

**R.S.M.P.  
and  
Nursery Class**



*Together We Learn we grow*

# Starting School Information Pack August 2021

## People who will work with you and your child at school

Head Teacher	Mr. Roland Peck
Principal Teacher	Mrs Gillian Kelly
P1 Teachers *	Miss Inglis and Mrs. MacFarlane
Class Cover Teacher	Mrs. Murphy
Nurture Teacher	Mrs McCollum
Support Staff	Mrs MacKinnon / Mrs. MacDonald / Mrs Owens
Office Staff	Mrs. Donna Mackie
Family Support	Mrs. Monica Holmes (Barnardos worker)

\* Whilst it is likely that these are the teachers for next year, this may still change.

## Starting School Arrangements

### When does my child start school?

Your child starts school on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021**.

On that day bring your child to the school gym hall for a 9.30 am start.

### What happens on the first day (depending on Covid restrictions)?

Arrive for 9.30am – You will be shown into the gym hall.

Children will be taken to class. Adults will go over practical arrangements for 5 minutes.

You will be invited to see your child in their class (\*\* PHOTO OPPORTUNITY! \*\*)

**COLLECTION** – Please collect your child from their class on the **first and second day at 2.45pm**.

### What happens on the following days?

#### Day 2

P7 Pupil buddies will meet parents in the morning from 8.45am and show them round to where P1s will be lining up. Parents can come round too.

Please **collect your child from their class on the first and second day at 2.45pm**

**Every day, school starts promptly at 9am and 1pm for the afternoon session.**

### Day 3 and on (From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August)

P7 Pupil buddies will meet parents in the morning from 8.45am and take ONLY the children round to their lines. Parents don't go round.

At the end of the day, all P1 P2 and P3 children will be dismissed from the gymhall door into the front playground.

### Where will my child line up?

From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August the children will line up in the infant playground.

Parents and carers will be met at the front, right of the building beside the nursery entrance by P7 buddies. From here they will be escorted to the playground by their buddies.

### What will my child need on the first day?

A happy parent (with tissues in the bag for later!)

A school bag (Blue bag issued during home visits) **with name on it** (if you don't name it we will!)

A **small** healthy snack

A pair of soft gym shoes or trainers with non-marking soles to change into.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Attendance at School:**      **Attendance at school is vital for children.** It helps them:

- Make better social bonds with their peers,
- Feel that this is their school and this is where they want to be
- Keep up with academic work and enjoy learning better
- Develop greater confidence
- Maintain a positive attitude to themselves, their skills and their ability to contribute to life.

### **When your child is sick**

It is important for the school to work with parents in encouraging all children to attend school. All absences from school are required by law to be recorded. Absences will normally fall under two categories – authorised or unauthorised absence. In cases where your child is unable to attend school parents are asked to:

- Please tell someone at the school - telephone us or let us know in writing.
- Notify the school first thing in the morning when your child is going to be absent. Let the school know the likely date of return and keep them informed if the date changes.
- Parents/carers will be contacted by the school office if children are absent without notification.

Requests for your child to be absent from school to make an extended visit to relatives must be made in writing to the head teacher, detailing the reason, destination and duration of absence and arrangements for their continuing education. On these occasions the pupil will be marked as an authorised absentee in the register.

### **Family Holidays During Term Time**

Every effort should be taken to avoid family holidays during term time as this both disrupts the child's education and reduces learning time. If holidays are taken during times when the school is open parents should inform the school in advance by letter.

If your child is taken on a family holiday during term time then in line with the Scottish Executive Education Department advice this will be classified as an unauthorised absence. However, in exceptional circumstances schools may register a family holiday during term time as an authorised absence when for example, parents are unable to obtain leave during the school holiday period.

Clearly, absence with no explanation from parents will mean that the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Every effort should be made to ensure that your child attends school during term time. Please contact the school should your child be unable to attend school.

**Both late coming and attendance are monitored by the school.** Parents will be contacted where there is a continued pattern of late coming and low attendance, in order that the situation can be discussed and hopefully, improved.

### **What happens if my child takes ill at school?**

We will contact you immediately.

If we cannot contact you we will contact your emergency contact. Please keep all phone numbers given to the school up to date, particularly mobile numbers.

Your child will be supervised until an adult comes to collect them.

If your child has an accident in school it may be necessary to take him/her to hospital.

### **Bumps and Bruises at School.**

If your child has a bump to the head at school, we will let you know. This may be through a phone call (if we feel it is more serious) or through a note in the school bag.

If your child has a bruise or cut, they will be treated in school by office staff. Parents are informed where it is felt that the bruise/cut is more serious.

### **What if my child has a medical problem?**

Please speak to the school about any aspect of your child's health which may concern you.

If your child needs medication to be administered in school, you must complete the relevant forms.

Please do not send your child in with medicine and a note of instructions as **the medication will not be administered.**

### **What if my child has an appointment?**

Please inform the school office or class teacher by phone, email or letter beforehand.

No child is allowed out of school unless collected by an adult.

Please do not take your child away from school either at playtime or lunch time without informing the school office or a member of staff.

**THESE MEASURES ARE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD.**

## **School Uniform (Every Day except gym day/dress down days)**

- Blue shirt & school tie
- Navy V neck Jumper/Cardigan
- Navy trousers
- Navy or School Tartan skirt/pinafore /Blue gingham dress.
- Black shoes or trainers

### **Gym Days**

- Black gym shoes or black trainers (kept in school)
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Navy Sweatshirt /Navy Jumper
- Navy shorts
- Navy trousers
- Navy or School Tartan skirt/pinafore /Blue gingham dress.
- Black shoes or trainers
- NO FOOTBALL COLOURS / NO JEWELLERY
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(Earrings **must** be removed for gym if possible. On non gym days small studs **only** to be worn at school.)

**ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY NAMED**

### **Homework / Communication from School**

- Please check your child's bag every day
- Children will be supplied with a homework/reading book bag
- Please sign your child's homework.
- Homework should **NOT** be stressful for children **OR** parents.
- The class teacher will look at your child's target book most days. Please don't expect an individual comment each night.



## Education Resources

### School holiday Dates Session 2021/2022

Break	Holiday dates		
<b>First Term</b>	<b>Teachers In-service</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12 August 2021</b>
	<b>In-service day</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>13 August 2021</b>
	Pupils return	Monday	16 August 2021
September Weekend	Close on Re-open	Thursday Tuesday	23 September 2021 28 September 2021
October Break	Close on Re-open	Friday Monday	8 October 2021 18 October 2021
	<b>In-service day</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>15 November 2021</b>
Christmas	Close on Re-open	Wednesday Wednesday	22 December 2021 5 January 2022
<b>Second Term</b>			
February break	Close on Closed on	Friday Monday and Tuesday	11 February 2022 14 February 2022 15 February 2022
	<b>In-service day</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16 February 2022</b>
Spring break/Easter	Close on Re-open	Friday Tuesday	1 April 2022 19 April 2022
<b>Third Term</b>			
Local Holiday	Closed Re-open	Monday Tuesday	2 May 2022 3 May 2022
	<b>In-service day</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5 May 2022</b>
Local Holiday	Close on Re-open	Thursday Tuesday	26 May 2022 31 May 2022
Summer break	Close on	Friday	24 June 2022
Proposed in-service days	August dates to be confirmed		

#### Notes

- ◆ Good Friday falls on Friday, 15 April 2022
  - ◆ *Lanark schools will close Thursday, 9 June 2022 and Friday, 10 June 2022*
  - ◆ Schools will close at 2.30pm on the last day of terms 1 and 2 (Wednesday, 22 December 2021 and Friday, 1 April 2022)
  - ◆ Schools will close at 1pm on the last day of term 3 Friday, 24 June 2022)
- \*Two in-service days proposed for August 2022 to be confirmed.