



**Welcome to
Abronhill Primary School
2021-22**



Times



School begins: 9:00am

Interval: 10:25am-10:40am

Lunch: 12:00pm-12:45pm

School ends: 3:00pm

*May change with COVID restrictions. Parents/carers will be made aware of any changes



First Day



Monday 16th August 2021

On your child's first day in school we can only allow one adult to accompany him/her into school that day. We are unable to allow parents/carers into the primary 1 classroom but we will make sure we take a photo of every child for you to have.

We will contact you prior to your child starting with further information about where to bring them on the first day.

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Primary 1 Teacher



Miss Stewart

Children line up in the playground. Gates open from 8.45 and a member of SMT will be in the playground from 8.50

No parents are allowed into the playground when dropping child off. Face Coverings should be worn.

Children will leave through the infant doors at 3pm. Parents are permitted in to the school playground to collect children. Please be aware of social distancing guidelines.

If a parent needs to talk with the class teacher then we ask that you contact the front office who will make an appointment for you.

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School Uniform



Our school uniform is usually:
grey bottoms (skirt, shorts, trousers, pinafores)

navy jumper

white shirt and tie or pale blue polo shirt

black shoes

PE Kit:

black shorts, white t-shirt and gym shoes

this is usually provided by school.



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School Uniform



We are not recommending shirts and ties at this time due to the help the children require with these.

We recommend that you send your child to school in a skirt or trousers, with a polo shirt and navy jumper. You are not required to buy items with the school badge on them but if you do want these they can be purchased online (details are in the school handbook).

On gym days it may be that children will come to school with jogging bottoms on and polo shirts and jumpers.

At no time are children allowed to wear football strips or anything with football team badges on them. Items of clothing for gym should be plain.

We recommend you label **EVERYTHING!**

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Curriculum for Excellence



Languages: French & Spanish (From p5)

Mathematics

Health and Wellbeing

Sciences

Social Studies

Expressive Arts

Technologies

Religious and Moral Education



Outdoor Learning



Outdoor Learning is always a focus in Ab Bronhill Primary School and Nursery Class. In August we will have an increased focus on this and will aim to cover a range of curricular areas outside. Please ensure your child is always appropriately dressed for the weather so that they can work outdoors.



Cooking



Our children usually experience opportunities to cook in our cooking room throughout the year. We will be unable to do this at the beginning of the session but hopefully, as the year progresses, we can make lots of tasty treats with the children.



Houses



We have four Houses in the school and every child belongs to one of them. Our school captains and vice captains lead the Houses and they focus on a range of activities throughout the year. We will let you know which House your child is in when the new session starts. Hopefully it won't be long until we can do lots of great activities in our Houses.



Snacks, Lunches and Breakfast Club



We ask that you provide your child with a healthy snack for interval. It is not advisable for children to eat crisps and sweets at 10:30 in the morning and these should be kept as special treats. Fruit, breadsticks, cheese and crackers are healthy options.

Children must come to school every day with their water bottles filled. Children will have the opportunity to refill their water bottles throughout the day.

School lunches are served in our dining hall and we will provide you with information on these when we receive it. Primary 1-4 children are entitled to free school meals and free breakfast in the Breakfast Club.

Breakfast Club runs from 8:15am to 8:50am and is free for children in p1-4.

Sometimes children are collected by parents to go home for lunch but at the moment children must remain in school all day to reduce the number of people they are in contact with.

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Communication and Sharing Information



We aim to share information in a variety of ways and we regularly update parents/carers on the life of the school:

annual school calendar at the beginning of the year (we may not be able to issue this in the usual way in August but we will provide something in its place)

termly newsletters

emails

School website/blog and Twitter

Parents/Carers' meetings (these may be held over the phone if we are unable to have them face to face)

Events throughout the year (again, these will not take place until we are advised that we can hold them)

Home Learning information from teachers

Please ensure your contact details are up to date and if there are any changes contact the school office.



Medical Information



Please ensure the school is aware of any medical conditions, including allergies. If your child requires medication there are forms that must be completed before we can administer medication and it is the responsibility of parents/carers to provide a supply of medication in its original packaging.



Attendance



It is important that children attend school and that they arrive on time. If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school or leave a message on the answering machine. If we do not receive a message, we will contact you to find out why your child is not in school. Attendance, including late comings, is monitored and action may be taken if there are concerns.



Parent/Carer Involvement



We encourage all parents/carers to be involved in the life of the school. At present we are unable to physically engage with parents/carers in the usual manner as we need to minimise the number of people who are entering the school. We have an active Parent Council and they are keen to have new members. Details are in the school handbook. We will continue to seek your views on a wide range of issues related to the school.

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Code of Conduct



Our relationships with parents/carers are based on mutual respect. If there are any issues or concerns we encourage parents/carers to contact us so that we can work together to reach a solution. It is essential that parents/carers are appropriate when speaking to staff members and North Lanarkshire Council has a 'Zero Tolerance' policy with regards to staff being abused, either verbally or physically. This includes posting on social media. As you have chosen to send your child to Abronhill Primary School, the expectation is that you promote the school in a positive manner.



Reporting



We usually have two parent/carers meetings per session and, hopefully, we will be able to have these later in the year. We provide two written reports during the year. The children have target books and set targets approximately every six weeks. These will come home for you to contribute to and they are a great way to be involved in your child's learning. There may be additional meetings for some children throughout the year and parents/carers will be contacted on an individual basis if this is required.

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GIRFEC



Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC) is important and we aim to work with our families in partnership to most effectively meet the needs of every child. Every child is different with a wide range of talents, abilities and needs. Everyone needs extra support at times and we ensure we follow an early intervention policy to make sure we can provide the most effective support as quickly as possible. We work with a range of partners to support children and families, including speech and language, Educational Psychologist, social work and health professionals.



Pupil Equity Fund and Cost of the School Day



Each year schools are provided with extra government funding to support the needs of the children. This is called the Pupil Equity Fund (PEF). The amount provided each year varies and is dependent on a number of factors, including the number of free school meals and clothing grants our families apply for. If you are entitled to these, please apply as it also benefits the school financially.

Last session we did a lot of work on reducing the 'Cost of the School Day' and we used PEF money for a wide range of activities, including providing PE kits for every child in school, care kits with essential toiletries for every child in P5-7 and stationery kits for every child.

We will continue to focus on our family centred approaches and on ensuring that no family struggles financially because of school. With the current situation, we may need to change some of our approaches but we will work on this. If any family requires support or is struggling in any way, please contact us confidentially and we will always aim to help.



Finally...



Some of the information I have provided may change and whenever I have information I always aim to provide you with updates as soon as possible.

Please be assured that we have been working very hard on preparing the school for the new session and our main focus is on ensuring that our children are safe and well. We are following advice on social distancing, hand hygiene and how we can provide our children with the best experiences possible.

Your children will learn lots and will have fun in Abronhill Primary School and you can trust that we will look after them to the best of our abilities while they are in our care.



Questions?

