



Loudoun-Montgomery Primary School & Early Years - Welcome Back!



17 August 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and taken advantage of the warm weather we have had for the majority of the holiday.

We are looking forward to seeing all our **Early Years and Primary School Children returning to Loudoun-Montgomery on Thursday 18th August** following the In-service Day for all staff on Wednesday 17th August. To download the NAC School Calendar for this session then please [CLICK HERE](#).

STARTING BACK

Early Years opens at 8am. Term Time and Full Years children will attend Early Years following the pattern of attendance that was confirmed by North Ayrshire Council and Early Years staff.

Breakfast Club for Primary School pupils opens from 8.15am. There is no need to pre-register for the Breakfast Club, it is open to all Primary School pupils. Currently there is no cost for making use of the Breakfast Club thanks to our partnership working with the Greggs Foundation.

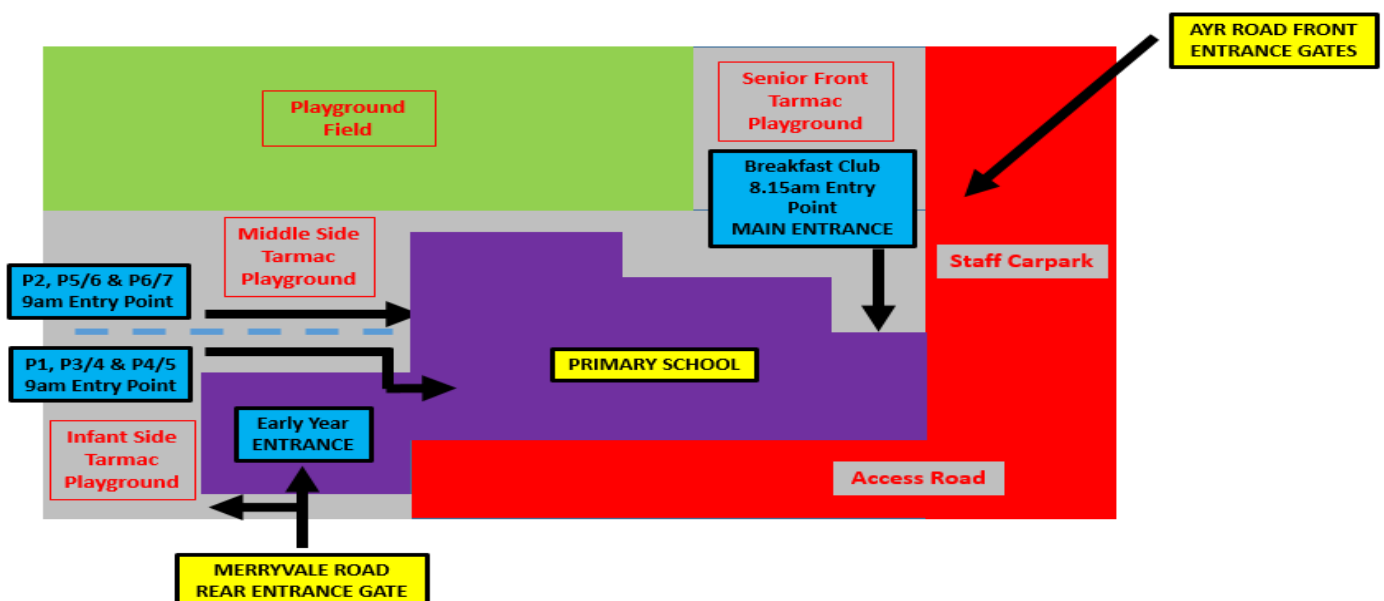
Primary School doors open at 9am. If your child is not attending the breakfast club then pupils should not enter the school grounds until 8.50am. Playground supervision is not provided at this time and pupils should not make use of any of the equipment that is present in the playground.

We are especially looking forward to welcoming our **Primary 1** pupils on Thursday. We enjoyed having our Primary 1 children and families in over the summer break in July and August. Our Breakfast Club is open to P1 from the very first day. We are keen to see all our Primary 1 children in for 9am. However, on their first day we are happy to give families a little flexibility with the latest start time being 9.30am.

Families and pupils can **access the school grounds** using the Front Gates (Ayr Road side) or the Back Gate (Merryvale Road cul-de-sac side). Primary School pupils should not make use of the access road to the rear of the school. The bike/scooter stand for primary school children has been temporarily relocated to the Infant Playground.

Work will soon commence on the **demolition of the high rise flats**. We ask that children making use of Ayr Road remain on the McKinley Crescent side of Ayr Road and cross at the zebra crossing point where the crossing control person is based. We will share further information as we receive it.

Entrance doors for children are shown on the school plan below:



We ask that **parking is done responsibly**, avoiding the school carpark, community centre carpark, driveway entrances of our neighbours and the No Parking Lines at the school gates. There is ample parking throughout the length of Merryvale Road for families to park and stride.

ATTENDANCE

There was a marked improvement in attendance in our last term as the challenges of Covid on our community significantly eased. We hope that this improving trend continues throughout the school session. It is well known that there is clear link between attendance and attainment. We will welcome additional staffing this session to provide support where attendance is a challenge. It is important that parents notify the school office of all absences before 9am. Please make use of the direct telephone number – 01294 279031. You can also make use of the Xpressions App (see below) to leave a message for us to call you back. We require to account for the whereabouts of all our children each day. We wish to avoid undertaking any home visits by a member of the Senior Management Team or our new Area Inclusion Worker where no contact has been made. Where there is a pattern of poor attendance, including lateness, we will work with parents and pupils to see what supports we can provide. Parental support with our focus on attendance is greatly appreciated.

EARLY YEARS MEALS & PRIMARY SCHOOL LUNCHES

These are free up to and including Primary 5. Early Years Lunch is at 12pm. Primary School lunches are between 12.45pm to 1.30pm. Early Years Teas is at 4pm. The menus for the first couple of days back at are shown below. Please click the following links for further information:

[FULL THREE WEEK MENUS; Allergen & Nutrition Information and Special Dietary Requirements](#)

[Education Grant Application for Free School Meals for P6 and P7 Pupils](#)

[Register to use the online / cashless payment system for P6 and P7 Meals](#)

Early Years Lunch & Tea Menus

Thursday	Friday
Potato & leek soup/ chicken goujons, wedges & seasonal vegetables	Fish, chips & peas/ fruit platter yogurt
Beefburger & fruit crumble & custard	Lentil soup, pizza & seasonal salad

Primary School Lunch Menus

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Potato and leek soup Chicken goujons, potato wedges, seasonal salad, broccoli	Lentil soup Fish, chips, peas, seasonal salad
Beefburger roll, seasonal salad	Pizza, baby jacket potatoes, peas, seasonal salad
Tomato & basil pasta garlic bread & seasonal salad	Baked potato & baked beans, seasonal salad
Cheese sandwich, seasonal salad	Chicken sandwich, seasonal salad
Fruit platter, fruit crumble & custard, yogurt	Fruit platter, yogurt

COMMUNICATION

Many of our letters and information will be shared with you digitally. To avoid missing out on important information it is essential that we have your correct email address.

We think that the email addresses we have for parents are correct. We would like to an audit of how successful this message has been in reaching our parents. We would therefore be very grateful if you could quickly click the next link by the end of our first week – Friday 19th August - to confirm that you received this message. We will then contact parents who did not respond to get an update from them on the email address that they are using.

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO CONFIRM YOU GOT THIS LETTER

The best way in which to share information with you is through the free **Xpressions App**, which is used by all North Ayrshire schools. There are many advantages of using this App:

- Instant notification of a school message – not lost in the sea of emails that you receive each day
- Saves all school messages together – no need to scroll through 100s of emails to find a message
 - Avoids losing important school messages in the form of SPAM emails



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MEDICATION

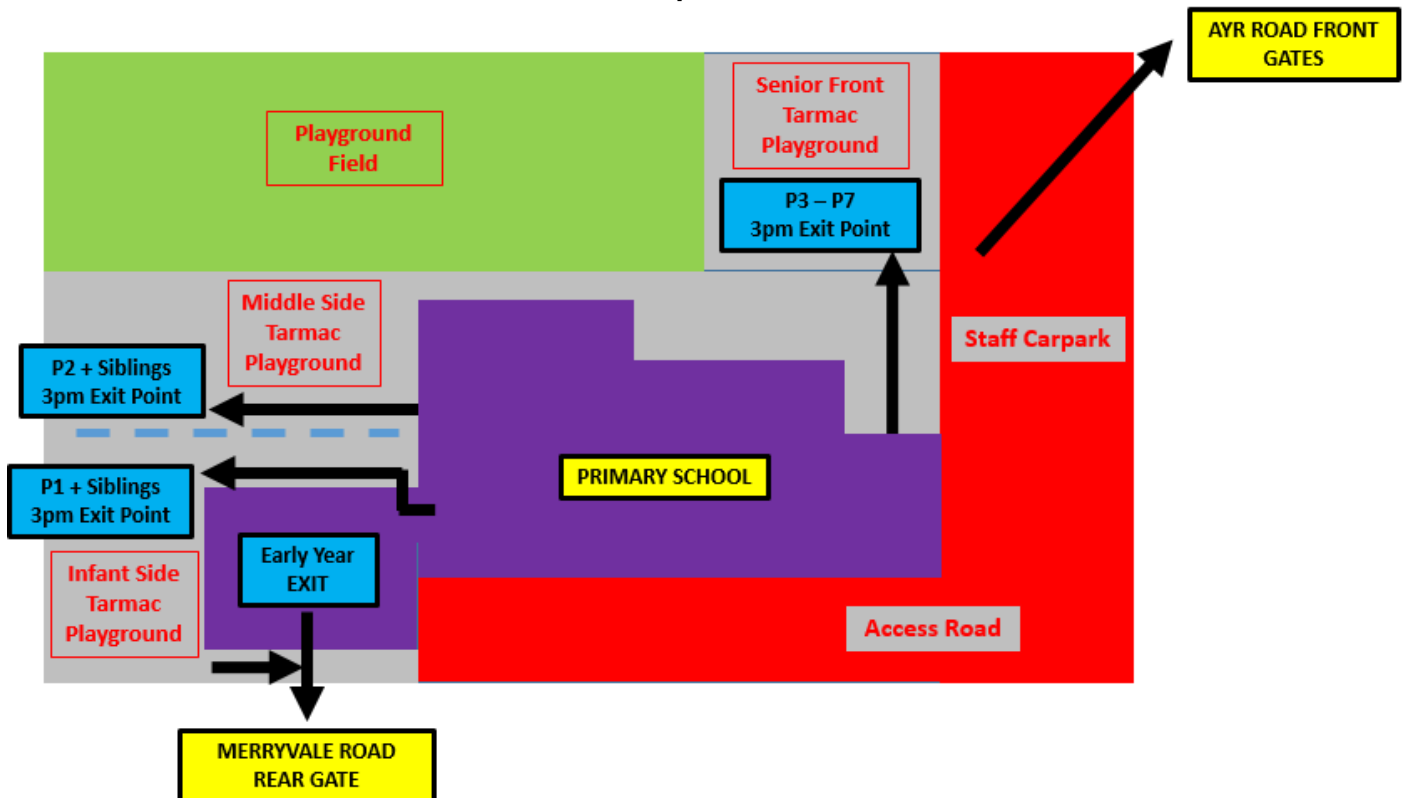
We wish to ensure that medication for primary school children is in place for the commencement of the new session. Medication cannot be held by the school or administered until the completion of appropriate paperwork. All prescribed medications must be clearly labelled with the name of your child. If you wish to have your child's medication to be in place at the start of the new session then we ask that you complete information using the link below.

[CLICK LINK TO SHARE MEDICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STARTING BACK](#)

HOME TIME

Our Primary school finishing time is 3pm. Our school grounds are an extension of our playrooms / classrooms and we can make use of our grounds up until 2.45pm each day. We politely ask that you do not enter the school grounds until 2.45pm. Similar to the previous two years, exit arrangements will remain the same to allow a smooth exit. **P1 and P2 children and their older** siblings will exit into the side playgrounds. We ask that P1 parents and P2 parents keep to their side of the playground to allow a smooth hand over children by staff. Remaining **P3 to P7 children** will exit out the main entrance. We ask that P3 to P7 parents continue to wait for their children in the Senior Playground. Please avoid standing in front of the main entrance and within the two exit paths. Please make use of the ample space provided in the playground. Again, if travelling by car, please park responsibly.

Exit areas for children are shown on the school plan below:



We are looking forward to seeing all our children returning on **Thursday 18th August**. We look forward to embarking on a normal full school session, which we have missed so greatly over the last two years.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday!

Yours sincerely,

Paul Bleakley
Head Teacher