

Loudoun-Montgomery Primary  
and  
Early Years Newsletter  
August 2019



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We are delighted to welcome all of the children back to School and Early Years and we extend a warm welcome to our new Primary 1 pupils and children joining the Early Years.

We were all very pleased that the Primary 1 pupils were all settled in class by 10:00a.m. which is a great achievement.

All of our pupils looked very smart in their school uniforms and we are very grateful to all parents who have ensured that the children have their uniforms.

If your child requires a school sweatshirt we have some in stock which can be purchased or we can provide information to place orders.

All of Primary 1-3 were pleased to receive their new book bags which will ensure all books can travel safely between home and school.

All of the children from P1-7 were also issued with a new water bottle, to help to reduce the number of disposable cups being used.



## PE Days

The scheduled days for each class participating in PE are listed below.

Class	Days	
Primary 1	Tuesday	Thursday
Primary 2	Monday	Wednesday
Primary 3	Monday	Friday
Primary 5/4	Tuesday	Friday
Primary 6/5	Monday	Thursday
Primary 7	Tuesday	Friday

Your child should bring a gym kit to school and this will be kept in school and returned to be washed at the end of each term.

All jewellery should be removed for PE. Only if your child has recent ear piercing then they should bring tape from home to cover the earrings. Staff are not permitted to apply tape, without consent.

## Breakfast Club



A free Breakfast Club is available for all pupils from 8.15a.m. -9:00a.m. everyday. There are

lots of activities on offer in addition to a healthy breakfast.

### School Meals

We emailed the new school lunch menu on Friday. Please use this to help your child choose their lunch. We would like to draw your attention to the change to sandwich choices. Ham sandwiches have been removed from the menu.



### Free School Meals

We would encourage everyone who is entitled to free school meals to apply for them. If you require any help with this please contact the school office.

### Contact Details

If you have changed your telephone number please come into school and change your details immediately. It is very important that we can contact you in an emergency.





## Medical Conditions and Medicine

If your child has medication in school it must be in date and labelled with a prescription label from the chemist. This includes inhalers which must have a label on the insert and not the spacer. Mrs McQueenie or Miss Goudie will make contact with all parents or carers of children with Health Care Plans to update paperwork this week.

Our new class structure is

Primary 1 - Mrs McKendrick and Mrs Watson

Primary 2 - Miss Tognini

Primary 3 - Mrs Peakman

Primary 5/4 - Miss Thomson

Primary 6/5 - Miss Wallace

Primary 7 - Miss McCormack

We will send out Dates for your diary information shortly.

## Entry to school

There will be an informal entry to school. Doors will open at 8.55a.m. Children should enter the

school by 9:00a.m. Mrs McQueenie and Mrs Hume will open the doors.

### Playground Opening

All of the children were happy to explore our new playground. You are invited to our playground opening on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 2:15p.m. We hope to see you there.

### Absence - School

If your child is unwell, please contact the school office on 01294-279031 and select Option 1 before 9:00a.m.

### Absence - Early Years

If your child is not attending Early Years for any reason, please let the Early Years staff know. Please call 01294-279031 and select Option 2.

### Early Years Change of Clothes

Please leave a change of clothes for your child on their peg, just in case they have an accident or get wet when playing. Children prefer to change into familiar clothes. Your help with this is much appreciated

## Early Years Drop Off and Pick up Times

To help ensure all children have the best experience and staff are on hand to welcome your child please keep to the following drop off and pick up times.

Early Years Start Time	Doors open	Doors close
8:00a.m.	8:00a.m.	8:15a.m.
8:30a.m.	8:30a.m.	8:45a.m.
12:45p.m.	12:45p.m.	1:00p.m.
1:15p.m.	1:15p.m.	1:30p.m.

Early Years Finish	Doors open	Doors close
12:45p.m.	12:30p.m.	12:40p.m.
1:15p.m.	1:00p.m.	1:10p.m.
5:30p.m.	5:20p.m.	5:30p.m.
6.00p.m.	5:45p.m.	5:55p.m.

Any parent wishing to collect an Early Years pupil at the end of the school day, the doors will be open from 3.05p.m. - 3.15p.m.

This will ensure the safety of all children and means your child is benefiting from quality staff input, as staff answering the door takes away from time with your child.

## Early Years Staff

We are delighted to welcome back some of our existing staff and new staff to the Early Years.

Tracey Stevenson has taken up her post as Early Years Manager and Jade Quinn has joined the team as the Senior Early Years Practitioner.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to speak to either member of staff or myself or Miss Goudie.

The team have spoken to some parents and carers are the majority have decided that the children will refer to staff by their first name in Early Years.

We appreciate this is a change, but staff feel this is a positive step as we built relationships, nurture and encourage our young people while capturing our school values of

*Inclusion, Respect and Achievement*

We look forward to working together this session.

Kind regards,  
Miss Robertson  
Head Teacher