



August 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

P1 Induction Programme

We are looking forward to welcoming your child into our P1 in August. Starting school is an exciting time – but it can be a bit daunting (for children and parents/carers!). Our Induction process is planned to support the transition from ELC to school and give you, the adult, and the child as much information as possible to help you understand more about Antonine Primary School and our routines. Please find below some information that we hope will be helpful.

School Uniform

With this letter you will receive a school uniform letter. Please see this for information on what to purchase and where from.

Transition to P1

Children from Antonine ELC have been visiting Primary 1 classrooms since January 2023 and will continue to do so over the coming months. Children from other ELC settings will have the opportunity to come in and visit also. They may join in with a story time, active learning, computer lessons or some outdoors fun. They will get the opportunity to see all areas of the school. School staff will visit the ELC settings that the children are coming from and will also take the children's buddies with them to visit. This is usually a very exciting time, both for the buddy and the ELC child. During the first few weeks of Primary 1, the children will see a familiar face from Antonine ELC. Every morning, at least one EYO will join the children in Primary 1 to further support them with settling in to their new classroom and school routines.



Staffing for next year is still being worked on. As soon as we know who the P1 teacher will be we will share this information with you and your child.

Buddies

All P6 pupils have undertaken several sessions of buddy training and have been putting this into practice during their visits to ELC throughout this session. ELC children are now aware of who their buddies are and will soon receive a photo of their buddy to keep. Buddies are crucial to supporting the children when they start on their first day in August – the buddies will be there that day and for the rest of the term.

After Term 1 we encourage the Primary 1 children to try to be a bit more independent – this usually happens naturally but the buddy role will continue to be an important one and one that is planned for the rest of P1.



Induction afternoon

You are invited to come along to a P1 Induction event on Thursday 6th June from 1.30pm – 2.45pm. This is for adults only so to give you time to listen and ask any questions you may have. If this is a day that your child does not attend Antonine ELC then please speak to Nicola Majury who will support you with childcare for that session.

At the induction we will share everything we possibly can about transition to P1, the school meals service, share key information and most importantly, allow you to meet and speak to key members of staff who will be in your child's school life. You will also receive an information booklet detailing your child's school house, buddy etc.

Meet the Teacher Afternoon

All children across school will go to their new class and meet their teacher for next year on Wednesday 21st June 2023. ELC children will be taken to the P1 classroom by ELC staff. If your child does not attend Antonine ELC you are more than welcome to bring your child along to this event. The children will meet their teacher and spend most of the afternoon in their class.

Dining Room Experience

The dining room is usually one of the children's favourite places to be as it is where they are fed but it can be a bit overwhelming for our new pupils. To support this the pre-school children will have their lunch in the main hall over 3 visits. Here they will get the chance to use the school items and trays and learn about making choices and selections. Children will be supported by both school and ELC staff.

These lunch days will be Wednesday 10th, 17th, 24th May and 7th June 2023. If your child does not attend Antonine ELC, please feel free to bring them along.



Transition across Denny Cluster – The Gruffalo

We are excited to announce that the transition project for our children moving on to Primary School after the Summer break, will be based around the story of The Gruffalo. This is a story that most children are familiar with and enjoy. Through this, children will be encouraged to explore moving onto Primary 1 and share their thoughts and feelings about this. Going to school is a big step for our learners and their families, and the best way for this to be a positive experience for everyone is to talk about it. All of the Early Learning Centres (ELC) within the Denny Cluster will take part in this project and it will give the children something they can all share when they come together in August in their P1 classes. A twitter page for the transition project has been set up - [@p1_denny](#). This will enable you, and the families from all over Denny, to keep up to date with the various activities happening within our ELC and the others in the cluster.

We look forward to seeing you on 6th June 2023. If you are unable to come along on either date please let us know.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Casey
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