Welcome to Tannochside Primary School









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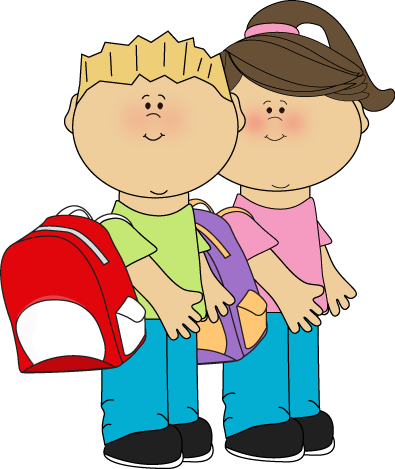
Your child is approaching the next exciting stage of

his or her life….starting school! We are delighted to welcome your child to Tannochside Primary School.

Starting school involves change for you and your child. Often the children come into school bright and excited and it’s the parents who are outside in tears!

We want you and your child to feel happy, relaxed and confident about starting school. By working together with you, we are confident your child will settle into school life and have a fabulous first year at Tannochside as well as many more to come.

We recognise that you are your child’s first teacher! The early years at home are when your child learns most, and more quickly than at any other time in his or her life! We hope that the handy hints in this booklet will help you prepare your child for school and make you feel part of our school community.



The First Day



On the first day 11/12 August 2020 (date to be confimed) Primary One children start school at 10am and finish at 2.30pm.

The children will enter via the main school gate and the class teacher will come to collect them and take them to their class. Unfortunately due to current circumstances, parents will not be able to come into the classroom. We would ask if you wish to take any photos of your child, you take them before your child enters the school building. Class teachers will take photos of each child in class on their first day of school.

Each child has a peg with their name for their coat and outdoor shoes.

Children should bring indoor shoes to change into and keep in school.

At 2.30pm, children will exit the school via the main school gate.

The Second Day

On the second day 13/14 August 2020 (date to be confirmed) Primary One children start school at 8.55am and come in through the school gate. They finish at 2.45pm and can be collected from the main gate - this will give them a chance to go out the school gate before the other children. Under normal circumstances If you could discuss with your child and choose a position where you will stand, it will make it easier for your child to locate you. This will be confirmed at a later date due to social distancing

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We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Tannochside. For some this may be your last child starting school, for others it may be your first or one in between but for everyone it’s an emotional and special day.





The School Day



When your child starts school in August he or she will come from 8.55am to 3pm every day.

DATES AND TIMES

School starts 8.55am

Interval 10.40am – 10.55am

Lunch 12.30pm – 1.20pm

School finishes 3.00pm

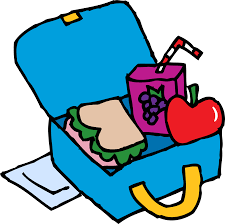
**Breakfast Service**

Normally, the catering staff will offer a Breakfast Service from 8.15am, Monday to Friday in the school hall. The children pay £1 for a breakfast tray which has fruit juice, choice of cereal and a slice of toast. Again, due to the current circumstances, this service will be confirmed in due course.

 **The morning**

The school day starts at 8.55am. It is important that your child comes to school every day and on time. This helps them settle into daily routines and arrive in class with their friends. Please ensure your child is not in the playground too early as there is no supervision available before 8.40am. A bell will sound at 8.53 to allow children to make their way down to the their line ready for the 8.55am bell.

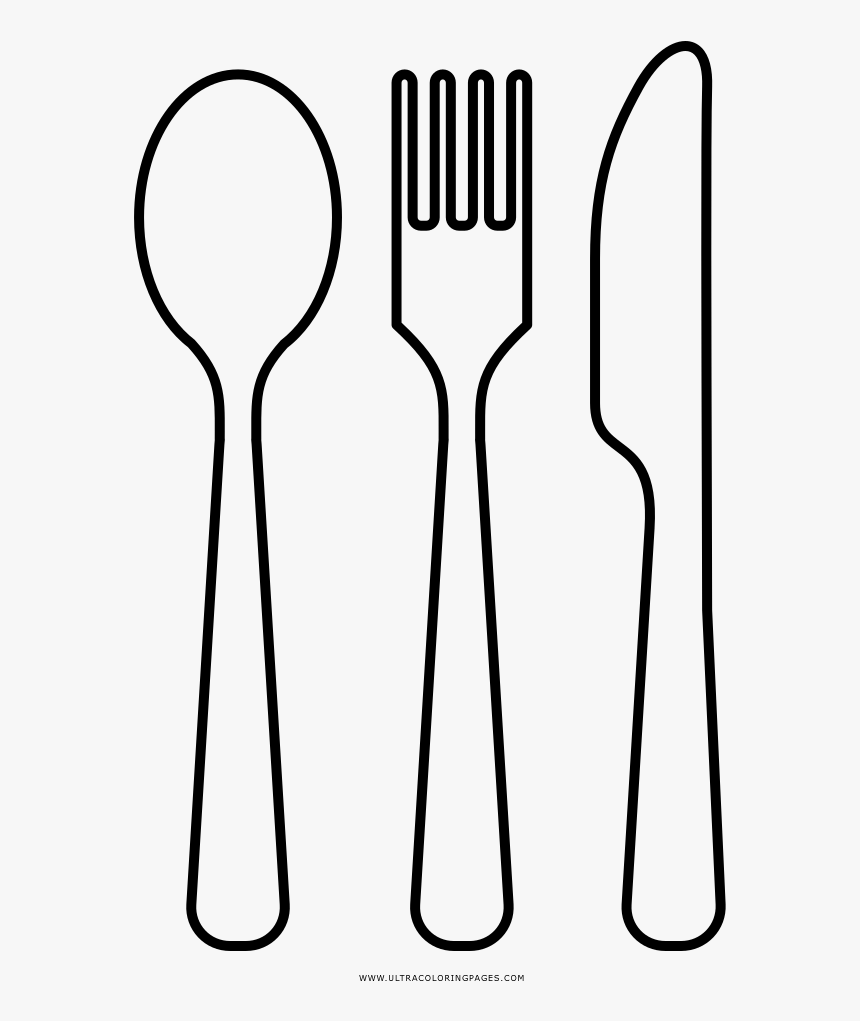
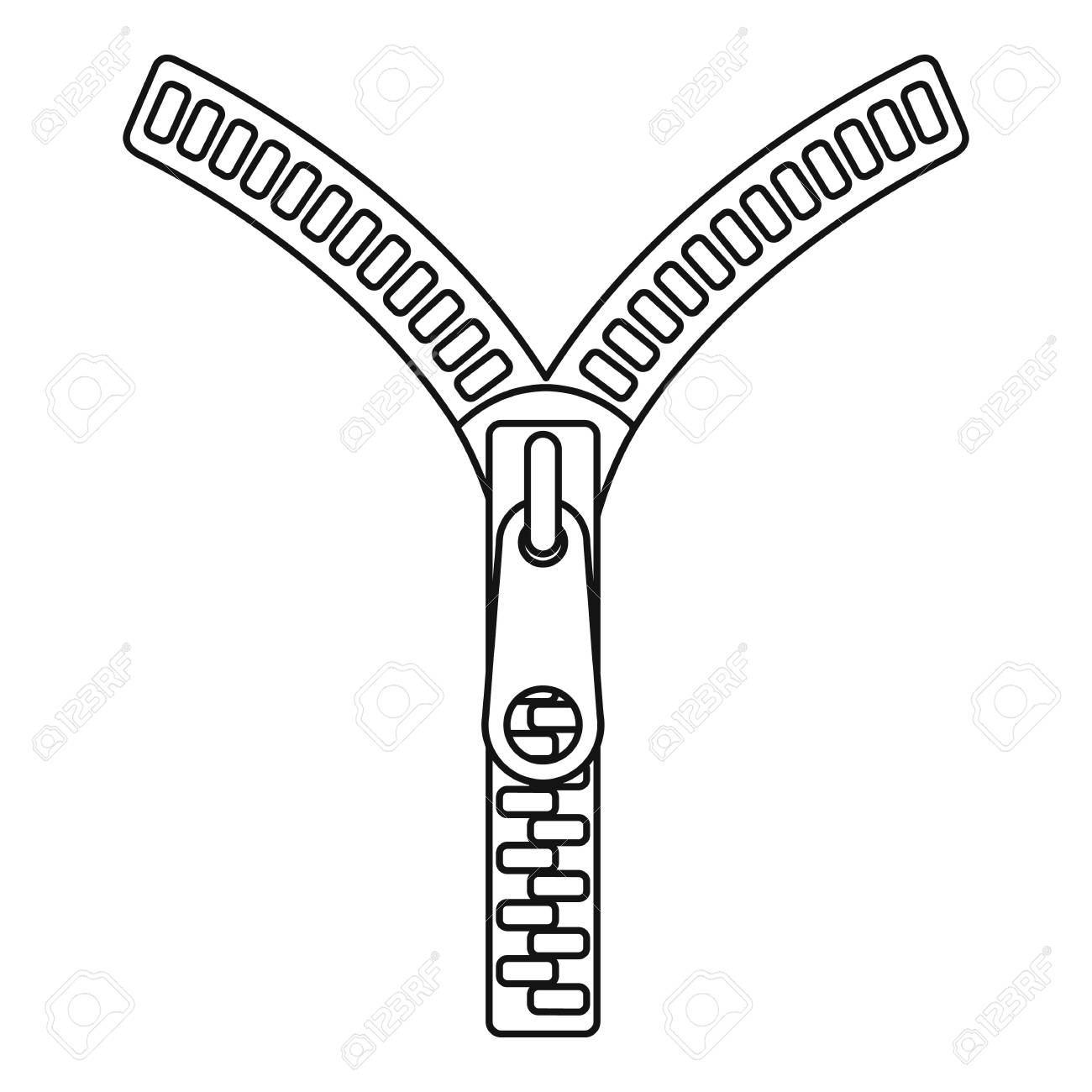
When the children come into school, they hang their coat on their peg and change their shoes into soft indoor shoes. Each peg has the child’s name and a picture on it. Each class also has a trolley in the wing to store packed lunch boxes.



Ready for School

Being able to cope with a few everyday activities that are expected at school will help your child settle more easily and feel confident and independent. Lots of these little tasks develop from experience. Children love to learn to do things by themselves, especially now they feel grown up and are starting schol. Here are a few practical skills which will help your child as they start school. Some of thm they can probably do already proving they are ready to go!





Put on and take off their coat

Do and undo zips and buttons

Pack and unpack their school bag

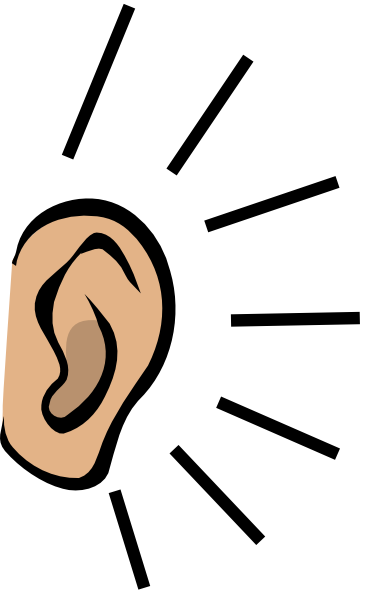
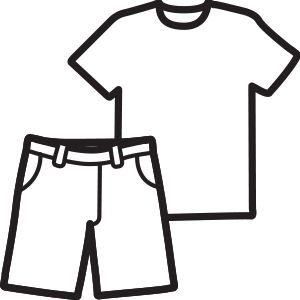
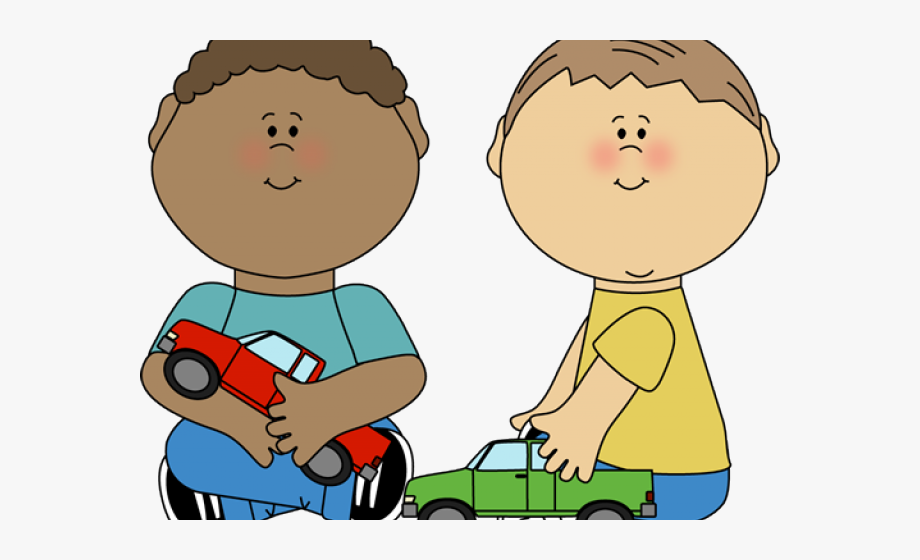
Use the toilet independently

Use a knife and fork correctly

Open a packet of crisps



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How Can I Help?

Tidy away their own toys

Recognise their own name

Share with other children

Change into their gym kit

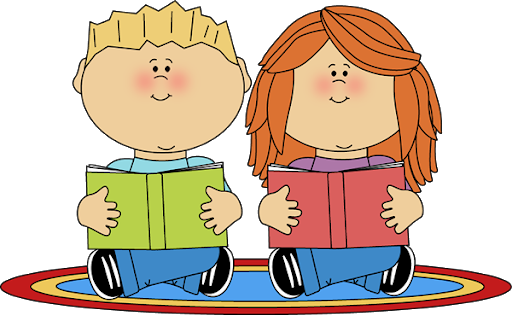
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Follow simple instructions

Take turns when playing a game



To help prepare your child for school there are lots of activities you can do at home. These will introduce your child to some of the skills they will be learning at home.

Set aside time to read with your child every day. Make use of magazines, comics, books and story tapes. Make reading a relaxed time you can both enjoy. Talk about the pictures, point to the characters, use your finger to point to the words and show the way your finger moves from left to right along the line of print.

Look at signs and notices when you are out and about. Look at shop names and logos. Talk about menus, look at the packaging on food and snacks. Talk about the letters and the shape of words. Get your child excited about reading print!

Sing lots of songs and nursery rhymes. Teach your child some of the older rhymes you learned as a child. Make mistakes with rhyming words for your child to correct. Let your child fill in the missing rhyming word or have a go at making up a new rhyme!



More Ideas

Encourage your child to use play dough and plasticine. Make letters, shapes and words.

Let your child draw and scribble for lots of different purposes. Let them ‘write’ the shopping list, phone message, diaries or address book or birthday cards.



Encourage your child to use scissors to cut pictures out of magazines and use glue to make a picture or scrap book.

Having your child’s name on a wall or bedroom door helps them to recognise it. (Use a capital letter for the first letter and small letters for the rest). Let your child read his/her name, trace it with their finger or copy it onto paper or a chalk board.

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Count out sets of everyday objects. Count the stairs as you go up and down, count pegs, sweets, buttons on clothes or tins in the cupboard.

Play simple board games like snakes and ladders. They are great for learning to recognise numbers, count on and introduce children to addition and subtraction.

I hope some of these ideas are helpful! Teaching your child can be fun, watching your child learn is rewarding!



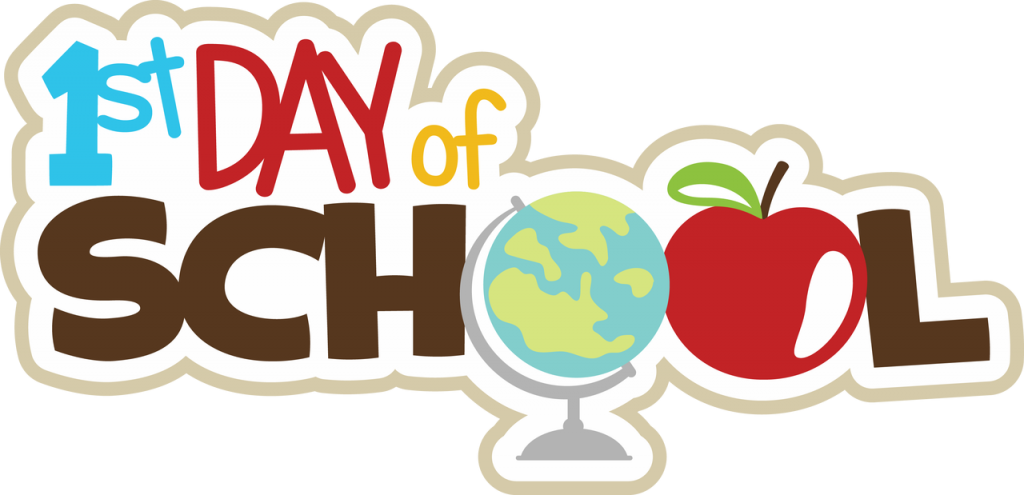
We can’t wait to meet you …

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We understand that due to current circumstances, you will be feeling very anxious about your child starting school. We want to reassure you as much as we possibly can. The information we have provided may be subject to change due to current circumstances. We will keep you updated as best we can of any changes.

Have a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you in August!



People You Will Meet



Principal Teacher

(P1-3)

Mrs Gallagher

Principal Teacher

(P4-7)

Mrs Calder

Head Teacher

Mr Lumsden

Depute Head

Mrs Ferrie

Primary One Teachers for session 2020-2021

Primary 1b

Miss Kerr

Primary 1c

Miss Clarkson

Primary 1a

Mrs Kearney





Contact Us

We hope this booklet helps you prepare your child for school and has answered some of your questions.

Please don’t hesitate to get in touch if there is anything else you wish to discuss.

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See you in August!

