

St. Bride's Primary School Cambuslang



2020



Primary 1
Parent Booklet

Updated May 2020

When School Days Come

Session 2020/21



Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the school is closed to pupils and our planned transition programme has had to be cancelled in-line with Government guidance. South Lanarkshire Council are working closely with the Scottish Government discussing when and how schools can be re-opened. As soon as this information is available it will be shared with the school community via the usual means; School App, Twitter, Email.

School Starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.00pm.

Lunchtime in school is 12.30pm until 1.15pm.



The children have the choice of a school dinner, which is free for all Primary 1 - 3 children within South Lanarkshire or a packed lunch provided by parents.

You will receive a school dinner menu when your child starts school. You can find out all the information regarding school lunches on the Council

Website at https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/school_lunches

If children wish to purchase a carton of milk to have with their lunch this costs 20p per carton and can be paid at lunchtime to the dinner ladies.

If children are bringing a packed lunch from home we would ask that all lunch bags and boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name and that no glass be brought to school.

Information regarding School Clothing Grants can be found at

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200259/education_benefits/159/school_clothing_grants_and_free_school_meals

School Uniform



Girls	Boys
Blue skirt/pinafore/trousers Blue blouse Blue cardigan/jumper School tie School blazer School rain jacket/fleece Black indoor plimsoles	Blue trousers Blue shirt Blue cardigan/jumper School tie School blazer School rain jacket/fleece Black indoor plimsoles
School P.E. Uniform	
White school gym t-shirt Blue school polo shirt Black/Blue shorts	

School uniforms are available to order from www.logoxpres-schoolwear.co.uk

Unfortunately, our supplier is closed at the moment so you won't be able to purchase uniforms with the school logo on it. Please don't worry about this as uniforms can be purchased from any supplier - please keep an eye on their website for updates. We have a supply of school ties and these can be collected from the school when we re-open.

Physical Education

Children participate in two hours of P.E. each week and it is very important that children have a P.E. kit with them on their P.E. days. Please encourage your children to get dressed on their own. Please note that no jewellery should be wore to school and that all earrings must be removed for P.E. lessons. Your child's class teacher will inform you about P.E. days. Please look out for specific P.E. dates when your child starts school.



Please ensure that all items of clothing, school bags, lunch boxes, etc. are well labelled with your child's name.

Getting Ready for School

Dressing

Please encourage your child to dress himself/herself. Shoes with velcro fastenings are useful but don't replace buttons and zips, these are manageable with practice. Being able to remove, put on and hang up their own outdoor clothes and shoes is very important and helps children be independent. Praise their efforts as praise leads to success.



Standards

Books and equipment should be treated with care. Tidying up should also be encouraged and seen as an important part of an activity. Sharing with others is another point to emphasise with your child.

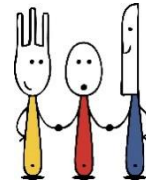
We place a very high importance of respecting other people within St. Bride's Primary School and encourage the use of good manners at all times. A simple 'Please', 'Thank you', and 'Excuse me', will always go a long way.



Toilets and Mealtimes

Please make sure that your child can use the toilet on their own and knows how to wash their hands after each visit.

Using a knife and fork properly may take lots of practice but can make school dinners much more pleasant.



Hands and Eyes working Together



Encouraging your child to build with bricks, to use a pencil, crayons and paint brushes will help prepare them for the skills they will use when they come to school in the classroom.



Ways to Develop Language

Saying nursery rhymes, singing songs, looking at books and telling stories are essential preparation for reading. Treat books as a source of pleasure. Please take the time to look at, discuss and enjoy books with your child. As you share a book with your child, listening, talking and enthusiasm is encouraged.

Try to join them watching television programmes, when you can, to discuss things that are happening with them and maybe follow up on ideas that you see together.



Jigsaws, matching picture cards, odd man out games, dot to dot and memory games are all excellent ways of preparing for reading.



Get little fingers ready for writing by using plasticine, play dough and scissors. Writing practice may be done using thick pencils and pens to make marks, draw, join dots and make patterns. Remember to encourage your

child to start at the left hand side of the page and move across to the right.

Please do not encourage your child to write using capital letters as your child will learn to sound out the letters of the alphabet and write lower case letters first when they come to school. When saying the letters of a word please say the sound of each letter, a as in apple, b as in ball, etc. A capital letter written at the start of their name is fine.



Ways to Develop Maths

Number rhymes and songs, talking about shapes, knowing colour names and board games involving dice and counting spaces are all excellent fun ways of developing number skills. Encourage your child to help you in everyday situations, sorting things in cupboards, drawers, washing baskets. Look for opportunities to count items and look all around, on clocks, television, food packets, road signs, car number plates etc. Talk about sizes, e.g. which toy is tallest/smallest; weight - which box/packet is heaviest/lightest; length - compare the length of things, long/short.

Please look out for the 'Getting Ready for School' Poster. It has lots of activities that the children can practice in preparation for coming to school.

Also, a Home Learning Grid is being issued to new Primary 1 children each week which gives a variety of Pre- School learning activities which children can do on their own or with a little help from an adult. The Learning Grids are issued each Monday morning and can be found on the School App.

Children's Progress

Meet the Teacher Evening



There will be a meet the teacher evening for parents to visit their child's class, meet with their teacher, see and hear about the Primary One curriculum. More information will follow regarding this when your child starts school.

Reporting

Throughout the year parent's reporting appointments are arranged to discuss your child's progress. Please note that you can contact the school at any time if you wish to discuss anything regarding your child, but it may be advisable to arrange an appointment first.



Nursery Transition Document Information

Before your child starts school we would like to gather as much information about him/her as possible. This information helps the school to plan an appropriate programme of work for your child starting school.

With your permission the transition document information, which has evidence of your child's progress and development at Nursery, will be shared with Primary school staff.

Please remember that every child learns at a different rate. Praise, patience, time, enthusiasm and encouragement are essential if your child is to develop happily and purposefully.



A Final Note

As you prepare your child for starting school and as their first day nears as a parent you may be anxious or worried. Please try not to let your child see or feel this. If there is anything concerning you please discuss it with us. We will do our very best to help.

Please email the school office at office@st-brides-cambuslang-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk
Your email will be passed on to a member of the Senior Management who will contact you.

