



## PRIMARY 1 INDUCTION PROGRAMME

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to share with you that Mrs McKendrick & Mrs Watson will be your child's P1 teachers. Mrs McKendrick will teach on the days noted below. The class structure for the schools has not been confirmed by the local authority at this time and it is therefore not been decided if your child's class will be a straight P1 class or a composite P1/2 class. Nevertheless, your child's class during their first year at Loudoun-Montgomery will not exceed 25 pupils. We hope that the range of transition approaches below will support your child's move to P1.



Mrs McKendrick  
(Monday & Tuesday)



Mrs Watson  
(Wednesday to Friday)

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

Mrs McKendrick and Mrs Watson have already been very busy **before Easter** visiting our early years children. **This will continue throughout term 4.** These transition visits will 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. Teachers were part of the authority's working party that developed this engaging STEM approach that uses the popular children's stories based on the character *Percy the Park Keeper*. These stories and approaches will also be shared with our feeder early years establishments during Mrs McKendrick and Mrs Watson's term 4 visits.



### 2. PARENT

**THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 9.05AM**

### INFORMATION MORNING

Our First Parental Induction Event will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 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 to share that you can attend...

[PLEASE CLICK LINK TO SHARE YOU ATTENDANCE ON THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL](#)

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



## **2. MEET THE TEACHER - 1 TO 1 CHAT WITH MRS McKENDRICK or MRS WATSON - THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY -**

We would like to invite you for a short informal chat. This is our 4<sup>th</sup> year of running this successful approach. We will make use of this day, where we can schedule a one to one time for you and your child to meet with Mrs McKendrick and Mrs Watson.

Please click the link or scan QR code below to tell us about the times when you are available to attend.

**Replies must be in before Friday 11 April.  
Your appointment time will be with you before the start of term 4.**

**Your 1 to 1 informal get together on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May will last approximately 10 minutes.**

[PLEASE CLICK LINK TO SHARE YOU ATTENDANCE ON THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY](#)



## **3. PRIMARY 1 INDUCTION PACK**

During your 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.



## **4. SMALL GROUP P1 CLASSROOM & OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES – MAY & JUNE**

After Mrs McKendrick or Mrs Watson meeting parents on the 1<sup>st</sup> May then will then throughout May and June invite small groups of our new P1 children into their new classroom. Mrs McKendrick and Mrs Watson will contact parents of children who attend other early years establishments to arrange suitable times for their child to join and mix with their Loudoun-Montgomery early years peers.



## 6. WHOLE CLASS CLASSROOM SUMMER INDUCTION EXPERIENCES – JULY & AUGUST

**First Afternoon - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – 1pm to 2pm**

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**Second Afternoon - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 their 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 **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025**.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Bleakley  
Head Teacher

