



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

Mairi Thomson Depute Head (nursery – P3 – in the first instance)

Julie McGrinder Depute Head (P4 – P7)

Uniform Collection

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

Starting time and arrangements for Day 1 Wednesday 13 August

- Primary 1 pupils will begin on Wednesday 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 gym hall and to take a seat.
- **P1a** shall be collected and taken to class at approximately **9 35am**
- **P1b** shall be collected and taken to class at approximately **9 40am**
- **P1c** 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 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). 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 **P1c** children down to the main entrance door.
- Please wait at the side of the infant playground, close to the painted railings. 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.

Arrangements for Day 2 Thursday 14 August and Day 3 Friday 15 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. 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 P1c class line.
- Playtime will once again be 10:45 am – 11 am with P7 buddies there to help. The children will be dismissed from the playground as per Day 1.
- **Day 3** – Children will be in school 9 am – 12 noon. They will line up and be dismissed from the playground. Playtime will be 10.30 – 10.45 am with the rest of P1-3. Buddies will also be there.

Future Arrangements

- Week commencing 18 August children will be in school 9 – 12 noon. Pick up from infant playground please.
- Week commencing 1 September children will be in school 9 – 3 pm.

Other things to remember

- Remember to name EVERYTHING! There are almost three hundred 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 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.
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, 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 direct 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
- If your child is going to pay for a school meal at lunchtime (£1.50), 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. 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 P1-3 children will be entitled to a free lunch. More details on this to follow.
- Please go to the school office to pass messages on to staff or make an appointment. 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.)