

# Welcome to Bankier Primary School

Your child is due to begin Bankier Primary School in August 2017. Please keep this guide as a reference to help you familiarise yourself with school life.

## Contact Us

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Parent Council/Bankier Helping Hands	www.facebook.com/bankierprimarypta/

## Meet the Staff

Head Teacher- Mrs Dyer

Depute Head Teacher – Mr Ritchie

Principal Teacher – Mrs Webster

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Primary 1 – Mrs Taylor

Primary 1-2- Miss Donnelly

Support for Learning Teacher – Mrs Webster

Support for Learning Assistants – Mrs Kirk and Miss Gibson

Janitor – Mr Stringer

Cleric – Mrs Curle

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***Reach for the stars!***

# Preparing for School

## Uniform

Pupils at Bankier Primary school are required to wear a uniform. Wearing a uniform helps children identify with the school. School uniform can be purchased from the Logo Express Store in Stirling. The school issues order forms to pupils in the summer term to allow them to purchase their uniform directly from the school. **Please write your child's name on all articles of clothing to help them identify their personal belongings.**

School uniform can be;

- ✓ Red sweatshirt
- ✓ Red jumper or cardigan
- ✓ Grey or black trousers or skirts
- ✓ White shirt with a school tie or white polo shirt with logo
- ✓ School fleece, rain jacket or blazer

## School Bags

Your child will require a school bag to carry things to and from school. Your child has an allocated peg in the cloakroom on which to hang their bag. You can order a bag with the school logo on it from Logo Express however, it is not compulsory. Please write your name on your child's school bag.

Useful tips when choosing a school bag

- ✓ Bags should be big enough to carry A4 folder, gym kit, pencil case and library book.
- ✓ Bags should be waterproof.
- ✓ Separate gym bags can be used but are not essential.

## Equipment

Your child does not require any special equipment for their school day. A pencil case with a pencil, rubber and sharpener are useful however the school does provide children with these items. Children are responsible for taking care of these items for themselves. The school does not replace any personal items which are lost or broken.

## **Play pieces and Water**

Children require a small play piece for their morning break. Remember that playtime lasts for only 15 minutes and children may be unable to finish large snacks. Children can also bring a water bottle with them into the classroom. Children are permitted to drink water at any time. Children must not bring juice or milk into the classroom. Water bottles should be filled before children come to school.

## **School Dinners**

Pupils can choose to have a school dinner, a packed lunch or go home at lunch time. School dinners and packed lunches are served in the dinner hall. Pupils going home must be collected by a responsible adult. All school meals are provided free of charge to pupils in Primary 1 to 3. There are always three options for school dinners. Pupils can choose from a green, yellow or blue option daily. You can help your child choose their meal using the menu.

## **Gym**

Falkirk Council is committed to providing 2 hours of high quality physical education. Bankier Primary School delivers the physical education curriculum using indoor and outdoor facilities. Please write your child's name on all articles of clothing. Gym kit can be left in school on your child's coat peg. Children should not wear football colours or jewellery and long hair should be tied back.

### **Indoor Kit**

Soft Shoes

T-shirt

Shorts

### **Outdoor Kit**

Outdoor Shoes

Sweat Shirt

Jogging Trousers

Sweatshirts

## **Money**

From time to time your child may need to bring money to school with them to pay for a trip or an event. On these occasions money should be put in a purse or wallet inside your child's homework folder. Parents should include a note explaining what the money is for and how much money has been sent. This ensures that all money is accounted for and sent to the right place.

## **Homework**

Your child will be issued with homework on Mondays to Fridays. Homework will be sent home inside the homework folder and should be returned to school in the same folder.

## **Absence**

Please phone the school office if your child is going to be absent and also send a note when they return. If your child is absent and we have not received any contact from you by 9.30am you will be contacted by a text message informing you that your child is not in school.

## **Communication**

The school keeps in touch regularly through letters, the school web-site, the school official Facebook page, Twitter and text messaging. Please make sure that you check your child's homework bag regularly for any permission slips that need to be returned. Any meetings with any members of staff are strictly by appointment only. To arrange an appointment contact the school by telephone call, letter or e-mail.

# School Holiday Dates 2017/18

Holidays should be taken during school holidays. Any holiday taken during term time will be marked as unauthorised.

**Staff development days:** Monday 21st August 2017 - Tuesday 22nd August 2017

**September weekend:** Monday, 11th September 2017

**October week:** Monday, 9th October 2017 - Friday 13th October 2017

**Staff development day:** Monday 16th October 2017

**Christmas and new year:** Monday 25th December 2017 - Friday 5th January 2018

**Term time public holiday:** Friday 9th February 2018 - Monday 12th February 2018

**Easter holiday:** Friday 30th March 2018 - Friday 13th April 2018

**Staff development day:** Friday 4th May 2018

**Term time public holiday:** Monday 7th May 2018

**Summer holiday:** Monday 2nd July 2018 - Thursday 16th August 2018

**Staff development day:** Friday 17th August 2018 - Monday 20th August 2018

**September weekend:** Monday 10th September 2018

**October week:** Monday 15th October 2018 - Friday 19th October 2018

**Staff development day:** Monday 22nd October 2018

**Christmas and new year:** Monday 24th December 2018 - Friday 4th January 2019

**Term time public holiday:** Friday, 8th February 2019 - Monday 11th February 2019

**Staff development day:** Tuesday 12th February 2019

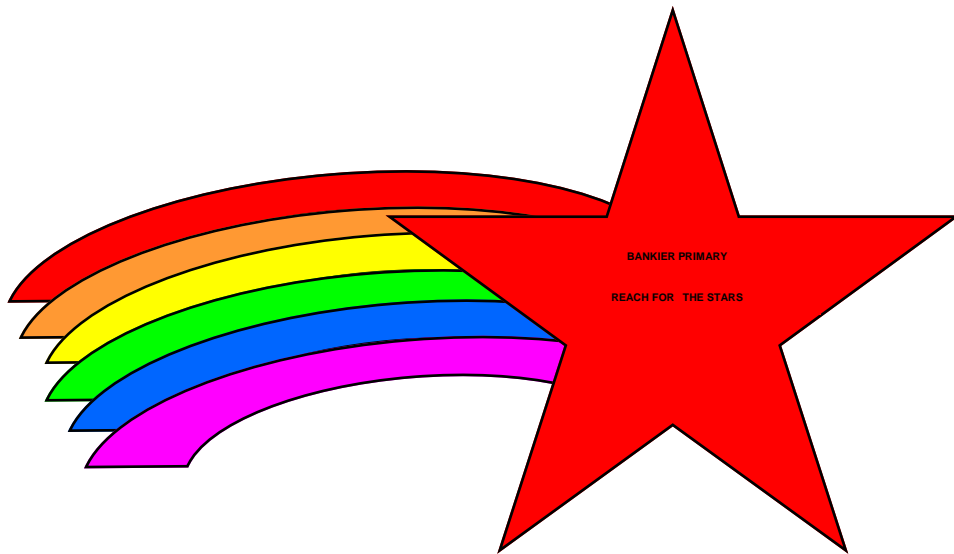
**Easter holiday:** Monday 1st April 2019 - Friday 12th April 2019

**Good Friday:** Friday 19th April 2019

**Easter Monday:** Monday 22nd April 2019

**Staff development day:** Thursday 2nd May 2019

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