



**WELCOME TO ST. FERGUS'**

**PRIMARY 1**

**Parent's Information Leaflet**

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**School website: [blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stfergus/](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stfergus/)**

## **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 of 160 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.

Mhairi McDonald

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Head Teacher

## Staff Information

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

### 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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Meet the Teacher (1.00-1.30 pm)</b> – introduction to Primary 1 and the Class Teacher with a shared story about starting school and a tour of the classroom.
<b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Emotion works (9.15-10.00 am)</b> - Health and Well-being lesson around Emotion Works. Children will discuss, draw, dramatize emotions from a story stimulus. Children will be introduced to a different member of staff each week.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Teddy Bear Picnic (11-12noon)</b> –Primary 1 children, Buddies and our School Librarians will showcase school library. The children can bring their own teddy and snack.
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Outdoor Learning (9.30-10.15 am)</b> – Nursery children will visit the school and be introduced to their Buddies. Their outdoor adventure will involve the children being Bug Detectives and going on a Bug Hunt.
<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Buddy visits to Nurseries in the Ferguslie Area –</b> Hillview ELCC- 9:30am Ferguslie ELCC- 10:15am (Rainbow Café) Glencoats Lodge – 1pm Douglas Street ELCC- 1:45pm Small group of Buddies will visit the children in Nursery with the P.1 Teacher during free play.
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Buddy School Tour (1.45-2.30 pm)</b> – Nursery children will visit the school and will be given a tour with their Buddies followed by a snack and playground fun.
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>P.1 Parent Induction Day 1 (9.30-10.30 am)</b> – Meet the Senior Leadership Team and school information provided while your child meets their Class Teacher.
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>P.1 Parent Induction Day 2 (1.30-2.30 pm)</b> – Meet the school Community Staff while your child meets with their Class Teacher. Parent's tour of the school.



**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	10.30am until 10.45am
Lunchtime break	12.30pm until 1.15pm
End of day	3pm

### **Arrival on First Day**

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 August 2022 will be 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.



<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3338/Free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants>

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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. 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, Free Zone**

We are a **Nut** 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. This will give you a chance to meet with your child's Teacher, Miss Emma Galvin and Karen Fraser our Home Link Worker. 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:

<b><u>Boys</u></b>	<b><u>Girls</u></b>
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 sandshoes 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 always an adult presence in the school playground 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 2023/2024**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Opening and Closure Dates</b>			
First		In-Service Day	Monday	14 August	2023 (IS)
		In-service Day	Tuesday	15 August	2023 (IS)
		School re-opens	Wednesday	16 August	2023
		Local Holiday School Closed	Friday	22 September	2023
		School Closed	Monday	25 September	2023
		School re-opens	Tuesday	26 September	2023
	Mid Term	School Closed	Monday	16 October	2023
		In-Service Day	Monday	23 October	2023 (IS)
		School re-opens	Tuesday	24 October	2023
	St Andrew's Day	School Closed	Thursday	30 November	2023
		School re-opens	Friday	1 December	2023
		School closes	Friday	22 December	2023
	Christmas	School Closed	Monday	25 December	2023
Second	School re-opens	Monday	8 January	2024	
Mid Term	School Closed	Monday	12 February	2024	
	School Closed	Tuesday	13 February	2024	
	In-Service Day	Wednesday	14 February	2024 (IS)	
	School re-opens	Thursday	15 February	2024	
Spring	School Closed	Friday	29 March	2024	
Third	Schools re-open	Monday	15 April	2024	
	Election Day/In Service	Thursday	2 May	2024 (IS)	
	Schools re-open	Friday	3 May	2024	
May Holiday	School Closed	Monday	6 May	2024	
	School re-opens	Tuesday	7 May	2024	
Local Holiday	School Closed	Friday	24 May	2024	
	School Closed	Monday	27 May	2024	
	Schools re-open	Tuesday	28 May	2024	
Last day of session		Friday	28 June	2024	
Teachers return		Wednesday	14 August	2024	