



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

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

Communication



Please remember that most of the communication will continue to be sent via email. This includes updates newsletters and general information including anything related to Covid. Can I encourage you to check your email regularly for this information and also to check your trash can as the emails may go there rather than your inbox. If any of your contact details change, including your email address please provide the school with this information so we can update your records.

Positive Cases during the Festive Period

Can I remind you that anyone with symptoms must not attend school. You should book a test and remember all members of the household should self-isolate until test results are known. Until the 22nd December please notify the school if your child is displaying symptoms and then make further contact to advise on the outcome of any COVID test. If this is out with school hours please make contact with myself via email: ht@st-marys-motherwell.n-lanark.sch.uk. These contact arrangements will resume on Wednesday 6th January 2021. North Lanarkshire Council will be issuing communication to parents to explain the procedures for reporting positive Covid cases over the Christmas holidays. I will forward this on to you in due course.



Christmas Activity Days



I hope the children enjoyed their Christmas activity day and Christmas lunch. We tried to bring some festive cheer during these difficult times. A big thank you to the Parent Council for donating the Arts and Craft material for the children. It appeared the children enjoyed the pantomime too! O YES THEY DID

St Andrew's Hospice

The St Andrew's Hospice Ambassadors, supported by Mrs Greenhorn have been selling Christmas items. All money raised will go directly to support the hospice in their extraordinary work in supporting families in our area. This will be added to the raised already by the wear yellow day. I will let you know our grand total in the New Year.



End of Term arrangements

The school will close at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 22nd December and re-open on Wednesday the 6th



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 and submit it by **22nd January 2021**.
- 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

A deadline of 22nd January 2021 has been set for return of all forms.

As we near the end of 2020 I would like to say a great big thank you to the children and staff of St Mary's for the way in which they have adapted to the restrictions due to the current pandemic! I would also like to thank you all as Parents/Carers for your support during these times. I hope and pray that you all stay safe and healthy over the Christmas holidays and that you are able to enjoy time as a family.

With all my best wishes to you and your family.

Francis McIntyre
Headteacher

