

Returning to School 2024/25

at



Langbank Primary School

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Welcome to Langbank Primary School



In Langbank Primary School we aim to give all children the best possible start to their primary education.

Research has shown that children achieve more when pupils, teachers and parents/carers work together towards a common goal.

This booklet has been produced to give you some practical advice on returning to school after the summer break and an insight into your child's school day.

Our current school values are:

Respect, Effort, Achievement, Compassion, Honesty

New values and school vision will be shared next session.



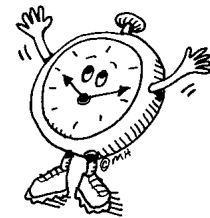
Times and Dates

First Day for pupils: Friday 16th August 2024

On **Friday 16th August** we return from our summer break. The school day begins at **9.00am** and finishes at **3pm**. Children should not arrive at school before **8.45am**. At the end of the day please stand in clear view of the gate to allow the teacher and children to easily identify the person collecting each child. In the interest of safety, we encourage all parents and carers to avoid standing across the road. The class teacher will send the children to you. Children will stay with their teacher until they are collected by an adult. Please do not enter the school playground.

Interval

Our interval is **10.30am** until **10.45am**.



Snacks

In Langbank Primary we encourage healthy eating. We ask that children bring a healthy snack. Please be mindful of the size of snack you provide. We want our children to have plenty of time playing! We do not permit the sharing of snacks amongst our children. **Please note that Langbank Primary is a nut free school at all times.**



School Lunches

Primaries 1-5 receive free school lunches. We encourage parents to discuss menu options with their children to ensure there is an option that they will eat as we are unable to offer any alternatives to the options offered. Primary 6 and 7 will be charged for lunches and payment should be made via Parent Pay in advance.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch we request that it is a healthy packed lunch box. We try and promote healthy eating in school and therefore ask that this is considered when packing lunch for your child. Pupils should not bring fizzy juice or energy drinks to school. **Please remember that Langbank is a nut free school.**

Absence

If your child is going to be absent, we would ask you to telephone the school office **Tel 0300 300 0165** between **8.30am and 9.00am**. A message will be passed on to the class teacher. If your child is absent and we have not received any notification, the school will text/telephone home after registration has taken place. An unexplained absence will be recorded as an unauthorised absence on your child's record.

School Transport

Information regarding school transport and eligibility for applying for transport can be found on the Renfrewshire Council website.

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3486/Home-to-school-transport>

Uniform

Our uniform is very smart, and we encourage all pupils to wear it every day. It promotes a positive ethos, equity and a sense of pride in the school. It also presents a good image of the school to pupils, parents/carers and the wider community. It allows us to identify our pupils whilst on school outings and distinguish them from any other visitors within the school grounds. **Our uniform is a grey skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts. A white polo shirt or school shirt and a red sweatshirt or cardigan. A tartan pinafore or skirt is also permitted as part of our uniform. In the summer term pupils may wear a red/white school checked dress.**



Information regarding the school clothing grant is available on the Renfrewshire Council website. Please look online to check if you are eligible. If you require any assistance accessing this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

In order to keep the interior of the school as clean as possible children should have a pair of **outdoor shoes and indoor trainer/sandshoes**. Indoor shoes will be kept in a gym bag on your child's peg and will also be used during PE times.

You will be informed of your child's PE days. **On these days, pupils can wear their polo shirt to PE or bring a plain t-shirt to change into with dark coloured shorts.** Please note that football tops of any description are not permitted. In the interest of safety all jewellery including earrings should be removed.

Parking



Only authorised vehicles are allowed into the school car park. In the interest of the safety of our pupils, we would ask you to find a suitable drop off point out with the school grounds. Please take local residents into consideration when doing so and do not park across from, or on the Zig-Zag lines immediately outside the playground. This allows the children crossing the road to have clearer visibility. Please do not use the school entrance as a turning area.

Parent Partnership

Langbank Primary School has a very active, hardworking Parent Partnership. Many fundraising events are held throughout the session. The Parent Partnership work closely with the school and all funds raised are used to enhance your child's education. Meetings are held termly and new parents/carers are always welcome. The Parent Partnership are actively seeking new members so if you are interested please get in touch. Dates of the meetings are shared via the school newsletter and the school app.



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Communication



Seesaw for Families 2024

Families: get started on Seesaw!

Seesaw is a digital student portfolio that gives students an audience for their work. It gives families a window into what's going on every day in their child's classroom.

- **Students** add posts to their journals. Student posts showcase the creative projects they've been working on in the classroom. This could include photos, artwork, videos, activities, notes, projects they've created in other apps, and more.
- **Families** get notified when there are new posts in their student's journal. They can view posts and add likes and comments.

Seesaw requires an invite from your child's teacher in order to sign up. If you do not have an invite QR code or link, contact your child's teacher. Up to 10 family members can connect to one child's journal.

Video and instructions - <https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/206514655-Families-get-started-on-Seesaw->

How to add another student to your family account

Follow these instructions to add your child's new journal to your existing account. You can also follow these instructions to add another child to your account.

Video and instructions - <https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/206514685-How-to-add-another-student-to-your-family-account>

Account Switching

Seesaw makes it easy for multiple users to switch between accounts on a shared device. View these helpful videos or check out the step-by-step instructions below.

Family members cannot add posts to journals, but you can like posts, add voice/text comments and add attachments to messages.

Your child will need to be logged into their own Seesaw account to upload photos and complete homework activities given by the teacher. The new account switching feature should make this much easier at home.

Video and instructions - <https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/12318771164813-How-do-users-switch-between-Seesaw-accounts->

Seesaw app FAQ for families and students

Please view Seesaw family handout on how to download Seesaw. You can view frequently asked questions using link below.

<https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/7630381703565-Seesaw-app-FAQ-for-families-and-students>



The School App

The school app is used regularly to communicate updates to parents sharing information and events which are happening in the school.

School App for Parents

Please download **School App for Parents** that lets you see news, dates and receive important messages.



Scan the QR Code or search for **School App for Parents** in the Google Play or Apple App Store. When you have downloaded the app please search for our school name to see our dates, news and receive messages.

GET IT ON  Google Play 

School Twitter

We encourage all parents to follow our school twitter which is used to provide regular updates about events and learning taking place in the school.

@LangbankPrimary



What your child will need

For returning to school your child should bring:

- A school bag
- A gym bag, PE kit and indoor shoes
- A filled bottle, containing only water please
- Lunch box (if not getting a school dinner)

The school provides pencils, pens rubbers etc. However, pupils may also wish to bring some of their own stationery. Please ensure these items are named.



Personal Belongings

We cannot stress enough the importance of putting your child's name on **all** of their belongings (all items of clothing, shoes, lunch boxes etc) It allows the pupils to identify their own belongings and is a great help to the staff.

School Staffing

Head Teacher - Mrs Lawson

Principal Teachers - Mrs Coleman (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Davis (Thu-Fri)

Primary 1/2 teacher - Ms Stevens

Primary 3/4 teacher - Miss Quail (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Millar (Thu-Fri)

Primary 5/6 teacher - Miss McDonald

Primary 7 teacher - Mrs Johnson

NCCT/Support for Learning - Mrs Coleman/Mrs Millar/Mrs Davis

Clerical Staff - Mrs Knox

Classroom Assistant - Mrs Rodger

ASNA - Mrs Barbosa Byrne

Janitorial Staff - Mrs Nixon and Mrs Purdue

Active Schools Coordinator - Mr Buchan

Parent Council Chair - Mr Rodger

If you have any further questions surrounding any aspects of your child's education or with their transition to Langbank please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind Regards,

Patricia Lawson

Head Teacher