



Information for the First Days at Dunard Primary



Dear Parent/Carer,

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

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either myself, or either Depute Head at the school. We can be contacted on 0141 946 1417 or we are available at the beginning and end of the school day in the infant and upper playground.

Kind regards

Annemarie Connolly

Annemarie Connolly Head Teacher

Caroline Linskaill Depute Head

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Uniform Collection

Uniforms can be collected from the gym hall on Wednesday 12 August 10:45 am – 11:45 am and 1.45 – 2.45 pm.

Starting time and arrangements for Day 1 Thursday 13 August 2015

- Primary 1 pupils will begin on Thursday 13 August from 9.30 am and be in school until 11.45 am
- Please meet in the infant playground just before 9.30 am. You are welcome to take photographs of **your own child**. You will then be invited into the class to drop off your child.
- **P1a** shall be collected and taken to class at approximately **9 35am**
- **P1b** shall be collected and taken to class at approximately **9 40am**
- **P2/1** shall be collected and taken to class at approximately **9 45am**
- 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 a few 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 approximately 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). Buddies will be on hand to help look after the children in the playground.

- At **11.45am** staff will bring the **P1a** children down to the main entrance door.
- At **11 50am** staff will bring the **P1b** children down to the main entrance door.
- At **11 55am** staff will bring the **P2/1** children down to the main entrance door. (only P1s)
- Please stand behind the class cone in the infant playground. 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. Thank you in advance for your patience with these arrangements. I'm sure that you will appreciate we need to ensure that each child is collected by the appropriate adult. This will also be the system when your child is in until 3pm so this helps to establish good routines.

Arrangements for Day 2 Friday 14 August and Day 3 Monday 17 August

- **Day 2** – Friday. Children will be in school 9.30am – 11:55am. They will line up in the playground and the class teacher will take them up to class from there. There will be three lines for Primary 1- one line for each class. Your child/children will be shown where to line up so he/she/they know. They will line up in P1a class line, P1b class line and P2/1 class line.
- Playtime on day 2 will once again be 10:45 am – 11 am with P7 buddies and adults there to help. The children will be dismissed from the playground as per Day 1 but this will be at 11:55am.
- **Day 3** – Children will be in school 9 am – 12 noon. They will line up in the morning at 9 am and be dismissed from the playground at 12 noon. Playtime will be 10.30 – 10.45 am with the rest of P1-3. Buddies will also be there.

Future Arrangements

- Week commencing 17 August children will be in school 9 – 12 noon. Pick up from infant playground please behind class cones.
- First Monday in September, children will be in school 9 – 3 pm.

Other things to remember

- Remember to name EVERYTHING! There are approximately three hundred children with the same jumpers, homework bags etc... We do our best to help...and we need your support. If items are named, they may be returned to their rightful owner. (purses, bags, jumpers, bottles, lunch bags etc)
- Dunard is a health promoting school and we are advised by government to promote nutritional guidelines such as healthy snack and fresh water (see 'Making the Move to Primary School' leaflet) and to ensure daily access to the outdoors. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for rain, snow, sunshine...or four 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. We only keep children indoors in extremely cold or wet weather as it is healthy to play outside in the fresh air.
- Dunard is a nut free zone – please respect others needs as some children have allergies.

- Dunard has a breakfast club for £1 a day from 8 am. A bell rings each day at 8 am. If you are entitled to Free School Meals due to family circumstance, there is no charge for Breakfast Club. You must accompany your child on the first day. P1 can start this club a week after they have started school. The security panel at the front door has a buzzer directly linking to the kitchen. Please use this buzzer to gain access. Thank you.
- Afterschool Care is available upon request and availability - (see handbook for details).
- **No jewellery** please for gym days (piercings must wait until summer holidays).
- Check the school handbook or website for more information
www.dunard-pri.glasgow.sch.uk
- Primary 1-3 eat for free. If your child is going to bring money for any reason, you should provide them with a named purse/wallet which they have responsibility for keeping safe or you can provide a healthy packed lunch, which they will eat with their friends. If your child has an entitlement to Free School Meals, we shall let our dining staff know so that they also enjoy a free breakfast. Your child will be accompanied by staff and a buddy at lunchtime.
- Your child will go to the dinner hall at 12 noon. Please let the office know if there is any change in lunchtime arrangements. (For example, if they will be going home for lunch. – Children must be collected by an adult if they are going home at lunchtime). As of January 2015 all P1-3 children are entitled to a free lunch. Please go over the Fuel zone menu each evening to help your child to select what they would like to eat. You may wish to provide a packed lunch.
- Please go to the school office to pass messages on to staff or make an appointment as teachers should begin lessons at 9am. Thank you.

What else can I do to help prepare for school?

How you can help prepare your child

- Keep it simple... just READ, TALK, COUNT and PLAY
- Reading stories and rhymes has been shown to develop a love of literacy
- Counting the stairs, windows, toys or how many hops or jumps all help to develop mathematical thinking
- Encourage your child to be responsible, independent and to play well with others.
- Encourage your child to visit the toilet independently at home and practise 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 on gym days. Shirts and ties may be worn on the other 3 days of the week.)