding out the necessary information about your child's transition to school. You can view this on our school website/YouTube channel.

Topics covered include:

- Preparing Your Child for School
- Uniform
- Buddies
- The First Week
- Routines
- School Day



A useful booklet will also be issued with information about starting school. You will be informed of which 'House' your child will be in - this is to allow you time to buy the correct colour of t-shirt for P.E. When we are in a position to do so, we will then inform you about who your child's teacher(s) will be.

## **PUPIL ACTIVITIES**

### **Visits to the Primary 1 classroom**

Your child would normally have the opportunity to visit the P1 classrooms for an hour's 'Stay and Play' session over four consecutive weeks. The first two of these sessions are with you, the parents, and the second two are with the teacher(s) and their allocated buddy. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that we will be able to offer these sessions during the current circumstances.

Therefore, you and your child are invited to join our Primary 1 staff on a virtual tour of the classroom, the dining hall and the playground. Again, you can view this on our school website/YouTube channel.

During these sessions we would normally gather some information from you, the person who knows best, about your child. We will be sending this form out for you to complete electronically instead. We would also normally take some photos of the children and complete a 'getting to know you' activity with them, ready to display in their new classroom at the start of term. We will send out information to ask for your help with this too.

## Starting School Booklet

Many parents are keen to find out what they can do to help prepare their child for school, so we have provided you with a booklet of suggested activities. This contains a wealth of ideas to support your child at home and help them prepare for starting school.

## Meeting their Buddy

A Buddy is an older pupil who will support your child in the playground when they start school. Normally, your child would have the opportunity to meet their buddy during the last two transition sessions and their buddy would introduce themselves to you at collection time. This year, your child will have a chance to meet their buddy when they start school and we will also ask our buddies to introduce themselves to you at the end of the first day's session.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Lunch Advice

More information to follow (when your child starts school).



### Curriculum Evening

Date and Time to be confirmed (usually the Wednesday of the second week)

This session will provide an opportunity for parents to find out more about how Literacy and Numeracy are taught and how you can support your child in Primary 1.

### Shared Learning

Date and Time to be confirmed

We offer regular opportunities throughout the year for you to visit the P1 classrooms and engage in learning with your child. The first of these is normally a phonic- based session offered towards the start of term, following on from the curricular evening.

**In order to share information and answer your questions, you are invited to contact us through the school e-mail address below. Please use the title 'P1 Transition' in the subject box.**

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