



# Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre

## Transition Guidance

### ELCC to Primary One Transition

**Primary 6 Play Sessions: Aim is to promote and develop relationships between the children in ELCC and their future buddies.**

- From Term 1, Primary 6 pupils visit the ELCC on a rota basis to interact and play with their younger peers. Staff observe and reflect on all interactions, using this information to match up buddies for Primary One.

**Transition Learning Topic: Aim is to provide children with learning opportunities in Primary One which are familiar to them.**

- Across the whole Denny cluster, all ELC children engage in a transition topic during Term 4. This is a topic which provides opportunities to learn more about change and explore feelings related to this. This year the focus of this topic will be around The Gruffalo.
- This topic is then further explored in Primary 1 during the first term. Learning experiences will both consolidate and extend learning.

**Primary 1 Interactive Sessions: Aim is to encourage pre-school children to become familiar with the school environment, staff and peers.**

- Commences in Term 3.
- Each session lasts 30 minutes and offers children the opportunity to become familiar with the classroom environment and engage with Primary 1 peers.
- Two staff members from the ELC accompany the children during their visits to Primary 1.
- In Term 4, the Primary One class teacher visits the ELC on a regular basis to interact with the children, build relationships and learn more about them.
- Meet the Teacher Event is held at the end of Term 4 and provides children with the opportunity to come together as a whole class. This involves the children having a Teddy Bear Picnic with their buddies before meeting their class teacher in the Primary 1 classroom. During this event, each child is given a welcome pack to Primary One which includes a starter stationery kit, a gym bag and a pictorial book offering information about both Primary 1 and the wider school.

**Visits to the School Environment: Aim is to provide opportunities for the children to familiarise themselves with the school environment and staff.**

- Children regularly visit different areas within the school environment throughout their time at ELC.
- Children visit the school on a weekly basis. This includes attending whole school assemblies and engaging in activities within the school hall.

- Children have regular opportunities to explore the school playground. This includes visiting the playground during break and lunch times. This allows children to hear the school bell and become accustomed to the volume of this.
- Outdoor learning opportunities similarly include use of the wider playground and fairy garden.
- In Term 4, children are given various opportunities to have their lunch in the school dining hall alongside their buddies.

**Parental Engagement: Aim is to encourage parents/carers to become involved in the ELCC and their child's learning.**

- Various events are organised throughout the school year to encourage parents and families to attend the ELC and engage in learning alongside their child.
- These events are highlighted on the annual calendar in Term 1 and are linked to priorities identified within the School Improvement Plan.
- All parents and families are kept up to date regarding Primary 1 transition via the school app and Twitter. Denny Cluster have a Twitter account specific to Term 4's transition topic.
- In Term 4, all families are invited to attend an Information Session to meet their child's class teacher and hear more about school life and the routines of Primary 1.
- All families receive an information booklet highlighting school routines, equipment list, allocation of school houses and Primary 7 buddies etc.

Please see below for all future transition events:

Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	P6 buddies complete buddy training and begin ELC visits.	
Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Transition information given out Class Teacher information shared with families	Email and on the school app
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	P1 teacher visits ELC P1 visits to school dinner hall for lunch.	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	P6 and ELC buddies get together	STEM focus
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	P6 and ELC buddies get together	Sports Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	P1 Induction Information event for parents/carers	
	P1 visit school dinner hall for lunch	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	P6 and ELC buddies get together	Games Afternoon
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2023	P6 and ELC buddies get together	Outdoor Picnic

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2023	Meet the Teacher event / Classroom Visit	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 1.30 – 2.30pm	Pre-school graduation celebration	

**Children out with Antonine ELC are invited to attend all transition events in Term 4. The DHT and Primary 1 teacher liaises closely with the child's current ELC setting, engages in discussion with child's Health Visitor and meets with the child both with their parents/carers and within their ELC environment.**