



Dear Parents/Carers,

Whilst summer is now a distant memory, I hope you had a relaxing time with your families and friends. I am sure you are grateful to have these school routines back up and running again! Our new Primary 1s have settled in beautifully and are showing a great enthusiasm for learning. Well done and thank you parents for having your children looking so smart in their uniforms. (Please make sure they are all named so we can return any lost items!) I am also really pleased to see almost everyone getting to school on time. I appreciate how difficult it is to get your family up and out of the door on time. It is no easy feat and it is, without doubt, the hardest part of any day. KPS starts at **8.55** and we expect everyone to be here by then. This is a very important part of the day and your child's routine and if your child is late, it unsettles them. Even if they are only 10 minutes late, this can amount to nearly an hour of lost time in the classroom each week. The best thing a parent can do for their child is get them to school and on time. If you are having any difficulty with this, please contact us and we are more than happy to help.

We are excited to see you at Meet the Teacher on Wednesday. We have very limited childcare for this event, so if you are able to find alternative care for your children, that would be much appreciated.

I have already issued a parent calendar of events so you can plan ahead, and I have tried to have events on different days and at different times to accommodate everyone's circumstances. We hope to see you at some of these events over the year. We are really excited about our fun filled year ahead at Kirktonholme. As always, if you have any questions, queries or suggestions do not hesitate to get in touch with the team. We are very approachable and only too happy to help.

Best wishes, Linda Wright

PS Please download our school app as all communication is issued through this. App is PSA & choose Kirktonholme Username kirktonholme and password is 2025.

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Meet the Teacher

We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday at our first parent event - Meet the Teacher. This event is designed to help you begin to form a new relationship with your child's teacher and for them to share their expectations. Teachers will be making a short presentation at 6.30 and repeat it again at 7pm, allowing you the opportunity to visit both teachers if you have more than one child. Doors will open at 6.20pm. A film will be on in the gym hall for children to sit and watch.

For health and safety reasons, jewellery must not be worn for PE. If ears are newly pierced, earrings should be taped over before they come to school. **Please do not let your child wear jewellery on their gym days.**

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Classes 2025/26

I am delighted to confirm the following teaching team for this year.

Early Learning Class Mrs Moran, Mrs Young, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Watt, Mrs Lynch, Miss McKendrick, Miss Smith, Mrs Cunningham, Mrs Anthanopolous

P1	Room 1	Mrs McGhee
P2	Room 3	Mrs Ferguson (Principal Teacher)
P2 /3	Room 4	Mrs Everett
P3	Room 5	Mrs Henderson
P3/4	Room 6	Miss McAdie
P4	Room 8	Mrs Prentice & Mrs Scott
P4/5	Room 9	Mrs McLaughlin
P5	Room 10	Mrs L Miller (Principal Teacher)
P6	Room 11	Mrs Johnston & Mrs Wall
P6	Room 12	Mr Constable
P7	Room 13	Mr Scott
P7	Room 14	Miss Little & Mrs Baird

Mr Bromley & Mrs Wall have teaching responsibilities across the school.

Mrs Clow DHT has responsibility for nursery & P1
Mrs V Miller has responsibility for P2, P3 & P4 R3-R9
Mrs Wright has responsibility for P5, P6 R10-R12
Mrs Souter has responsibility for P7



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Attendance

The decline in school attendance has become a national issue. If a child averages attendance of **90% or less**, this is the equivalent of a **child losing one whole year of their education** by the time they leave secondary.

We closely monitor attendance at Kirktonholme and you can expect a member of the SMT to phone or letter if attendance drops below 90%. Please get in touch if there are circumstances around your child's attendance so we can help. Kirktonholme is one of the faces of the SLC Attendance campaign because of some of the work we have done to improve attendance. Our children need to know that school is not an option. It is a place they can come to learn, have fun and be well looked after. We hope you value your child's attendance as much as we do.

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Parent Council

A message from our Parent Council:

Kirktonholme Parent Council's AGM will be held in the school on Monday 8th September at 6pm till 7.30pm. If you are interested in coming on board, we would be delighted if you could join us at the meeting. Drop Fiona Lawson a message on 07736 120986 if you are interested in coming along.

*We would also encourage all parents to join our facebook page - **Kirktonholme Parents Page**. Please remember to answer the 3 quick security questions when joining to allow us to verify you.*

Links to **Respect and Happiness**

Health & Wellbeing Quiz

I will be posting our Health and Wellbeing quiz in your child's Google Classroom. If your child is in P1-P3, please help them to complete this. If your child is in P4-P7, please remind them to complete this. We use this information to influence our assemblies and health and wellbeing programme. Thank you. 😊

We are a NUT FREE school NO Nutella or Snickers
Plain water only is allowed to be consumed in classrooms

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Parents in the playground

Our playground is supervised from 8.45am

Parents please remember...

- 🚫 to remain at the back of the playground (this makes our supervision much easier)
- 🚫 do not approach other children
- 🚫 no dogs allowed (even in arms)
- 🚫 no smoking or vaping
- 🚫 say hello and chat to other parents and staff

School lunches

P1-5 children are entitled to a free school lunch. Please help your child by checking the menu the night before so they know what they will choose. If they do not like the choices then please provide a packed lunch. The new menu started last Monday and menus are available on our school website and SLC website. School lunches are now £2.17 and milk is 30p and should be paid for using Parent Pay.

Links to **Achievement**

Parent Portal

We have issued the annual data checks on Parent Portal. Please check your data and make any changes. If you haven't joined this portal, you must do so as this is the formal method of communication from SLC and our school. If you need any help please get in touch with the office.

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A message from Scottish Government

Education Reform Update

You may be aware Scotland's education system is being reformed, this includes the creation of a new qualifications body, Qualifications Scotland, and a new education inspectorate, with further changes to national education public bodies occurring throughout the upcoming school year. Improvements to the curriculum and approach to qualifications, and assessment are also planned in the coming years. This work will enhance outcomes for children and young people educated in Scotland with the aim of ensuring excellence and equity by raising standards and giving every child and young person the same opportunity to succeed. Further information can be found on the [Scottish Government's website](https://www.gov.scot/).