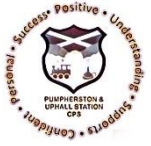


# Information for new P1 parents/carers



We have compiled some information that we hope will make transition into P1 at PUSCPS easier for you and your child.

## Uniform

- You are notified in the termly Learning overview when your child will have gym – on that day dress your child in the school uniform that they can easily take off/ put on independently e.g. polo shirt and jumper.
- If you would like your child to wear a school tie, these can be bought from the school office and are available with elastic necks so you/your child do not need to tie them.
- You can order the school uniform at different times of the school year.
  - Label everything – uniform; coats; shoes; water bottles; school bag etc.
  - Velcro tying school shoes are best.
  - Check throughout the year if your child's gym shoes and gym uniform still fits (gym kits are sent home at the end of every term).

## Snacks/lunches

- The school operates a free breakfast club which is available from 8.10am. Children should be dropped off at the main entrance. The breakfast club is in the main hall is supervised by Mrs Bonnar. The breakfast club runs until 8.30am and the children go into the playground at this time where they are supervised.
  - Don't give too much food for snack or packed lunch. Snack should be one item to eat which preferably will be a healthy snack. It takes a while for P1 to get used to eating within a certain time.

## Communication to/from school

- Check the blog on a regular basis as there are great updates along with lots of useful information (<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/puscpsnews/>).
- Read the newsletter and mark the dates on your calendar.
- Remember to tell the school/teacher if your child has really enjoyed a lesson or experience – they love hearing feedback from pupils and parents/carers.
- Within the first month of primary one you will be invited to a short five minute meeting with the class teacher (during the school day) to find out how your child has settled into primary one.

## Miscellaneous

- Weekly homework is handed out on a Monday and returned on a Friday; children will have nightly reading/ phonics.
- Milk that you can purchase on a termly basis is semi-skimmed milk.
- If you are not sure about something or it doesn't seem right – just ask.
- Get involved! Support the school with events, join our 'Parents as Partners' group or become a parent helper in school!
- If sending in money – put it in an envelope and label with: your child's name; how much money is enclosed; what the payment is for.
- Regularly check your child's school bag for letters.
- Children should have a pair of black gym rubbers to change into when they come in from the playground. These are kept in school.
- Children should bring the following each day: - Reading book - Reading record - Water bottle - Lunch (if applicable).

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**(If there is anything else you would like to find out about prior to your child starting with us, please ask either Miss Burton or Mrs Dickie)**

#### **Who will I speak to if I have a problem with my child?**

You should speak with the class teacher.

#### **Will my child attend for the full day right away?**

On the first day (Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August) the children will be in school from 9am to 3pm. For the rest of the week, they will start and finish at the same times as the rest of the school (Wednesday and Thursday - 8.50am to 3.15pm); Friday - 8.50am to 12.25pm).

#### **What happens first thing when I drop my child off?**

On the first day, please bring your child to the front office, where you will be directed to the gym hall. You will then be able to accompany your child to their classroom (we will do this in groups). From the following day (Wednesday) and thereafter, you'll leave your child at the school gate and your child will come into the playground and play with their peers. We currently have a supervisor on the school gate and several supervisors in the playground. P7 buddies also help in the playground.

#### **Is there a transition period where children go over to a class?**

Yes – during June, children will go to primary one for several sessions. They will learn alongside the current primary one pupils. The children will also experience the school playground.

**Is there a staggered intake?**

We do not operate a staggered intake.

**Will we get to meet the Primary 1 teachers before the start of the new term?**

Yes – there will be a P1 induction evening on 5<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm. You will have the opportunity to meet P1 staff then.