

Information for the First Days at Dunard Primary



Dear Parent/Carer,

Starting school is a very exciting time for families and I am delighted you have chosen to join us in Dunard Primary. We all want children to come in to school and settle easily. I hope that these arrangements will help make this transition smooth for everyone.

The class lists have all been made up now and I am enclosing information about the first few weeks for Primary 1 in the newsletter.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

Kind regards

Annemarie Connolly

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Head Teacher

Uniform Collection

Uniforms can be collected from the gym hall on Tuesday 12th August 10.45am – 11.45am and 1.45 pm – 2.45pm

Starting time and arrangements for Day 1 Monday 15th August

- P1a 9.30 until 11.40am
- P1b 9.35 until 11.45
- (P2/1) 9.45 until 11.50
- on Monday 15th August 2016
- P1a 9.30 in playground – children shall be escorted from the playground to class. Please only take a photograph of your own child in class.)
- The children's names will be read out in classes and they will go up to class with the class teacher, Pupil Support Assistant and a few buddies.
- You will then be invited up to the class for five minutes. This will allow you to take a photograph of your child in his/her classroom and then leave your child to get started on their work.
- Your child will have a break at 10:45m – 11 am. You should provide a small, healthy snack for your child's break. Your child should have a named water bottle which they are able to drink at any time during the day (plain water only no fizzy juice please).
- At 11.40 (P1a), 11.45 (P1b), 11.50 (P2/1) staff will bring the children down to the main door. Please wait in the infant playground, behind the cones. This allows all children and staff to see clearly and helps us in keeping all children safe. Children will rejoin parents/carers one at a time. This is really helpful for staff as we all get to know our new families.
- 9.30 until 12.00 noon on Tuesday 16th August
- 9.00 until 12.00 on Wednesday 17th August until Friday 2nd September 2016.

Arrangements for Day 2 Tuesday 16 August and Day 3 Wednesday 17 August

- Day 2 – Children will be in school 9.30 am – 12 noon. They will line up in the playground and the class teacher will take them up to class from there. The children will be dismissed from the playground as per Day 1.
- Day 3, 4, 5 – Children will be in school 9 am – 12 noon. They will line up in and be dismissed from the playground.

Future Arrangements

- Week commencing 22 August Children will be in school 9 – 12 noon
- Week commencing 5 September Children will be in school 9 – 3 pm.

Other things to remember

Remember to name EVERYTHING! There are over 300 children with the same jumpers, homework bags etc... We do our best to help...and we need your support. (purses, bags, jumpers, bottles, lunch bags etc) Dunard is a health promoting school and are advised by government to ensure daily access to the outdoors. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for rain, snow, sunshine...or 4 seasons in one day! We encourage children to have spare socks for wet weather, spare hats and gloves for snow, sun cream for warm weather etc. They can keep them in their gym bag in their cloakroom.

Dunard has a breakfast club for £2 a day from 8 am. This may be free if you have free meals entitlement (see office) You must accompany your child on the first day. P1 can start this club a week after they have started school.

- Afterschool Care is available (see handbook/website for details).
- No jewellery please for gym days (piercings must wait until summer holidays)
- Check the school handbook or website for more information

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- If your child wishes to purchase snack, you should provide them with a named purse/wallet which they have responsibility for keeping safe or you can provide a healthy snack, which they will eat with their friends.
- P1-P3 eat for free. P4-P7 lunch shall be £1.90 from August 2016. Your child will be accompanied by staff and a buddy at lunch. Your child will go to the dinner hall at 12 noon. Please let the office know if there is any change in lunch arrangements. (For example, if they went home for lunch yesterday but will now be eating school dinner today)
- Remember we need you to go to the school office to pass messages on to staff or make an appointment.

How you can help prepare your child

- Keep it simple... just READ, TALK and PLAY
- Encourage your child to be responsible and independent.
- Encourage your child to visit the toilet independently at home and practice good hygiene.
- Help your child to become independent in dressing. (They will get help on gym days but there may only be 2 adults for the class...please help with polo shirts rather than shirts and Velcro shoes rather than laces)

