



**Fairlie Primary School and Early Years
Newsletter
February 2021**

We were delighted to welcome Early Years and Primary 1-3 back to school this week. The children have settled quickly and are once again demonstrating their ability to follow all routines linked to our Covid- 19 Risk Assessment.

We look forward to the time when we can welcome Miss Tracey and P5/4 and Mrs McGuire/Mrs McMenamin and P7/6, back to school.

Remote Learning P4-P7

Please see below a revised timetable of Microsoft Teams Meetings beginning Monday 1 March for P5/4 and P7/6. Teachers will continue to meet with children on a daily basis. Some of the meetings will be for the whole class with others arranged for cohorts e.g. P5 only. Information re meetings will continue to be shared via daily assignments.

Thank you for all your efforts in supporting your children and our remote learning offer.

Remote Learning Timetable P4-P7

	9.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.
Monday	P7/6	P5/4
Tuesday	P5/4	P7/6
Wednesday	P7/6	P5/4
Thursday	P5/4	P7/6
Friday	P7/6	P5/4

World Book Day

Thursday 4th March is World Book Day. Children across the school whether working at home or in school will take part in a range of activities to celebrate the joy of books and reading. Activities will include staff and children sharing favourite children's stories. We have also planned a design a bookmark competition. Children P4-P7 can take photographs of their designs and post them on Teams. Children will also write /record key details about their favourite stories. These story/ book reviews will be recorded on leaf shapes which we will then use to create a 'story beanstalk' display.

Student Teachers/Student Early Years Practitioners

Mrs Kathryn Stevenson University of Dundee will join Mrs Holmes and Primary one on Monday 1st March. HNC Student Jessica Easton will take up her placement in the Early Years Class.

Attendance

Parents are requested to inform the school and Early Years Class before 9.30 a.m. on the first day of a child's absence. If we do not receive a call, you will be contacted via telephone or text message. Please also send a note of explanation as it is important for us to keep absence records.

COVID-19

North Ayrshire Council have requested that we regularly remind parents/carers of procedures should your child be unwell and is exhibiting symptoms of COVID -19 i.e.

- New continuous cough
- Fever/high temperature
- Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia)

You must contact the NHS Test and Protect Team to arrange for a test to be undertaken. You can do this on-line at [NHSinform.scot/test-and-protect](https://www.nhs.uk/infocentre/sections/113727/all) or by calling 0800 028 2816.

Your child will not be allowed to return to School or Early Years until a negative test result has been presented to the school office. Without this, the assumption will be that the child is positive for COVID-19 and should self-isolate for the required period of time.

If, having been sent home one day, the young person returns to School or Early Years the next day without proof of a negative test, they will be directed to a designated room and arrangements will be made to have them collected again.

Close contacts of anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 will now be asked to go for a test.

Primary 1 Registration/Primary 7 Transfer/Early Years Registration

With registration for Primary 1 completed online this year, I have missed the opportunity to meet with parents and carers. North Ayrshire Council have now forwarded the list of new entrants for August 2021.

Now that the children have returned to the Early Years Class, we are beginning to plan the transition programme for our Pre School Children. We hope to share plans with you in the very near future. In the meantime, our most up-to-date School Handbook can be found on the North Ayrshire Council Website.

Mrs White has completed the necessary paperwork for those children transferring to Largs Academy in August 2021. Transition arrangements for P7 to S1 are also at the planning stage.

If you have any queries in relation to Registration or P7 Transfer, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

In Session 2021-2022, the Early Years will move to offering 1140 hours. This will mean offering a range of options including Term Time and Full Year provision as well as patterns including am, pm and full days.

Early Years Registration is almost complete and we hope to offer places and confirm patterns within the next few weeks.

And Finally

Should you have an enquiry, or even a just a niggle, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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