

# Welcome to Newton Primary School



**New Entrants Brochure 2020**



## Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Newton Primary School. Starting a new school can be a worrying time and at Newton Primary we aim to help your child settle happily.

We want to get it right for every child by working in partnership with children, parents, carers and staff, other agencies and our local, national and global community to deliver learning in an active, relevant and engaging way. We build our learning around guidance from the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence.

We aim to develop a climate of respect and trust based upon our shared values of **Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Fairness and Unity.**

We believe in giving all the children high quality learning and teaching experiences in all curricular areas through stimulating, relevant and challenging contexts to allow children to apply learning in different areas and in the real world.

We encourage the children to share their personal achievements as this provides children with a sense of satisfaction and helps to build motivation, resilience and confidence.



## Current Climate – Covid-19

As you will be aware, The First Minister closed all schools on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Currently, we are working within guidelines issued by the Scottish Government and Stirling Council around how school will reopen in August 2020, and what that will look like for our families and learners.

We would like to assure all parents that the health and safety and wellbeing of our children, staff and wider school community is absolutely paramount to everything we do, and you will appreciate that planning for a school return within the 'blended learning' approach is a complex process.

We feel that providing you with information about how our school life functions day to day is important, particularly when preparing your children for starting school. Therefore, within this booklet we have, as much as possible, tried to show you how things work 'normally.'

We must stress however that schools will look different when we return in August. We are all getting used to what our new normal will look like, and therefore, the information in this booklet will be subject to change, and decisions around the school day and how it look will be based on the Scottish Government guidance that we have when we return to school in August. **We will of course communicate all updated information with you prior to the start of school in August.**

We thank you very much for your understanding during this period, and we very much look forward to meeting you soon.



## Who might you meet at Newton Primary School?

**Headteacher:** Mrs Linda Kane (P3 - 4)  
**Depute Headteacher:** Miss Emma Alison (P5 –P7)  
**Depute Headteacher:** Mrs Lyndsey-Anne Brown (Nursery – P2)

**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs Natalie Currie

**Janitor:** Mr Tam Thomson.

### **Support for Learning Assistants:**

Support the children in class in small groups, 1-1 and help in the playground

Mrs Mhairi Stainton  
Mrs Mary Rennie  
Ms Lisa Nicholas

Mrs Carol Cartner  
Mrs Fiona Grant  
Mrs Pauline Cadden

**Primary 1 Class Teachers:** To be confirmed

**Primary 7 Buddies:** Our P7s wear a navy jumper and can provide support to our P1 pupils.



At Newton Primary School we are very happy to discuss with parents any questions or queries that you may have. We would always advise the first port of call should be your child's class teacher. Should you wish to speak with the class teacher you are welcome to make an appointment via our home/school communication diary which the children will receive when they start school, or by telephoning the school office on 01786 237920 to arrange a mutually convenient time. If you would like to speak with a member of the senior leadership team, please feel welcome to make an appointment by calling the number above.

## What does my child need for starting school?

### School uniform



Sweatshirt (Royal Blue) or cardigan  
Polo shirt  
Black or grey trousers  
Black or grey skirt or pinafore  
Black school shoes

Blue checked summer dress *optional Summer term*  
School fleece *optional*

School winter jacket *optional*

Our school uniform provider is Logoexpres in Stirling. (<https://www.logoxpres-schoolwear.co.uk>)

You can order direct online or a Logo Express Order form can be collected from the school office.

### Gym kit



#### Indoor PE kit:

PE Kit bag (optional school logo)

Shorts and T-shirt (optional school logo and named)

Indoor shoes to be left in school.

*Socks to be left in school if you child wears tights.*

**Outdoor PE kit:** Tracksuit bottoms, trainers, fleece/jumper.

If you have opted not to purchase the named school PE T-shirt, please write your child's name in large letters on the front of the T-shirt to aid the PE teacher. (Gym kit will be sent home regularly for laundering.)

### School Bag



Big enough to carry an A4 wallet .

### Snack



Please provide a healthy snack for playtime. This helps to keep up your child's energy levels. Please do not send your child with any product that contains nuts as we are a nut free school.

### Painting shirt



To keep clothes clean during messy activities. A large shirt/T Shirt is perfect!

## The School Day

*\*\*We have provided information regarding what a pre-Covid day looked like. Please be aware this is very likely to change on return to school in August, and we will communicate this fully with you before your child begins school. We thank you for your understanding.\*\**

8.55am	Warning bell – children line up
9.00am	Bell rings – teachers will meet children from their lines
10.30am	Morning break
10.45am	End of morning break
12.30pm	Lunch
1.15pm	End of lunch break
3.00pm	School day ends



### What happens at playtimes and lunchtimes?

#### Morning Interval:

Children need time to relax, get some fresh air and can enjoy a healthy snack at this time. Children are encouraged to play with each other and mix with the children in the other classes. Primary One children are encouraged to stay on the mono block area and have access to the school field at morning interval, weather permitting. Primary 2-7 can access the tarmac areas as well. There is a rota for the field and the Eco Garden. There is always adult supervision in the playground provided by our team of Support for Learning Assistants. Please always ensure your child is appropriately dressed for outdoor play as we like to get outside in all weathers.



If your child has a bump or fall First Aid can be administered by qualified staff for minor injuries. A note will be sent home to alert you to visits for medical attention.

**Lunch:** We will provide further information regarding the Resumption of lunch service prior to the children's return in August.

All children in P1 – 3 are entitled to free school lunch provision.





## Questions that are often asked...



### What if my child feels unwell at school?

You will be contacted by telephone if it is felt that your child is unwell and needs to go home. If your child has suffered from vomiting or diarrhoea it is Stirling Council policy that they do not return to school for 48 hours from their last episode.

### What if my child needs to take medicine during the school day?

Support Staff can give your child medicine but only with parental permission. If your child requires medicine, please complete a medical form, available on request from the school office. Support staff are unable to give your child the first dose of any medicine.



### What if my child has allergies?

If your child has allergies you can complete a medical form, available from the school office, outlining their allergy and details of any treatment/medication they require. The school will ask you to provide any prescribed medication needed and we will hold this in our medical room. On trips out with the school grounds teachers will always carry any medication required by children in their class. If your child has food allergies that impact what they can eat in school/for a school dinner, you will be invited to discuss these with Mrs Raynor, our school cook, and an alternative menu can be provided.

### What if it is raining?



Children will be allowed to stay indoors during inclement weather. Support Staff and Primary Seven pupils monitor in classes during wet intervals. We do advise that your child is dressed appropriately for all weather.

### What if my child loses something?

Please ensure all items belonging to your child – clothes, shoes, gym kit, lunch box items are **named** using a permanent marker pen/iron on/sew on label. A named tag on the zip of your child's fleece can also aid identification. If anything does go missing please feel welcome to look in our Lost Property Trolley or let us know and we can arrange for a search.

## How can you help us?

- Building on preschool experiences and encouraging independence in dressing especially putting on coats and shoes and practise changing for PE.
- Talk to your children, ask them about school and how they are getting on.
- Read and share stories together. Children will not receive a reading book until after Christmas and will be participating in a whole range of literacy experiences relating to reading, writing, listening and talking.
- We encourage parents to read stories, share books, comics and environmental print together.
- Practise fine motor skills such as using scissors, drawing with pencils, crayons, pens to encourage prewriting skills.
- Play counting games and sing number/rhyming songs together.
- Please label everything with your child's name.
- Encourage independence at pick up and drop off times e.g. carrying own bags, encouraging them to line up independently.



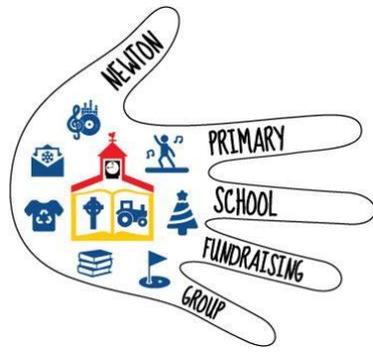
## How can you find out more about our school?

### Partnership with Parents

As an Eco School we have adopted 'Parentmail' to keep parents up-to-date with what is going on. This allows the school to e-mail information and newsletters home to parents. Parentmail registration forms will be accessible on the P1 Transition Hub prior to school opening in August. If you do not have an e-mail address, then all the information will be sent home as a paper copy. Parents are also welcome to contact us to talk over any questions or concerns at any time.

### Our Parent Council and Newton Fundraising Team

There is an active Fundraising Team and Parent Council. Everyone is welcome to become involved. More information is available, just ask at the office.



### Parent Helpers

We also have an excellent network of parents who give up some of their free time to help us on a regular basis in school (either working with children or doing administrative tasks) and with outings. You will be contacted at the start of the session and asked if you would like to volunteer. We require parents who would like to undertake regular voluntary work in school to be PVG checked. Funding or part funding can be available.

Working together

Home Child School

Parents Make a Difference



Starting a new school is an exciting time for all the family. At Newton Primary we aim to keep our parents well-informed by means of workshops, home-link jotters, newsletters and emails about the day-to-day activities of our busy classes.

## And Finally....

We look forward to working with you over the years to come. We hope you will feel very welcome and happy within our learning community at Newton Primary School. We welcome parents to support our children's learning. Please feel welcome to speak with your child's class teacher next session if you have available time or expertise in a particular area and would like to offer support.

