



WELCOME TO ST. FERGIUS'
PRIMARY 1

Parent's Information Leaflet

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Welcome to St. Fergus'

I would like to welcome you to St. Fergus' Primary, a Roman Catholic Primary School which serves the community of Ferguslie Park. Currently we have a school roll 152 pupils. We are one of seven primary schools which feed into St. Andrew's Academy, Paisley.

We aim to provide a strong foundation for your child's future, with skills for life and a joy for learning in a warm and caring environment.

Central to our aims is to provide and encourage the development of your children academically and socially. We promote the values of the Catholic Faith and believe in a community of mutual respect.

We look forward to working with you and your children to ensure that they are happy, safe, and secure during their education at St. Fergus' Primary.

Please note, the following information contained within this leaflet was correct at the time of PRE COVID. It may therefore be subject to change depending on updates given from the Scottish Government in relation to Risk Assessments within schools. You will be notified in due course of any changes.

Mhairi McDonald



Head Teacher

Staff Information

Head Teacher:	Mrs Mhairi McDonald
Depute Head Teacher:	Mrs Jacqueline Rowley
Home Link Worker:	Mrs Pamela McKechan
PEF Nursery Officer:	Mrs Lynn Ellis
Office Staff:	Mrs Anne Ingram
Janitor:	Mr Scott Anderson

Transition Programme and Induction Meeting

Below you will find the dates of the Transition Programme we can offer your children this year. Mrs Rowley will oversee this along with your child's nursery.

Date	Activity
11th May	Teams Meet (9.30-10 am) – introduction to the Primary 1 classroom and Class Teacher with a shared story about starting school.
18th May	Teams Meet (1.30-2.15pm) – Spanish with Primary 1. Learning some Spanish vocabulary and creating a collage Spanish Flag. The children will have some time to create their collage and share with each other online.
25th May	Teams Meet (9.30-10.15am) – Music and Movement with Primary 1. The children will learn about keeping the beat and will make or find an instrument to make some music.
1st June	Teams Meet (1.30-2.15pm) – A day in the life of Primary 1. The children will watch a video of Primary 1 as they go about their day in Primary 1 allowing the children to see around the school and meet other members of staff.
7th June	Teams Induction Meet for Parents (10.30-12pm) - Meet the Senior Leadership Team and Primary 1 Teacher. School information provided and the opportunity to ask questions.
14th June	Child and parent visits to the school begin this week to meet their Class Teacher face to face. (3.15-3.45pm) You will be contacted and provided with a given day to visit.



Our Vision:

'Working together to promote, excellence in achievement and well-being for all'.

Our Aims:

- ✚ To understand the value of God's Love in our school and local community.
- ✚ To promote a positive attitude and mind set to learning.
- ✚ To use our voices to promote positive changes for all.
- ✚ To provide a happy, safe and stimulating learning environment for all.
- ✚ To develop skills for learning, life and work in our curriculum.
- ✚ To support each child's needs in their unique learning journey.

Emergency Contact

On some occasions the school must contact parents e.g. a child is sick or has had an accident and it is vitally important that we have up-to-date emergency contact numbers. Please ensure the number provided can be reached during school hours.

If the name or telephone number of your child's emergency contact changes, please inform the school immediately.

School Day

Start of day	9am
Playtime break times	10.40am until 10.55am
Lunchtime break	12.35pm until 1.20pm
End of day	3pm

Arrival on First Day

***Please note the below information may change as per Government Guidance.
Currently we are unable to have parents inside the school building.***

Children will stay in school from 9:15am until 2:15pm for the first day thereafter it will be 9am- 3pm. On the first morning parents should bring their child into the school building through the classroom door in the playground. Parents and family can accompany their child into the classroom and take photographs if they wish to do so.

After the first day children should line up at their classroom door in the playground where they will be collected by the Class Teacher. Parents, when visiting the school must always enter through the front entrance in line with school security procedures.

All children must be collected by an adult promptly at 3pm in the infant playground.

School Lunches/Clothing Grants

Children can bring a packed lunch or receive a school lunch. All children from Primary 1 -3 are eligible for a free school meal. However, we would still encourage all parents to apply for this and/or a clothing grant (if you are eligible) as this helps the school to receive grants and funding, please see the Renfrewshire Council's website for more details.



<http://renfrewshire.gov.uk/Freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants>

Parent Pay

ParentPay is a secure online payment system that has replaced cash payments in all Renfrewshire Schools. With ParentPay, parents and carers will be able to pay for their child's school meals, trips, events and activities online using a debit or credit card. Your child will require a picture to allow them to choose their lunch and all parents and carers will be required to set up an account for their child in August. More information will be provided on the induction meeting on 7th June.

Scottish Child Payment

Scottish Child Payment is a new benefit being introduced by the Scottish Government to tackle child poverty. It is for low income families already in receipt of qualifying benefits. To start with, Scottish Child Payment will be available to families with children under six years of age only. Scottish Child Payment will open for applications in November 2020, with first payments being made from the end of February 2021. Low-income families with a child under six will be able to apply for £10 per child, per week - equivalent to £520 per year. There are no limits on the number of eligible children supported by Scottish Child Payment. For information on how to apply please visit: <https://www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment/how-to-apply/>

Nut, Kiwi and Mango Free Zone

We are a **Nut, Kiwi and Mango** free school due to children having severe allergies that are life threatening. Please always check the ingredients of your child's snacks prior to them bringing them into school.

Home Visits

At the beginning of your child's Primary 1, you will be offered a home visit, ***should COVID restrictions allow***. This will give you a chance to meet with your child's Teacher and Elizabeth Callery, our Inclusion Support Assistant. At this, parents are provided with information about their child's education and can ask questions about P.E. Homework, Playground etc.

Uniform

In St. Fergus' all pupils wear an agreed uniform, which is:

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Grey trousers	Grey skirt
White shirt	White blouse
School tie	School tie
Grey sweater	Grey cardigan/sweater
Yellow polo shirts	Yellow polo shirts

As all uniforms are identical it is very difficult to track down individual items of clothing which have been lost unless they are clearly marked with the child's name. PLEASE PUT NAMES ON ALL ARTICLES OF CLOTHING.

Absences

Please inform the school before 9.15am if your child is absent. If possible, all appointments for the dentist and doctor should be arranged out with school hours. Please make every effort to avoid family holidays during term time.

Wet Days

On wet mornings the children should be brought in through their classroom door which will be open from 8.50 am.

P.E. Days and Jewellery

You will be informed by the Class Teacher when your child is to have P.E. The children can leave shorts and sandals in the class. The children find it easier if they wear a polo shirt on P.E. days. For health and safety reasons we request that jewellery i.e. earrings, rings, bangles, necklaces are removed. Unfortunately, the school cannot replace valuable items of jewellery which are lost or stolen, therefore, to avoid distress children should not bring items of value to school.



Health Promoting School

As a health promoting school, we encourage children to bring a water bottle to school. Fizzy drinks and juice are not allowed.


Playground Supervision

There is an adult presence in the school playground at all times in St. Fergus. There are classroom assistants and an Inclusion Support Assistant on duty daily supported by the Janitor and Depute Head Teacher/Head Teacher when available. P7 children provide a buddying service to support P1 pupils in the first few weeks of their schooling.

ST. FERGUS PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022

Term	Break	Opening and Closure Dates			
First		In-Service Day	Thursday	12 August	2021 (IS)
		In-service Day	Friday	13 August	2021 (IS)
		Pupils Return	Monday	16 August	2021
		Local Holiday School Closed	Friday	24 September	2021
		School Closed	Monday	27 September	2021
		School re-opens	Tuesday	28 September	2021
	Mid Term	School Closed	Monday	11 October	2021
		In-Service Day	Monday	18 October	2021 (IS)
		School re-opens	Tuesday	19 October	2021
	St Andrew's Day	School Closed	Tuesday	30 November	2021
		School re-opens	Wednesday	1 December	2021
	Christmas	Last day of session	Wednesday	22 December	2021
		School Closed	Thursday	23 December	2021
		School Closed	Wednesday	5 January	2022
Second		School re-opens	Thursday	6 January	2022
	Mid Term	School Closed	Monday	14 February	2022
		School Closed	Tuesday	15 February	2022
		In-Service Day	Wednesday	16 February	2022 (IS)
		School re-opens	Thursday	17 February	2022
	Spring	School Closed	Monday	4 April	2022
		School Closed	Monday	18 April	2022
Third		Schools re-open	Monday	19 April	2022
	May Holiday	School Closed	Monday	2 May	2022
		In-Service Day	Thursday	5 May	2022 (IS)
		Schools re-open	Friday	6 May	2022
	Local Holiday	School Closed	Friday	27 May	2022 *
		School Closed	Monday	30 May	2022 *
		Schools re-open	Tuesday	31 May	2022 *
		Queens Jubilee	Wednesday to Friday	1 June 3 June	2022 *
		Schools re-open	Monday	6 June	2022 *
	Last day of session		Wednesday	29 June	2022
		Teachers return	Friday	12 August	2022

 Dates still to be confirmed by the council, likely to be after the summer break (August 2021) before any change is formally agreed.