

Educational Services

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Good afternoon,

I hope you all have had a lovely summer. The weather may not have been the best but I hope you all had a lovely time. Staff have been back now since Friday and we are all looking forward to the children starting back on Tuesday. I have included our Information Booklet for Parents/Carers for Session 2024/25. This has all key dates in it and key procedures. We will continue to send information to you across the year but the key dates allow you to plan ahead. Please save this email in your favourites for future reference.

We wish our P7s from last year all the very best as they move onto secondary school. We know that they will do well.

We look forward to welcoming our new P1 children. P1 start on Tuesday at 9.15am to allow for a quieter playground. Parents are welcome to bring their child into class on Tuesday only. It is a busy time so can be overwhelming for children on their first day. We would ask that parents come in via the class door, settle their child and leave via the door at the bottom of the corridor opposite the Eco Garden. This one way system works well to avoid congestion and allow the children to settle quickly. Staff will be there to support anyone who needs some extra support to settle. This is an exciting time and we can't wait to see the children start. We have a Welcome to School banner set up in the Outdoor classroom for photos. Pick up will be from your child's class door at 3pm. It takes a few days for Parents Pay to be up and running for new starts. Please don't worry we will make sure children get fed until this happens. Parents/carers can't have an active account until your child starts with us. The school office will set this up on Tuesday once children start.

For children in Primary 2-7 it is the same playground routines as before, just in a new class. Normally children in Primary 4 – 7 like the independence of coming into the school playground themselves, especially in the front playground. I am aware that this will be a new experience for our Primary 4 children so parents can talk to their child about this and what their routine will be. Parents are welcome in the playground and I know that you may want to do this more at the start to establish a routine. We would ask that parents leave promptly to allow the school gates to be closed.

For Children in Primary 2-7 – please remember to pre-order school lunches a week in advance.

South Ayrshire Council are launching an advertising campaign to promote improved school attendance, 'Every Learner, Every Day.' More information about this will follow as we too seek to ensure children have improved attendance. Mrs Emma Park (Principal Teacher) will be the key person for attendance. This is very much going to be a supportive role to ensure children maximise their time in school to improve their attainment. Our updated attendance policy will follow shortly. Please let us

know by 9.30am if your child is going to be absent, either by using the Parents Portal app or by phoning into the school. We have an obligation to follow up all unconfirmed absences.

Our Pre-loved uniform bank is in the school library and is there for anyone to go and help themselves to school uniform. Please ask Gillian our Librarian if you can't find what you are looking for as we have stock in school too. Children identified this as a way that we can help reuse and recycle our school uniform, which is better for the environment.

I would encourage all children to wear school uniform as it clearly identifies the children as being part of Alloway Primary.

Learning Journals will move to new staff shortly. As always your child's class teacher is the first point of contact for you if you have any queries. Please either contact via Learning Journals or by phoning the school office to make arrangements for them to phone you. Class teachers want to have great relationships with children and families and good communication is the best way to do this. We will want to work together to ensure your child has a great year with us this session.

I can't wait to see everyone back on Tuesday and hear all their stories. I look forward to working with all our children and families this year.

Kind regards,

Fiona

Fiona Meney
Head Teacher