

WELCOME

to P1

Dundonald Primary School



A guide for
parents and children



Together we....
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**Welcome to Dundonald
Primary School. We are
excited to have you join our
school.**



As a staff, we are committed to the well-being of every child in our care. If, at any stage, you have a concern about your child then please make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher by phoning the school office on 02890482680 or by private message via the Class Dojo app.

Any urgent or sensitive matters may be brought directly to the school Principal, Mr Massey / Vice Principal, Mrs Burns (sburns528@c2kni.net)

Transitioning into Primary One

We want your child to find P1 an enjoyable experience. We take time to ensure all of our children settle into the P1 routine and appreciate your support with our transition arrangements.

Transition start and end times:

Session details will be on the front of your P1 pack.

Week beginning Wednesday 26th August and week beginning Tuesday 1st September

Session 1 8.50 - 10.20

Session 2 10.45 – 12.15

Week beginning Monday 7th September

Both sessions come together 8.50 – 12.15

Introduction of snack routine.

Week beginning Monday 14th September and 21st September

Full class introduction of dinners 8.50 – 12.45

Week beginning Monday 28th September

Full day 8.50 – 1.50



K E Y

A D U L T S

Our aim is to ensure your child feels safe and secure each day in school. There are lots of people who make this happen.



Principal
Mr Massey



Vice Principal
Mrs S Burns



Learning Support
Co-ordinator



Head of Foundation
P2 Co-ordinator



Miss Mahood



Mrs McClean



Mrs McElveen

Office Staff



Building
Supervisor
Mrs Boyce



Assistant
Building
Supervisor
Mr Boyce

Building
Supervisor

Assistant
Building
Supervisor

Mr Boyce



Meet our Teachers and
Teaching Assistants

Room 1



Miss Horner
(Maternity cover)



Mrs Wilson
(Maternity October)



Classroom Assistants
Mrs Harris Mrs Adair



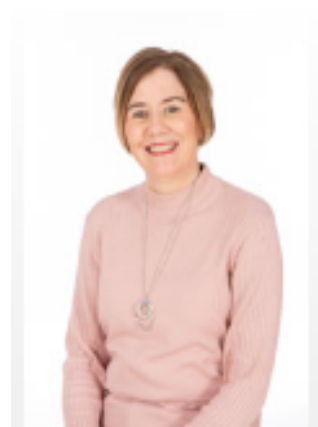
Room 2



Mrs Todd
(Head of P1)



Mrs Beggs



Classroom Assistants

Mrs McMonagle

Room 3



Mrs Wilson



Classroom Assistant

Mrs Campbell

Room 4



Miss Ferguson
(Maternity cover)



Mrs Glassey
(maternity leave)



Classroom Assistant
Mrs Pidgeon



Snack time in Primary One

We encourage children to eat a healthy and balanced diet. Your child will need a healthy snack and drink with them each day.

Snacks can include:



- Fruit
- Bread based product e.g. pancake
- Vegetable sticks
- Crackers
- Yoghurt

If your child has specific requirements related to food please speak to your child's teacher. While we cannot guarantee a nut free school we do ask that you do not send in any products containing nuts at break or lunch time.

Please send a snack with your child from Monday 7th September.

Lunch time in Primary One

Children taking a packed lunch will eat in their classroom. They will need a packed lunch box and a drink bottle (no glass containers). Please ensure they are both clearly named.

Children taking dinners will eat in the canteen. The menu will be shared via our school Dojo app as well as on the school website. The cost is set by the Education Authority and payment details will be shared at the start of the new term. Dinners are pre booked using our school payment app. To use the app, an email/text will be sent to you following the return of your data capture form at the start of the school year.

From Monday 14th September your child will be staying in school for lunch.



**These are the items you
will need for P1**

In your P1 pack you will have a letter about a P1 school fund.

You will also need:

- School uniform (see school uniform page)
- Coat with hood (school coat optional)
- Lunch box with snack and drink bottle (named)
- Welly boots
- Welly boot bag (purchased from school)
- Book bag (purchased from school. It will be sent home with your child and is instead of a school bag)

Payment for above items will be through the school payment app in September.

On PE days children will come to school in their PE kit (see uniform page). Teachers will share PE days via Class Dojo.



You will not need a pencil case for school. However, you will need a pencil, colouring pencils/crayons, a glue stick and scissors for home.

Preparing for Primary One

We want your child's experience of Primary One to be a positive one. Their happiness is our priority. We value the partnership between home and school. Here are some things you can do to help support your child's transition into Primary One.

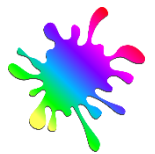


Personal and Social Skills

- Talk about school in a positive way
- Allow your child to try on their school uniform
- Encourage independence – putting on their own coat, shoes etc.
- Encourage your child to tidy their own belongings and to organise their snack and lunch box
- Practice using the toilet, flushing and washing hands
- Encourage good manners and turn taking
- Talk about the fun they will have with their new teacher, classroom assistant and new friends

Learning Skills

All children will learn at their own pace, and it is important to encourage a love for learning by celebrating their individual successes.



- Enjoy stories and nursery rhymes together
- Play games
- Talk about the things they see around them e.g. colours, shapes and sizes
- Have fun counting objects around the house or when out shopping
- Encourage mark making, drawing and colouring

In P1, our children explore learning through a variety of well-planned activities that cover all areas of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. Play Based Learning forms a large part of the P1 curriculum as well as practical learning experiences, outdoor learning and the development of early Literacy and Numeracy skills.



The Foundation Stage Curriculum

- Builds on previous learning
- Provides practical, challenging and enjoyable activities
- Ensures children are observed individually and progress to the next stage when ready
- Promotes a positive attitude to learning

Foundation Stage Areas of Learning

- Language and Literacy
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- ICT
- The World Around Us (WAU)
- Physical Development and Movement (PE)
- The Arts (Art, Music and Drama)
- Personal Development and Mutual Understanding (PDMU)
- Religious Education



For more information, see the Northern Ireland Curriculum at www.nicurriculum.org.uk

P1 Uniform



**P1-P3
Uniform**

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PE KIT**

Girls

- Green school sweatshirt / cardigan with logo
- Grey skirt/pinafore
- White polo shirt
- Bottle Green or Grey tights/socks
- Black shoes

- In the summer girls have the option of wearing a green checked dress and white socks
- White round neck t-shirt*
- Bottle Green Shorts*
- Trainers

Pupils come to school in their PE kit on PE days and should wear black tracksuit bottoms and their jumper on top of their kit

Boys

- Green school sweatshirt with logo
- Grey trousers
- White polo shirt
- Grey socks
- Black shoes

- In the warmer weather boys can wear grey shorts
- White round neck t-shirt*
- Bottle Green Shorts*
- Trainers

Pupils come to school in their PE kit on PE days and should wear black tracksuit bottoms and their jumper on top of their kit

Please note – tracksuit bottoms for PE. Shorts are optional for warmer weather. Limited stock in school available to purchase.

Uniform Suppliers

David Crawford	School Days
21 Frances St	434 Newtownards Rd
Newtownards	Belfast
BT23 7DW	BT4 1HJ
07498739606	02895433725



Signature Works

You can now purchase your school uniform online from Signature Works:

<https://www.signatureschools.co.uk/belfast/primary-schools/dundonald-primary/>

Forms of Communication

ClassDojo

All school information will be shared via our School Dojo App. All parents must sign up for this app using the sign up sheet shared in your P1 pack.



You will have access to 2 pages – School Story and Class Story. Key dates/letters etc will be shared via the School Story and all class based information will be shared via the Class Story.

A message function is available but please keep in mind that teachers will only access messages after the pupils go home and not in the evenings. Any urgent messages should be shared via the school office 02890482680 e.g. collection/pick ups as staff will not access Dojo during the teaching day.

If your child will be absent due to a medical appointment please let your child's teacher know in advance using the Class Dojo app via the message function.

If it is a last minute appointment please contact the school office 02890482680.

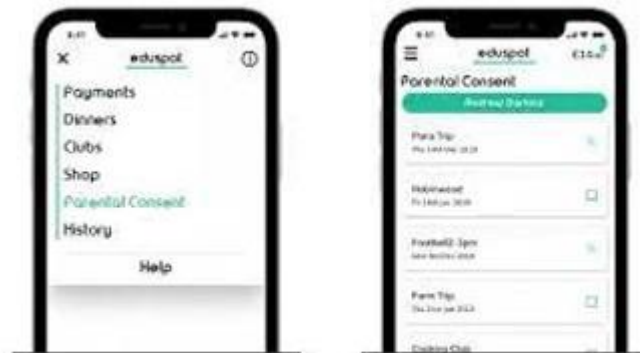
All children must be collected from the school office.

If your child has been absent from school please inform the class teacher as to the reason why using the message function.



Payment App

All payments will be made through the SchoolMoney Teachers2Parents App. Payments will appear under a payment menu for dinners, school trips etc.





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