

Kirklandpark Primary School

P1 Induction

May / June 2021





Welcome



We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Kirklandpark Primary.

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to help your child to succeed in reaching their full potential.

Important Message:

We are here to help.

If there is anything that you are worried about or that we can support you and your child with please do not hesitate to contact us.



Our School Vision



It is our vision for every child in Kirklandpark Primary and Nursery to achieve their full potential by developing their knowledge and skills through challenging learning experiences in a nurturing, positive and motivating environment where high expectations are set and success is celebrated.



A bit about us



We anticipate that we will have approximately 360 children registered with us for August 2021

There are 12 classes in the school at the moment.
Currently our class configuration is:

Room 1 – Primary 1

Room 1a - Primary 1

Room 2 – Primary 2

Room 3 – Primary 2

Room 4 – Primary 3

Room 5 – Primary 3/4

Room 6 – Primary 4

Room 7 – Primary 5

Room 8 – Primary 5/6

Room 9 – Primary 6

Room 10 – Primary 6/7

Room 11 – Primary 7

This is likely to change before August as it is very unusual for the class configurations to remain exactly the same each year. They differ due to the changing numbers of children at each stage.



Our Staff



We work as one team and for the good of our children. We take the care and welfare of your child very seriously and all decisions are taken with careful consideration to ensure the best for them.

We currently have nineteen class teachers with a wealth of experience and expertise.

We are very fortunate to have a fantastic support staff as well. Their job is to help support the children under the guidance of the class teacher. They also supervise the playground during our morning and lunch interval.

Mr Lindsay is our Janitor and a firm favourite with the children.

Mrs Gibson is our Catering Supervisor and she makes sure we're all fed each day.



Strathaven Learning Community



We work closely with the Nurseries and schools within our Learning Community. The children are involved in a number of activities throughout their time in school that bring the schools together.

These range from sports activities to transition events and collaborative project work.

We work in close partnership with Wester Overton Primary as well. This can involve sharing transport to go on outings, collaborative curricular activities and joint work for teachers.

Within our Learning Community our teachers are also involved in 'Sharing Good Practice' meetings which enables them to compare and contrast teaching and learning with colleagues from other schools. This is a fantastic way to ensure continuity in our children's education.



School Day



Our school day starts when the bell rings at 9.00am.

All children should make their way to the lines immediately when the bell rings.

Morning Interval is from 10.30am – 10.45am.

Lunch Time is from 12.30pm – 1.15pm.

Home Time is at 3.00pm.



Your Child's First Day



A child's first day in school can be a nervous time for parents as well as children.
We want to make this as easy for everyone as possible.

For session 2021 our Primary 1 teachers will be Mrs Clarke, Mrs Kinnear, Mrs Smith and Mrs Watson.

You will receive a letter during the last week of term to tell you who your child's teacher will be.

First Day Of School = Monday 16th August

9.45am until 2.55pm

What Your Child Will Need

Soft shoes to change into

A small bottle of plain water

A small snack

A packed lunch unless they are having a school dinner

The teachers and I will open the doors at 9.45am.

We will make our way to the classrooms and I would ask that you help your child find their new seat.
Once all of the parents & carers have left we will help the children to hang up their jacket and change their shoes. They will have their own designated peg and shoe box.

We'll send your little one a picture that will be just for them and will help them to identify their own desk, peg and shoe box.



Your Child's First Day



Please come into the class with your child and help them to select their lunch choice. There will be slips on their desk with the lunch choices.

We don't normally do lunches in this way but on the children's first day we do things a little differently. You will be able to see exactly how we do things on Google Classroom shortly.

It is also a good opportunity to take some photos!

After about 10 minutes we would ask that you make your way outside to enable school life to begin!



Your Child's First Day



What To Expect

It will be a quick day for the children.

They will spend time settling into school life, beginning to do some literacy and numeracy lessons.

They will have their first taste of morning interval and going out into the playground – all under the careful supervision of their P6 buddy!



Your Child's First Day ...



The day will end at 2.55pm.

Please come into the infant playground.

The teachers will bring the children out to the playground at 2.55pm but will not allow them to go until they see who is there for them.

The children will only be allowed to leave when they can identify the person who is there to collect them.



The next few days...



From Tuesday 17th August onwards the children will be in school from 9.00am until 3.00pm.

We would ask that parents / carers do not come into the playground.

In the mornings the P6 & P7 buddies will come to the gate to meet the children. Please come to the school office if there are any urgent messages that need to be passed onto the teacher or if there is anything that we can help with. Non-urgent items should be written in your child's homework diary.

At the end of the day.....

Until the October week, the teachers will bring the children to the gates and hand them over the adult who is collecting them. After the October week, the children are escorted to the gate but leave independently.

Please ensure that your child knows to return to the staff who are standing at the gate if they don't see the adult who is collecting them.



Other Information....



School Lunches

All children in P1-3 are entitled to free school meals.

Some children prefer to bring a packed lunch and some go home for lunch. It is important that the children know what they are doing for lunch as this will be recorded during registration, first thing in the morning.

School Lunch Taster Session:

Usually your child would have already experienced their first school meal. This year is a little different due to the Covid restrictions. Unfortunately we have not been able to run a taster session.

Our P6 buddies will continue to take the children throughout the process until they get used to the routine. This tends to happen very quickly.



School Uniform



Preferably blue shirt and school tie with grey jumper / cardigan embroidered with the school badge

Grey trousers / skirt or pinafore

Except on gym days:

Grey sweatshirt and blue polo shirt embroidered with the school badge

Grey trousers / skirt or pinafore



Gym Kit



White or blue short sleeved t-shirt

Black shorts

Gym shoes / trainers

Black jogging trousers or leggings if the weather is cold but dry for outdoor gym lessons.



Promoting Independence



It is important for the children to be as independent as they can. This helps them to learn to the best of their ability within the curriculum and enables them to be happier individuals as the world feels less confusing.

To help aid their transition children should be able to do these things:

Put on their own jacket

Change their own shoes

Use the toilet independently (children must be able to do this)

Blow their nose independently

Use cutlery to eat their food

Encourage them to pack their own bags for school (under supervision)



Promoting Independence



Please ensure that all of your child's personal items are clearly labelled with their name.

This includes:

- jackets
- jumpers and cardigans
- all gym kit items
- all shoes
- pencil cases
- bags
- packed lunch boxes
- water bottles



What We Do / Don't Expect ...



We don't expect the children to know their alphabet and sounds or to be able to read and write.

However, if your child shows interest in learning these things we would not discourage you from helping them.

To make sure that they don't get confused;



What We Do / Don't Expect



Only use capital letters at the beginning of names etc.
ensuring that they children become used to seeing
lowercase letters used.

Use the sound names and not letter names ie. a for apple
not A for alien.

Point to objects as you count.

If writing letters, encourage the children to form them
correctly. Bad handwriting habits are difficult to change.



Last things



Reminder:

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are named. Everything from their gym shoes to lunch boxes, water bottles, gloves, scarves, jumpers!

If your child is bringing money to school, please put it in a purse / wallet. We seldom have money coming into school these days but there can be occasions such as fundraisers when this still happens.

Homework diaries and homework materials should be in your child's bag everyday in case they are needed within the class.



Parent Pay



An online payment system to help parents to pay for trips etc. without having to send money into school.

School dinners for children in P4-7 can also be paid using this system.

Information on how to set up an account is contained within your pack.



Our School App



Keep up-to-date with information about the school diary via our school app.

There is a leaflet in your pack to show you how to access this.

You can also find out about the school on our website www.kirklandpark-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk and by following us on twitter @kirklandparkps



Twitter



Our Twitter Account is only accessible to people who have been granted access.

We are keen for parents to access this and to enable this to happen.....

Please email your name, your child's name and class along with your Twitter handle to office@kirklandpark-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Mr Hepburn (Our Acting DHT) monitors this and will grant access once he has your details.



Not Long Now



It isn't long until the children officially start school and we are very much looking forward to having them here.

Thanks for taking the time to read this information and please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Have a great summer!