

Educational Services

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that all of our children and families have had a good summer, spending time together despite the persistent rain. The staff are looking forward to welcoming the children back and hopefully the children are excited too. I am sure that the parents are very much looking forward to Monday.

Arrangements for P1 on Monday 21st August

Primary 1 parents/carers are welcome to accompany their child into the classroom on their first day to see them settled in their new class. We would ask that parents/carers wait no more than 15 minutes which will then allow the children to begin their day. *All teaching and support staff will be in the playground to welcome the children back and support their transition to their new classes.*

Entry and Exit

The playground is open and supervised from 8.45am every morning. The children in P1-3 should enter through the gate to the left of the EYC and come through the EYC playground. The P4-7 children should enter through the gate to the right-hand side of the gym hall.

We are going to continue to operate a soft entry and exit for P1-3 children so they will be able to come into school between 8.55-9.00am and collected between 2.55-3.00pm. **Children in P1-3 must be dropped off and collected by an adult.** Parents/Carers dropping-off or collecting children in P1-3 should come into the school playground via the EYC outdoor area. *Please do not go round to the area in front of the classes or enter the school building.* Younger children who are accompanying parents should be discouraged from *playing on the EYC equipment during this time.*

P4-7 children will be dismissed by their Class Teacher at 3.00pm and can walk home by themselves. If a child has an appointment and needs to leave the school at any point during the school day, parents must contact the office and we will make arrangements for you to collect them.

It is important that children arrive on time as it is disruptive to the learning when children arrive persistently late. **Any children arriving after 9.00am must report to the school office as the gates will be locked.**

Uniform / PE

All children are encouraged to wear their school uniform as it is a practical and affordable solution and avoids children ruining their good clothes. It is very important to our school as a community that all pupils are smartly dressed and have a shared identity. In school children should wear a white shirt or polo shirt and tie, blue sweatshirt or cardigan, white polo shirt, grey or black skirt/trousers. Under no circumstances will pupils be deprived of any educational benefit as a result of not wearing uniform. Parents/Carers have a variety of ways to purchase the uniform including online (www.beschoolwear.co.uk) or in store, 'BE Schoolwear' in Ayr.

Please label all clothing and belongings with your child's name.



This year we purchased 'Hoodies' for our new Primary 7 pupils to be worn as part of their uniform. They are still expected to wear their school uniform underneath this and remove their hoodies when in class. We are actively trying to encourage the children across the school to dress smartly and wear their uniform with pride.

PE

Last session we had a large number of children who were not bringing a change of clothes and shoes which affects their ability to participate in the range of activities. All children should bring with them a change of clothes for PE (Shorts t-shirt and trainers) and they can keep their change of clothes in their bag or in the cloakroom area. PE kit will then only be sent home to be washed. They should avoid wearing any jewellery on PE days and we advise that the younger ones avoid wearing ties on these days. We would appreciate your support in providing this.

The PE timetable for each class is as follows : P1 and P3/2 Tuesday and Thursday
P5/4 and P7/6 Monday and Thursday

Outdoor learning

All classes will be participating in outdoor learning on a regular basis. This will be within the school grounds and around the local area. We have a supply of wellingtons in various sizes and some water proofs which children can borrow. **Outdoor learning will take place in the afternoon for P2-7 so children should still wear their school uniform and bring a change of clothes.** P1 will be joining the EYC for a whole day so can come to school dressed for outdoors. Waterproofs are advisable but not essential. If the children are suitably dressed for the weather they will get much more enjoyment out of the learning experiences.

The Outdoor Learning timetable is as follows : P3/2 Wednesday afternoons
P4-7 Thursday afternoons
(P5/4 and P7/6 will each participate in outdoor learning fortnightly)

Arts and Crafts To be added for 2023

Please send into school an old t-shirt or shirt which your child can wear to protect their clothing when participating in 'messy' arts and craft activities.

Food and drink

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club will re-commence on **Monday 21st August** and will be run everyday by Mrs McCrindle from 8.15-8.45am. It is open to all children from P1-7. Children who meet the criteria to receive a free school meal (This does not include the Government funded initiative for free lunches for P1-5 pupils), are able to attend the Breakfast Club Free of charge. All other children can attend for £1 each day.

Breakfast Choices
Toast / bread / pancakes (with butter and / or jam)
Rice Crispies, cornflakes, Weetabix or porridge with Milk
Fruit, yoghurt, raisins
Milk, Fruit Juice, water

Water

The children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day and each child will be provided with their own water bottle. We have arrangements in place so that these can be re-filled and cleaned regularly. Children are only allowed to drink water in class but are welcome to bring juice for break and lunchtime.

Lunch

All children within P1-5 are entitled to a free school lunch and I would encourage parents to take advantage of this (updated menus will be issued next week). As part of this, they also get a carton of milk. P1-3 children will be given this during their morning break. P4-7 children, who are entitled to a free school meal will be given their milk as part of their lunch. Parents are reminded that there is no tuck-shop so children should bring a healthy snack with them. If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school, it is important to provide them with healthy options such as a sandwich, fruit, yoghurt, cereal bar. Please avoid sugary snacks and chocolate spread. **Please do not send any items containing nuts.**

Parents/Carers can find details on eligibility and how to apply for frees school meals and/or clothing grant using the link : <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/schools/grants-and-funding/>. We would encourage all parents/carers who think they may be eligible, to apply, even if your child is in P1-5 and receives a free school meal, as the school receives additional funding depending on the number of children registered for Free school meals. Please contact the school if you would like a paper copy or support to complete any forms.

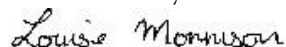
Facebook /BLOG

We will continue to use Dailly Primary and EYC facebook page to post any relevant information as well as to share highlights of things the children have been doing. Links will be posted on facebook to access more information on the school BLOG. Copies of all letters will be uploaded to the BLOG for you to refer to throughout the term so if you wish to check back on previous information it will be there as a reference. We are moving across to Learning Journals which we will provide parents with more information as the term progresses.

Incase of absence please continue to telephone the office 01465) 716807 / 811258 or e-mail the school dailly.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 21st August.

Yours sincerely



Louise Morrison

Head Teacher

