



Dear Parent/Guardian, Please see information below which I hope you find useful.

Thank You

I would like to thank you all: parents, grandparents and relatives for your effort during this second period of remote learning. As we enter week 3 of remote learning I appreciate how many things you are trying to balance in these difficult times. Please continue to do your best as you always do. I really appreciate your support during these times. Boys and girls you have been great! Keep working hard and log into your Teams to keep up to date with your work. Thank you also to the staff of the school and nursery for their efforts as we all try to adapt to new ways of working. We will continue to strive to meet the needs of your children. If you need to contact me for anything (digital support, accessing resources, a chat) please do not hesitate to get in touch. We all miss the children and look forward to being together as soon as it is safe to do so.



Remember, you are all doing amazing work!

Sacraments

As the Church guidance is continually being reviewed we are still not in a position to set dates or make arrangements for the sacraments. The children in P3 and P4 will begin their preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion as directed by the class teacher through remote learning. We will distribute the sacramental workbooks on week beginning 1st February. Details of dates and times will be provided via Teams.

Solihull Courses

North Lanarkshire Council have arranged for a number of Solihull Approach online courses for parents which are free of charge.

The image below shows all the courses available

ALL residents in North Lanarkshire will have access, using the code, to the suite of online courses for parents, parents-to-be, grandparents, carers and anyone else in the child's 'bubble'.

Online courses for residents of Lanarkshire

- 1. Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby**
Online course for everyone around the baby: Mums, Dads, Grandparents, friends and relations. Written by Registered Midwives and NHS Professionals.
Access code: LANERCH1 - North Lanarkshire, OWEN123 - South Lanarkshire
- 2. Understanding your baby**
Online course for everyone around the baby: supporting you and the new arrival. Written by Psychologists, Psychotherapists and Health Visitors.
Access code: LANERCH2 - North Lanarkshire, OWEN123 - South Lanarkshire
- 3a. Understanding your child (0-19 yrs) (main course) or 3b. Understanding your child with additional needs**
Popular online course about being the best parent, grandparent or carer you can be. Award winning with trusted content.
Access code: LANERCH3 - North Lanarkshire, OWEN123 - South Lanarkshire
- 4. Understanding your teenager's brain (short course)**
Find out what happens to the brain in adolescence and how this explains some of the changes you may have noticed in their behaviour.
LANERCH3 - North Lanarkshire, OWEN123 - South Lanarkshire
- 5. Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)**
Find out what changes happen to your brain during adolescence.
LANERCH3 - North Lanarkshire, OWEN123 - South Lanarkshire

Go to: www.inourplace.co.uk and enter the relevant 'access code' to gain FREE (prepaid) access

For technical support contact: solihull.approach@heartofengland.nhs.uk or 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

The next date for the Parent Council meeting will be :

Tuesday 16th February at 7:30 pm

If any parent wishes to join this meeting which will take place virtually please contact me via email and I will send you the link.

Dates for Diary



Mid-term break:

Monday 8th February 2021 & Tuesday 9th February 2021

In-service Day:

Wednesday 10th February 2021

Ash Wednesday:

Wednesday 17th February 2021

Easter Holidays:

Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021 (inclusive)

Good Friday:

Friday 2nd April

Easter Monday:

Monday 5th April 2021

May day holiday:

Monday 3rd May 2021

In-Service day:

Thursday 6th May 2021

May weekend holiday:

Friday 28th May 2021 & Monday 31st May 2021

School closes:

Thursday 24th June 2021



St Mary's Primary School and Nursery Newsletter January 2021



P1 Registration August 2021

Children who attain the age of 5 years between 1 March 2021 and 28 February 2022 should register for starting Primary 1 in August 2021.

North Lanarkshire Council have devised a new system for Registration of Infant Beginners to support the ongoing response to COVID-19.

- You will not be invited into school to complete the registration form.
- Enrolment and Placing Request forms are now available for parents/carers to complete online and email to individual schools.
- The following link will provide you with further information:

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/registration-infant-beginners-primary-school>

- The enrolment form and a list of email addresses for returning forms will also be sent on a separate email.
- Please complete the enrolment form to register your child for starting Primary 1 in August 2021. The submission date was **22nd January 2021**. If you have not yet done so this should be done ASAP.
- Completed forms should be sent directly to your catchment school.
- The email address that should be used for parents living in St Mary's catchment area is: enquiries@st-marys-motherwell.n-lanark.sch.uk
- All applications need to be supported by a copy of your **child's birth certificate** and **proof of address**. This should be a **council tax bill**. An up to date Council Tax Bill can be obtained from the NLC One Stop Shop.
- A picture can be taken and emailed to the school along with the completed application.
- Please note you have the right to make a placing request to a school of your choice. Further information, including an application can be found on the NLC website here. <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/placingrequests>
- If you wish to defer entry for your child for another year, please contact the nursery Head of Establishment/ Centre to discuss next steps. Parents/carers who wish to make an early entry request should contact their catchment area school for an application form or download from www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk following the links for 'Early Entry Requests'.
- Transport forms are also available online and paper copies can be requested from ef.transport@northlan.gov.uk

Early Learning and Childcare Admissions Process

The admissions process for session 2021-2022 is now open.

Please note that the closing date for applications is **Friday, 12 February 2021**.

How to Apply

- Due to COVID-19 North Lanarkshire Council are looking, where possible, to have applications completed and returned electronically.
- The application has been updated to allow for online completion.
- Supporting paperwork can be sent as a photo attachment for those that don't have access to a scanning facility.
- The completed application and supporting paperwork should be emailed to the first choice provider. Please note that **three choices must be provided**.
- Paper applications can still be accepted where parents/carers do not have access to IT.
- All paperwork (only copies of the supporting paperwork to be provided) should be returned in a sealed envelope - the envelope should be dated.
- Hard copies submitted by parents/carers will be quarantined for 72 hours.

The following link will provide access to all info detailed above - www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/ELC

Thank you for your continued support

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Headteacher