

Hillhead Primary School

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Primary 1
Induction
Booklet
Session 21-22



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Welcome



We are delighted your child will be starting Primary One at Hillhead Primary School in August. Our aim is to make your child's transition into Primary One a happy and enjoyable experience, and we have prepared this booklet to provide an introduction to our school.

Current circumstances have resulted in changes to our planned transition arrangements. However, we are delighted to be able to offer a short visit to school for you and your child. In addition, we will be in contact with Early Years Establishments to help us get to know your child.



Meet the staff

Emma Beattie
P1 Teacher

Andrew Robson
Head Teacher

Kathryn Phillips
P1 Teacher

Julie Watson &
Kirsty Traynor

Kate Wilson
P1 Teacher

Karen Barclay
Depute Head
Teacher

Joan Liceaga
Support for
Learning Worker

Noreen Asif
Support for
Learning Worker



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School Uniform

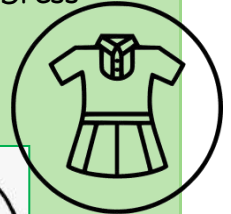
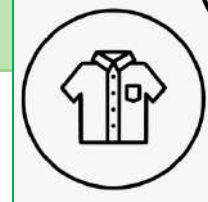
Our school uniform was chosen and designed by members of our school community. It is an important part of our identity, giving our pupils a sense of pride and belonging. Our uniform can be purchased online from Borders Embroideries; the link can be found on our website. It is also available to buy at the Trutex store behind the St Enoch Centre. Second Hand uniform is available to buy for a donation to school funds at various points in the school year.

Our Uniform

- | Our | Uniform |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| * White Polo Shirt | * Grey trousers |
| * Green Jumper with Logo | * Grey shorts |
| * Green cardigan with Logo | * Grey skirt or Pinafore |
| | * Green Gingham Dress |
| | * Plain Socks |
| | * Black Shoes |



The school logo is also available on fleeces, jackets, book bags and P.E. kit bags.



Please make sure that all items of uniform and clothing are clearly labelled.

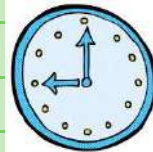


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The School Day

8.00am	Breakfast Club
8.40am	Morning Session Begins
10.10am	Snack time
10.25am	Mid-morning Session Begins
12.10pm	Lunch time
1.05pm	Afternoon Session Begins
2.00pm	Afternoon break
2.15pm	Mid-afternoon Session begins
3.00pm	End of School Day



Hillhead Primary School begins at 9am and finishes at 3.10pm. However, our Primary 1 children benefit from having a 'soft-start' to school and begin their day from 8.40am. They come straight into the classroom where there are a variety of engaging activities planned by the teacher ready for them to take part in on their tables. This enables the children to have a smooth transition into school and a positive start to their day.

Our Primary one children also benefit from having an outdoor afternoon break at 2.00pm.



Absenteeism

If your child is ill, or absent for school for any reason it is important that you let us know promptly by phoning the Glasgow City Council Absence Line on 287 0039.

Breakfast Club

There is a Breakfast Club at Hillhead Primary School from 8am every morning. This costs £2 with additional children from the same family paying £1 per session. Places do not have to be booked in advance and there is no charge for families in receipt of free school meals.

After School Care

After School Care for pupils at Hillhead Primary is delivered by three providers. You can contact them directly for places using the numbers below.

KAREMORE (based at HPS) - 07901915010

SAFE TILL SIX (at Community Central Halls) - 332 9115

WEST END ADVENTURE (located in Knightswood) - 266 0084



Healthy Eating



We encourage children to make healthy choices at snack times and for lunch. All children should bring a reusable water bottle to school that can be refilled at water stations based around the school. Milk is also provided every morning to each class.

Allergy Information

Please do not bring any nuts or food containing nuts to school. This includes popular brands of chocolate spreads.

We also ask that children do not bring lollipops or fizzy drinks as part of their snack or lunch.



School Meals

Pupils can bring a packed lunch to school or can have a school dinner. Children in Primary One are entitled to a free school meal. This is funded by the Scottish Government for all pupils in Primary One to Primary Three. Glasgow City council has extended this to include pupils in Primary 4. Halal and Vegetarian menu options are available. Meals for children with food allergies can be prepared when supported by a letter from a GP.



Data Collection and Contact Details

It is important that all parents/carers complete and return the Data Collection forms that will be issued in August. This ensures that we can contact you in an emergency, for example, if your child is unwell, and can keep you up to date with information about our school. Please inform the school office by phone or email if there are any changes to these details so we always have the correct information.



Toileting

The children can visit the toilet regularly and when required. However, we would appreciate if you would pack a spare pair of pants in your child's school bag in case of acci



Medical Information

Please inform the school if your child has a medical condition or any allergies. This can be done by completing the relevant sections in the Data Collection form. You can also speak to a member of our leadership team to discuss any specific arrangements required to support your child. Medicine can also be administered at school following completion of the relevant forms.



Sending Money to School

Please send any monies to school in a sealed envelope with the following information written on the envelope; the name of your child, their teacher's name, what the money is for and the amount enclosed.



Preparing for school

Practical Advice for Parents and Carers

You can help your child have a confident and positive start to Hillhead Primary School by supporting them to:

- ❖ get dressed by themselves.
- ❖ fasten their own shoes (Velcro fastenings are helpful)
- ❖ put on and take off their own jacket and jumper or cardigan.
- ❖ use the toilet independently and wash their hands
- ❖ open snacks and eat meals using appropriate cutlery and utensils.
- ❖ catch coughs and sneezes in their elbow or a handkerchief.
- ❖ blow and wipe their nose.
- ❖ recognise their own belongings.



Before starting school, your child will benefit from you spending time together to

- ❖ read and share books.
- ❖ talk about colours and shapes.
- ❖ count using numbers to ten.
- ❖ sing nursery rhymes
- ❖ recognise and begin to write their own name
- ❖ practise holding and using a pencil during play activities.



The First Day!

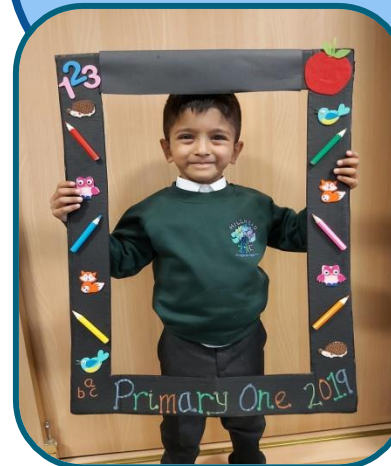


We understand that the transition from home to school represents a significant and important step for young children and their families. You can help children get ready for their first day at school by reading and following the advice in this booklet, watching our school tour video, and completing our 'Ready Steady School' transition pack for pupils.

In addition:

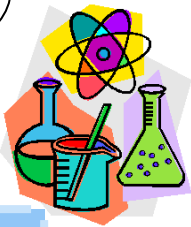
- * Make all preparations before the first day of school so children have a calm and unhurried start to their first day.
- * Ensure your child has plenty of sleep the night before and eats breakfast to prepare for the day ahead.
- * Choose a favourite healthy option for your child's snack and pack a full water bottle.
- * Explain to your child the arrangements for dropping off and collection at school.

We know it is a big transition for families too! Sometimes the sight of parents/carers leaving can initially upset children, but they quickly settle and become happily distracted by learning and play.



The Curriculum

What do we do at school?



At Hillhead Primary School we follow the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence. The curriculum is divided into eight areas of learning as follows:

- Expressive Arts
- Health and Wellbeing
- Language (including English and Modern Languages)
- Mathematics
- Religious and Moral Education
- Sciences
- Social Studies
- Technologies

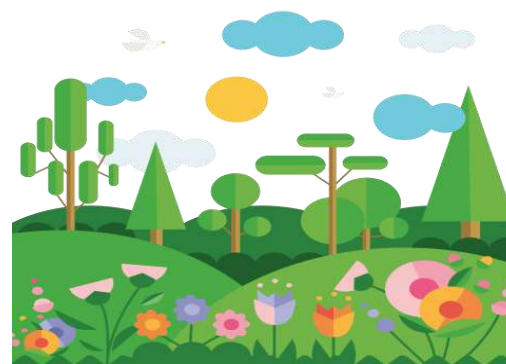


Homework

Pupils in Primary one receive short literacy, numeracy and topic tasks that are assigned through online platform 'Seesaw'. Homework is assigned on a Monday and returned the following Monday. We also use Big Cat online to support pupils with developing their reading skills.



Outdoor Learning



At Hillhead Primary School we enjoy learning outdoors. We have developed a forest area in our school grounds for pupils to explore and we also work with staff from the local Children's Wood to support learning. Pupils can also use our playgrounds to learn and benefit from visits to Kelvingrove Park.



Physical Education

Children participate in physical activity each week at school and should bring a change of clothes for gym. This should consist of a t-shirt, shorts, leggings or joggers and a pair of indoor gym shoes. It is helpful if all these items are stored in a drawstring bag.

It is easier to give your child shoes with Velcro unless they can tie their own shoelaces. Tights can be difficult to change in and out of for gym. Wearing leggings on gym days can help children change more independently and can be a good replacement for tights.



How do we monitor and share progress?



Teachers constantly observe and evaluate the children as they learn. This supports your child's progress and helps the teacher plan next steps for learning. Appointments for parents and carers are held in October and March to discuss your child's strengths and areas for development. Teachers also share weekly updates on Seesaw to allow parents/carers to see what the class has been focusing on that week. At the end of the academic year the Primary One Teacher will share with you a written report for your child that will identify their progress in the eight areas of the Curriculum for Excellence.



Parental Involvement

At Hillhead Primary we recognise the importance and value of working in partnership with all our families.

Parents/Carers can become involved by...

- ❖ Taking an active part in your child's learning and school events.
- ❖ Using your talents to help learning. If you have a career or hobby that you think would be of interest, please let us know.
- ❖ Supporting the Hillhead Parent Council. You could even sign up to help.



Information, news and events

Keep up to date with our latest news and events by

- visiting our website:

www.hillheadprimaryglasgow.org

- following us on Twitter

@ Hillhead Primary and @ hillhead_hub



We also contact parents/carers by text and email as well as publishing regular newsletters on our website.





We cannot wait to welcome our new Primary One pupils in August. This is a very exciting time and we do not underestimate the responsibility and trust you have placed in us to support and guide your child for the next seven years. I look forward to building strong partnerships with all of our new families in the coming years.
Andrew Robson (Head Teacher)

Karen Barclay is the Depute Head responsible for the Infant Department. She will be delighted to answer any further questions you may have about starting Primary One at Hillhead Primary School. Karen can be contacted using the school phone number and office email.

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