



PRIMARY 1 INDUCTION PROGRAMME

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm pleased to share with you that Mrs McKendrick & Mrs Watson will be your child's P1 teachers. Mrs McKendrick will teach on a Monday & Tuesday and Mrs Watson on a Wednesday to Friday. You will be aware that we are one of the smallest schools in North Ayrshire and therefore our P1 numbers for next session means that there will only be one P1 class.



Mrs McKendrick
(Monday & Tuesday)



Mrs Watson
(Wednesday to Friday)

We hope that the range of transition approaches below will support your child's move to P1:

1. CLASS TEACHER VISITS TO EARLY YEARS – APRIL THROUGH TO JUNE

These transition visits with the children have a STEM focus (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths), and are delivered to match children's level and interest. This STEM approach is being applied across our cluster – Irvine Royal Academy Cluster. Mrs McKendrick was part of the authority working party that developed this engaging STEM approach that uses the popular children's stories based on the character *Percy the Park Keeper*.



2. PARENT INFORMATION MORNING – FRIDAY 17th May at 9.05am – P1 PLAYGROUND ENTRANCE –

Our First Parental Induction Event will be held on Friday 17th May from 9.05am to 10.30am, which will be an informal morning to introduce:

STARTING AT PRIMARY SCHOOL INFORMATION YOUR CHILD'S P1 CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT & THEIR P1 TEACHERS

Entrance will be through our P1 Playground Doors, which is located on the opposite side to the Early Years main entrance. You will be welcomed into the P1 classroom to view the layout of a modern P1 learning environment. You will see a very different environment to the one you experienced in P1. It has some similarities to an Early Years playroom. Many schools within North Ayrshire and across Scotland adopt a pedagogical play approach in P1.

[PLEASE CLICK LINK for Education Scotland Good Practice Information on P1 Play Pedagogy](#)

If your child does not normally attend early years at this time, then please bring them along too. Mrs McDaniel, our P1 Early Years Practitioner, has some activities that they can enjoy. Please click this link below or scan QR code overleaf to share that you can attend.

[PLEASE CLICK LINK TO SHARE YOU ATTENDANCE ON FRIDAY 17TH MAY](#)

OR Please scan QR code below to share that you can attend.



3. SMALL GROUP P1 CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE – MAY & JUNE

As our children have a variety of attendance patterns this activity will be repeated during May and June to ensure all children can enjoy the experience during days that they attend Early Years.



4. MEET THE TEACHER - 1 TO 1 CHAT WITH MRS MCKENDRICK & MRS WATSON - Friday 24th MAY -

We would like to invite you for a short informal chat. This is our 3rd year of running this successful approach. We will make use of the final In-service day of the session – Friday 24th May, where we can schedule a one to one time for you and your child to meet with Mrs McKendrick and Mrs Watson. This will take place in the P1 Classroom – entrance through the P1 playground door. If you wish your child to attend along with siblings, Mrs McDaniel, our P1 Early Years Practitioner, will have some activities in the classroom available that they can enjoy, whilst you speak to Mrs McKendrick and Mrs Watson.

Please click the link or scan the QR code below to tell us about the times when you are available to attend on Friday 24th May. When we meet with you next Friday - 17th May - we will share with you your appointment time. **Your 1 to 1 informal get together on 24th May will last approximately 10 minutes.**

[PLEASE CLICK LINK TO SHARE YOU ATTENDANCE ON FRIDAY 24TH MAY](#)



5. PRIMARY 1 INDUCTION PACK – MAY

During the to one-one meeting, Mrs McKendrick and Mrs Watson will introduce to you our P1 Induction Pack, which you can take away at the end of your conversation.

This is packed with information about primary school life.



6. SMALL GROUP OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Again, as our children have a variety of attendance patterns this activity will be repeated throughout May & June to ensure all children can enjoy the experience during one of the days that they attend.

This experience will extend to a home activity – creating a *Nature Palette*.

Each child's completed *Nature Palette* will be gathered in on their first day of Primary 1 in August. It will form a focus for sharing and discussion. It will then be used to create P1's first wall display.



7. WHOLE CLASS CLASSROOM SUMMER INDUCTION EXPERIENCES – JULY & AUGUST

First Afternoon - Friday 5th July – 1pm to 2pm

Second Afternoon - Monday 5th August – 1pm to 2pm

With the length of the summer break we have used this approach with great success over previous years. We do hope that your child will be able to join us on these two 1 hour afternoon visits, for the whole P1 to enjoy together. If your child attends early years on these afternoons then one of our practitioners will make sure they join their new P1 friends so that they do not miss out on the fun. Parents and siblings are invited to stay for some tea, coffee, juice and biscuits in the main hall. On the first afternoon there will be a little of entertainment, where we will share a slideshow to music of pictures of our children during there last year at early years, concluding with their graduation day photographs. During the last 10 minutes of each afternoon our new P1 children will join us in the main hall so we can celebrate how well they have done with their whole class time together – certificates for all! Keep these dates in your diary. A sign-up link will be sent in June.



We hope that you will agree that we have been creative in our approach to planning an effective transition path for your child, so they are well prepared for Primary 1 in August. Their first P1 day at Loudoun-Montgomery Primary School is on **Tuesday 20th August 2024**.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Bleakley
Head Teacher

