

Primary 1



Information Evening

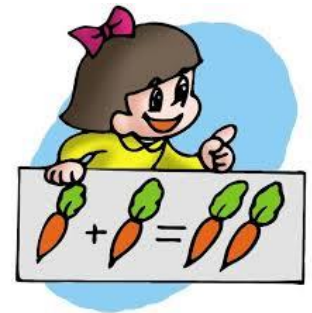


Learning in Primary 1



The Early Level curriculum in Primary 1 continues from the excellent foundation that they have had in nursery.

- Languages
- Mathematics
- Health and Wellbeing
- Sciences
- Social Studies
- Expressive Arts
- Religious and Moral Education
- Technologies
- Please visit Education Scotland for further information: <http://www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk>



Classroom Organisation

- Learning in Primary 1 should encourage children to develop their creative, collaborative and communication skills.
- Our Primary 1 classrooms are organised to support learning in a fun and active manner.
- Children are encouraged to learn through exploration and in a cross curricular way, and allow children an element of personalisation and choice.
- Our P1 arrangements will provide opportunities for the children to experience direct teaching in smaller groups, as well as benefiting from an environment which encourages the children to develop their independence.
- We like to make use of outdoor areas to enrich our learning. We will plan times to visit the local woods.
- The pupils are the leaders of their learning and we actively encourage them to explore, question, problem solve and challenge themselves everyday.

Pupil Profiling

- At early and first level next session pupils' learning journeys will be recorded in their Learning Records. This will be paper-based to allow the children more ownership of their learning.
- These will go home for sharing at key points throughout the year.
- Finally, we will record our group-based learning through the use of large 'floor books' or shared learning stories.

School Times and Routines

- School starts at 9.00am for all pupils.
- School finishes at 3.00pm for all pupils.
- Morning break: 10.25am-10.45am
- Lunchtime for P1-P3: 12.20pm-1.30pm
- Lining up in the morning and going home via classroom doors onto decking



Playtime and Lunchtime

- P7 buddies will accompany the pupils to help them settle, find their way around the school and to encourage them to play and make friends
- Adults outside at all times to supervise
- Weather - please dress your child appropriately. We cannot apply sun-cream but can encourage them to apply this themselves. In poor weather conditions, a decision will be made for 'indoor break.'



Lunches

- Pupils have the choice of bringing a packed lunch, ordering a school dinner or going home for lunch. It is really important that you talk to your child about what they are doing for lunch that day. Please make sure that your child likes the options for school dinners as this can be a very challenging time for them.
- P1 pupils will go to the dinner hall slightly earlier than the other pupils to help them get used to the routines. P1 teachers will accompany the pupils until they are settled.



School Dinners

- School dinners are currently priced at £2.30 per meal. P1-P3 pupils are granted free school meals as part of a Scottish Government initiative.
- Pupils are given three choices of meal each day which includes a vegetarian option. Menus will be issued at the start of the term and a digital copy will be available on the school blog, class blog and the Highland Council website.

Snack

- We recommend that pupils bring two snacks initially as they will have a break in the afternoon during the first couple of weeks.
- As we have a few children with severe nut allergies, we would kindly request that no nut based products are brought in for snack or lunch (e.g. nut snack bags, nut-based cereal bars etc)
- Pupils can purchase a snack during morning break. **Payment cannot be made in advance and the exact amount must be brought in for payment.**

Snack Prices:

Toast & Spread- 15p

Half Bagel Toasted & Spread - 20p

Crackers/Oatcakes (2 biscuits & Cheese) 20p

Small piece of fruit - 15p

Scone/Pancake/Homebaking 25p

Cup of Milk (150ml) - 20p

Milk (250ml)- 40p

Bottled Water (330mls) - 30p



School Uniform

- Branded school uniform is available from:
- Highland Schoolwear, 25 Academy Street, Inverness (01463 717182)
- Gilmour Sports, 57 Harbour Road, Inverness (01463 222022)
- Otherwise the school colour uniform can be sourced from a range of high street shops



Other Curricular Areas



- Outdoor Learning - jacket, wellies and weather appropriate clothing.
- PE Kit - t-shirt, shorts and indoor shoes.
- Art and crafts - Please bring in an old large t-shirt or shirt for your child to wear during messy activities



ALL LABELLED!!!

Indoor Shoes

- Please check that they fit
- Must have a good sole and easy to take on and off - we recommend gym plimsolls or trainers
- They will be sent home at the end of each term and should be returned on the first day of each new term



Absences and Sickness



- If your child will be absent from school please contact by phone before 9.15am
- If the absence is known in advance (for example family events or appointments), please let the school know in writing of the date(s).
- If a child goes home for lunch and is not able to return, please also contact the school immediately so that we are aware.
- If a pupil is sick or has diarrhoea, they are advised to be off school for 48 hrs after the last episode. For other medical conditions, such as chicken pox, please inform the office staff.
- It is Highland Council policy to attempt to make contact with any parents of children who are absent, and to continue to do so until contact has been made. This is essential for the safeguarding of all pupils.

Allergies and Medication



- You will be asked to provide medical information including allergies/dietary requirements about your child at the start of the school year.
- **Please let us know about allergies or any medical conditions that we need to be aware of on day one.**
- As mentioned, we do have a few children with severe nut allergies in the school and we kindly request that you do not provide your child with nut based snacks/lunches if possible.
- You will need to complete a form if your child is required to take medication during school hours (even for temporary medications such as antibiotics). We cannot give medication that is not prescribed e.g. Calpol
- Inhalers, allergy medication, epi-pens etc will be kept in a secure cabinet in the school office. A form will be completed when it is administered and the expiry dates will be checked regularly. We may need a protocol from your GP.

Homework



- Any school communication, such as school letters and teachers notes will be sent home in the book-bags.
- Red book-bags are provided for each pupil by the Parent Council and paid for through fundraising projects.
- Homework links with learning that has taken place in the classroom.
- When homework is issued, initially this will take the form of sharing picture books at home with your child with short discussion tasks.
- Homework tasks will primarily be talking tasks that are very active and reflect the learning approaches used within the classroom. These will given out on a Friday and returned on a Wednesday, which follows the whole school homework policy.
- **It should never be a battle!**

What will happen on the first day?

Tuesday 20th August 2019

- P1 pupils should come into school at **9.30am** on day one and should be taken to their classroom (decking doors)
- Learning about school routines, making friends and having fun!
- P1 pupils will finish school on day one at **2.50pm** and should be collected from the same outside door
- It is likely that your child will be very tired after day one!

What should my child bring to school? "The Kit List"



- School bag
- Water bottle (no juice please!)
- Indoor shoes
- PE kit - t-shirt, shorts and gym-bag
- A full change of clothes
- Pupils will be given book-bags for their homework
- Packed lunch or aware that they will be having a school dinner (a little note helps!)
- **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!!**

What do I do if I need to speak to someone?

- In person: feel free to speak to us in the morning or after school to arrange an appointment.
- By telephone: **01463 773020** The office is usually available from 8.30am-3.30pm but you can leave a message.
- By email: we will try to reply as soon as possible.
- Class blog - leave a comment



Getting Involved

- Parent Volunteers
- Parent Council
- Sharing a talent
- Sharing learning at home through the learning records or emailing the teacher

Any questions?

dianne.macqueen@highland.gov.uk

mari-louise.macauley@highland.gov.uk

anna.shimmiel@highland.gov.uk

01463 773020