



Troon Primary School & EYC

August 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the summer break and are ready for the new school year ahead. A very warm welcome to all our new, and returning, families. We hope you are all settling in well and getting back into the early morning routines! The children have been working well in their classes, getting to know their new teachers and spending time with their friends. We are thoroughly looking forward to working with all our children and families over the course of the year ahead.

LEARNING AND TEACHING

Our annual Meet the Teacher afternoon for P1-P7 takes place on **Wednesday 26th August**. This is our first opportunity to welcome you to school this session. If you can, please join us between **3.30pm and 4.15pm**. This will provide you with an informal opportunity to meet your child's teacher and visit their classroom. Children are welcome to join you and show you their classroom. Please note that at our formal parent appointments in both October and February, you will have an allocated appointment time where you can discuss your child's progress.



Every term, each stage creates their own 'Curricular Maps'. These outline the core learning and teaching planned for each term in your child's class. We hope you find this a helpful tool to support learning at home - these will be issued electronically to all families throughout the year.

Following consultation last session with parents, staff and children, homework will be issued by class teachers on termly grids with reading and phonics/sounds shared in lower classes too. Children will discuss homework with their own teacher and share learning in class too.

PARENT APPOINTMENTS – SAVE THE DATE

Our formal parents' meetings for the session are scheduled for:

- **Wednesday 7 October from 3.30pm-5.30pm and 6.00pm-8.30pm**
- **Thursday 25 February from 3.30pm-5.30pm and 6.00pm-8.30pm**

Further details will follow later this term. Please note, it is not possible to accommodate individually requested times, these will be allocated and issued by our clerical team in advance.

Our parent appointment meetings in October and February take place in the main gym hall; this helps ensure families with more than one child can move between their appointments with ease and has also been extremely helpful in keeping appointments on schedule. During your appointment it is important that you please keep within your allocated time slot and allow the next appointment to start on time.

A selection of your child/children's work will also be in the hall for you to look through. Each class will have a designated table where you can look through their work.

ANNUAL DATA UPDATES & COMMUNICATION

It is vital emergency contacts are kept up to date. If your details change during the school year, please ensure this is updated on Parentsportal.

Annual data packs will be issued shortly via Parentsportal, if you have not signed up for this you will receive a paper copy.

Please remember, all communication should be sent through the Eduspot app, to the school mailbox, Tron.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk, or by telephone on 01292 690069. **Please do not send emails directly to any member of staff as these can often be missed.** Our clerical team will then respond as required and/or direct this to the appropriate member of staff.

Staff will aim to respond to any queries within 48 hours; an immediate response is not always possible due to timetabling and teaching commitments during the day. Thank you for your understanding.

ALLERGY AWARE

At the beginning of term, it is important to raise awareness of children with severe food allergies. People who suffer from food allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening, allergic reaction. We have several pupils with severe food allergies, who have medication in the form of adrenaline auto injectors known as EpiPens.



If someone has a severe allergy it is not just eating these products that can cause a severe reaction, but in extreme cases just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has eaten nuts/dairy, or a product containing nuts/dairy, can trigger anaphylactic shock which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties. All staff in the school are trained to use the EpiPens adrenaline injectors. This can be required immediately if a reaction takes place.

We would like to remind all families that **NO NUT PRODUCTS** should be brought to school in lunch boxes or as a morning snack. For example:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Biscuits/cookies that contain nuts
- Foods that include satay

We would also ask children not to share any snacks with their friends at break or lunch to ensure every child is only eating their own food in line with their dietary requirements linked to allergies, medical or ethical diets.

South Ayrshire will cater for pupils who have specific dietary requirements including:

- Medically prescribed e.g. due to coeliac disease, food allergy.
- Religious/cultural/ethical reasons e.g. individuals from different ethnic origins
- Other dietary requirements e.g. ARFID (avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder), those with chewing and swallowing difficulties or those with additional support needs.

If you have notified the school on your annual data forms that your child has a food allergy, a medical diet action plan must be requested through South Ayrshire Council, to access the link please click [here](#).

MEDICATION

Parents or carers have the prime responsibility for their child's health and should provide the school with information about any medical needs pertaining to their child. Parents should contact the EYC or school and discuss the medical needs of their child.

If your son/daughter requires prescribed medication in school, you must complete the relevant form at the main office – any prescribed medication in school must be labelled from the Pharmacy and must contain the information leaflet. The first dose must have been delivered at home to allow parents to confirm this will not cause any allergic reactions.

For all children with asthma, we would request an inhaler is kept in the main office. If your child is older and also carries their own inhaler with them then please ask at the office to complete the relevant form for carrying medication as well. Please remember to keep us up to date with any changes – each month, the main office will message home to check if medication is still required. Please respond to this message to allow our school information to be updated as required.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The flu vaccine is offered to all primary school aged children in Scotland and is given to children at school by the local NHS team.

Our annual flu vaccinations are scheduled for **23 November 2026**; consent forms will be sent home shortly and must be returned no later than Monday 7th September. Public Health Scotland have produced the following animation, 'What to expect during your flu vaccine' which you may wish to watch together at home before the vaccination date: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSm2Uvdb4GM>



STAFF NEWS

EARLY YEARS CENTRE

An enormous thank you to all the 52-week staff in the Early Years Centre who continued to provide high-quality early learning and childcare provision every day during the summer session. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Juile Maclaren as our Head of Centre – Julie brings a wealth of experience to her role and will be an asset to the EY team. At present, we have no firm date for the opening of the new site and will keep you posted as and when we know more.

SCHOOL

A warm welcome Miss Davidge who has joined the team in Primary 6. Mrs McIntyre will also return from maternity leave later this term. Mrs McGilp has officially begun in her new role as class teacher in the SLC, and we also welcomed Mrs Hastie as School Assistant in the SLC. Miss Stanley, School Assistant in the SLC, will be moving on at the end of the month to a new role in East Ayrshire. We wish her the best of luck and thank her for all her support and hard work over the last year.

PARKING/PLAYGROUND

We kindly ask for your continued support with parking during drop off and pick up times. All children and parents from the school and Early Years Centre should enter and exit through the Barassie Street gates at the front of the school. **Children or parents should cross the car park at any point to ensure their own safety.** Parking is for staff, visitors and disabled access only – not for general drop off/pick up. Please also remember that no dogs should be brought into the school grounds. Thank you in advance for your support to help keep all our children safe.

INFORMATION AND ANNUAL CALENDAR

We are currently finalising our Parental Engagement and Involvement calendar for Session 2026-2027 and will share this with you shortly to allow you to plan and save those dates on the calendar. Please also visit our website for further information - [TROON PRIMARY SCHOOL & EARLY YEARS CENTRE](#).

We will shortly upload our School Improvement Plan which outlines our priorities for the year and our Standards and Quality Report to the website.

Best wishes,

Aileen Roan
HEAD TEACHER