

Educational Services

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Dear Parents/Carers,



We have had a really good start to the term with all of the children starting back last week with only a few summer injuries. They have all settled in really well to their new classes and are all looking very smart in their school uniforms, including the Primary 7s in their school hoodies.

Uniform

We actively encourage all pupils to wear school uniform. It is very important to our school as a community that all pupils are smartly dressed and have a shared identity. Last session, we had quite a number of children who were coming to school wearing casual clothes instead of school uniform. We would really appreciate your support in ensuring that this is maintained throughout the year, particularly in the senior school who are expected to be leading by example.

In school children should wear a blue sweatshirt or cardigan, white polo shirt /shirt, grey or black skirt/trousers and Primary 7 have a school hoodie. A tie is also part of the school uniform which the children are free to wear. Each year we present P1 with a school tie. In the Early Years Centre the children are also encouraged to wear the sweatshirt and polo shirt. It helps the children to be very much part of their class and it saves any worries about getting messy in their good clothes.



P.E kit

All children are expected to change into suitable clothing to participate in physical activities during P.E. Last session we had a lot of children who were not bringing in P.E. kit which meant they had to borrow from the school or miss out. The children can leave their kit in school as they all have a box and peg in the cloak room area and will be encouraged to take it home regularly to get it washed. All children are asked to bring a change of clothes and shoes for P.E : shorts or jogging trousers/ leggings and a change of t-shirt. P1-3 can wear their school shirt. Please ensure the footwear does not have black soles as it is marking the hall floor.

Football colours are not allowed.

Class P.E days :	P1-3	Monday / Thursday
	P5/4	Tuesday / Wednesday
	P7/6	Tuesday / Friday

Lost Property

Each year we accumulate a great deal of lost property in school. We have tried on many occasions when parents/carers are in school for events to put the clothes out for everyone to see and identify if their child's missing items. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly written on the label or attached with clothing

stickers to their clothes/shoes to ensure they do not get lost. The children can be very careless with their clothes, particularly after getting changed for P.E. or when outside on nicer days. If you feel that you have lost anything please come school office. All unclaimed items will be put in the clothes bank.

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. In the EYC there is a one-way system in operation. Parents will enter through the cloakroom and into the main playroom and then exit through the doors which take them into the EYC playground and out the gate to the left, nearest to the EYC entrance rather than the gate which the school enter and exit through. Parents/Carers collecting children from both the EYC and P1-3 should collect their child from the EYC first and then wait in the playground for their other child/children.

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 be 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.**

Cycling and using Scooters

We are delighted to see our children being active and walking, cycling and scooting to school. We want to very much encourage this but the dangers of riding on a bike or scooter without a helmet are well publicised and as far as we are concerned safety comes first. All children coming to school on a bike or scooter must wear a helmet. If your child does not have a helmet then please encourage them just to walk to school.

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 waterproofs 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 will be scheduled for every second week and will take place on the following days :

EYC and P1 Fridays (All day) P2+3 Fridays (11-2pm) P5/4 or P7/6 Thursdays (pm)

Arts and Crafts

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. This can be kept in school and we will wash them regularly.

Food and drink

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club runs everyday 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, waffles
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 has been 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.

Break and Lunch

Children should bring a healthy snack with them for their morning break. The school purchases a small selection of fruit and healthy snacks which we will give to any child who has not brought a snack. All children within P1-5 are entitled to a free school lunch and I would encourage parents to take advantage of this (*A copy of the updated menu is attached*). We have purchased new dispensers for the milk and water which and these are available for all children throughout lunch time. 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.

Communication with parents/carers

We will continue to upload all letters and important correspondence to the Dailly Primary and Early Years Centre BLOG in addition to sending them via e-mail. This hopefully makes it easier to check on dates as all of the information is in one place. There is also a section for each class and you will find current information and photographs relating to your child's class, with updates from each term. **You will find it at**

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/daillypsandevc/>

We are continuing to use Facebook as well as twitter to share highlights of the learning going on throughout the school. South-Ayrshire Council support the use of twitter which enables us to share our successes with other South Ayrshire establishments. The twitter posts can be accessed using twitter or from our BLOG.

To follow us on Twitter, download the twitter APP and follow us @DaillyPS

Learning Journals

We introduced Learning Journals last session and we have most parents/carers connected with their own child's profile. If you are not able to access your child's profile please contact your child's Class Teacher. This one of the ways that we use to share your child's work and achievements. Parents/Carers can also share their child's personal achievements or exciting things that they have been doing at home by sending messages using Learning Journals.



Please use the Learning Journal app only for sharing achievements and not for communicating about illness and absence. Parents/Carers must still contact the school office as staff do not check the app throughout the day or out with school hours.

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

Yours sincerely

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