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**BUS LAY BY AND STAFF CAR PARK**

These areas are for the school bus and staff and should not be used by any other vehicles.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

**NUT ALLERGIES**

Due to the number of children with nut allergies, we ask that you do not give your child snacks/lunches that contain nuts or traces of nuts. We also ask that pupils are given appropriate healthy snacks. A reminder that no chewing gum is allowed in school.

**WATER BOTTLES**

In order to encourage good hydration, it is important that children have access to water at all times. Please provide your child with a filled plastic bottle (or 2) of water, with their name on it. It would be useful if it had a sports top to prevent spills. Children should not be bringing energy drinks or fizzy drinks to school, with the drinking of plain water encouraged.

**SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

If your child is eligible for school transportation, an application form must be approved by NLC Transport Section. This can be emailed to them. Please contact the school when your child’s application has been approved.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

Please contact the school should you change your phone number, address and/ or email.

NLC holiday dates can be found at-

www.[School holidays and term dates | North Lanarkshire Council](https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-holidays-and-term-dates)

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE**

**REGISTRATION OF INFANT BEGINNERS**

**IN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**SESSION 2023/24**

Children who attain the age of 5 years between 1 March 2023 and 29 February 2024 should be registered for education at Muir Street Primary on Monday 16th January, Tuesday 17th January or Friday 20th January 2023.

Parents/carers should take their children to the appropriate local primary school during that week at the times(s) designated by the school concerned. **Birth certificates and a current council tax notice must be produced.**

Information for parent/carers about the registration of children in schools can be obtained from any school or by visiting <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/primary-school-registration-p1>.

Information on submitting an early entry request can be obtained from any school or by visiting <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/early-entry>.

Information on submitting a placing request can be obtained from any school or by visiting <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/placing-requests>

Choosing a school booklet can also be downloaded from the Scottish Government website at [www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/11/10093528/0](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/11/10093528/0)

Parent/carers who wish to defer entry for their child to Primary School and who wish to apply for an additional year of part time pre-school education should register their child for school as described above and complete the deferred entry application form which can be obtained from the Primary School.

Enquiries regarding Deferred Entry should be directed to the Head of Establishment in the first instance.Further information regarding your catchment school can be obtained by visiting <https://maps.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/public/inyourarea> and selecting school catchments.

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**HEALTH & WELL-BEING**

At Muir Street Primary we want the health and wellbeing of the children, their families, staff and the wider school to be paramount; promoting health and wellbeing throughout the school curriculum and within the ethos of the school. We want the emotional, social and physical wellbeing of our learners and school community to be child-led and built into the culture and community of the school.

The *Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC)* wellbeing indicators (safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included) are also at the forefront of Health and Wellbeing and practice at Muir Street and this is reflected in our teaching and learning experiences and school ethos.

At Muir Street Primary we use a range of different tools to support the mental, social and physical wellbeing of pupils in the school.

**Healthy Schools**

We currently use the [www.healthyschools.scot](http://www.healthyschools.scot/) resource to help support teaching and learning within Health and Wellbeing. These materials have been developed in partnership with North and South Lanarkshire Council, NHS Lanarkshire and Health and Social Care in North Lanarkshire. Healthy Schools is a framework to guide the teaching, planning, tracking, monitoring and evaluation of Health and Wellbeing education throughout the school year. It supports co-ordination across the school and progression across all stages of the primary school and beyond. The materials support and guide teachers using the GIRFEC wellbeing indicators with suggested learning experiences and provides links to quality support materials.

**Emotion Works**

Emotion Works is a resource we currently use at Muir Street to develop the emotional literacy of our learners. This is a whole school approach aimed to help the pupils at Muir Street develop greater awareness of their emotions, the range of emotions they experience, how these emotions impact the body and behaviour and look at practical ways of managing and regulating emotions. It is a progressive programme that is build upon through each stage of the primary school.

We also use a range of targeted strategies to support the mental, social and emotional wellbeing for some learners. At the school we make use of social stories tailored to individual pupils needs. We also establish nurture and social groups when necessary to support the mental, social and emotional wellbeing of children who require more support out with the universal provision offered.

A counsellor, community youth worker, CLD Worker, Cluster Support Teacher and Family Engagement Worker are also available to the school to offer support to individual pupils and families where required.

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**Entering the School and Home Time**

P4-7 children are encouraged to enter through the side gate in the morning to allow P1-3 children to enter via the main gate. Primary one and two children can enter the school from 8.45am through the main hall door. Parents are asked to wait outside the school grounds for health and safety reasons. Please remember that the school playground is unsupervised before 8.40 am so, worth your consideration with darker mornings approaching.

At home time, P1-3 children will exit via the side gate. Please wait for your children there.

**Uniform**

Pupils are encouraged to wear uniform every day, bringing P.E. kit to change into. This helps support the positive ethos of our school and the sense of belonging to the Muir Street family.

**School Communication**

Letters and notes may be sent home with pupils, so please check school bags regularly. Information will also be put on the school’s social media platforms and sent by email using the Groupcall system. Please check your emails (and junk/spam folders) regularly for updates.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Our breakfast club is open daily to all pupils at 8.15am.

There is no cost for the breakfast service for pupils entitled to free school meals in P1-5. The cost for all other pupils in P6 & P7 is £1 per day for those not eligible for free meals.

If there is a family of 2 or 3 children in P6 and P7, breakfast costs £1.50 for 2 children and £1.80 for three children.

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**PTFA & Parent Council**

The PTFA and Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th January starting at 6:30pm at Muir Street Primary. We would be delighted to welcome new members so please come along and join us.

Our PTFA/Parent Council have been working tirelessly to raise funds for the school and have raised a staggering £1935!

They also helped us at our Christmas Fayre which raised a massive £1201.62!

**Thank you to all who gave up their time to make this happen. This is a fantastic amount of money – the children will greatly benefit from this!**

**Keep up to date with PTFA news on our Facebook Page –**

**Muir Street Primary PTFA, Parent Council and Local Community Page.**

**You can also follow us on Twitter @MuirStreetPS**

**Download our app at**

**Or view our website:** [www.muirstreet.n-lanark.sch.uk](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/MuirStreet/)

