

FAQ

Q. When does the school day start and finish?

A. The school day begins at 9:10am and ends at 3:15pm.

Playtime is 10:45am – 11:00am for everyone.

Lunchtime is 12:45pm – 1:35pm for Pr.1 - Pr.4.

Q. What happens at lunch time?

A. All children in Primary 1-5 are entitled to a free school meal. Additional extras are available at a cost. Each child receives a menu on Fridays with the options for the following week. Please complete the menu, in consultation with your child, for the whole week and return it on Mondays. Alternatively, you may send a packed lunch with your child for certain days, or every day.

Q. What should I give my child for a play-piece?

A. We are a Health Promoting School and encourage the eating of healthy snacks at playtimes. One item is sufficient.

Q. How can I prepare my child for school?

A. Please refer to the document, *“Getting Ready for Big School”*. This provides a range of experiences for you to share with your child.

Q. What work will my child be learning in Primary 1?

A. At the beginning of September, the Primary 1 teachers will share key curriculum information with you to help you support your child at home. A play-based approach to learning is followed in Primary 1.

Q. Where do I take my child on the first day of school?

A. Watching the “Fàilte” (welcome) video on the website will show you where to go.

Q. What do I do if I wish my child to get a bus to school?

A. Bus passes for those who are eligible will be sent directly by Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (CnES) during the summer holidays.

Q. What do I need to know about school uniform?

A. School uniform is to be worn every day at Laxdale School except on non-school uniform days, which are usually on the last Friday of each month. School uniform consists of dark shoes/trainers, black skirt, pinafore or trousers, yellow polo-shirt with a sweatshirt or white collar and tie with a pullover or cardigan. The sale of Laxdale School uniform is organised by our Parent Council. You can place an order directly through the school website. The clothes will then be issued to your child in school. There is also a range of quality seconds available free of charge. Please contact the school for further information.

Q. I am worried about the current cost of living. Is there anything you can do to help?

A. Please feel free to contact the school office, your child's class teacher or the Head of School in confidence. Advice and practical support can be provided from either the school, CnES or a range of other organisations and agencies. A free breakfast club is run from 8:45am – 9:30am for those who need it. We are aware that people's circumstances can change at any time for a variety of different reasons. Please let us know if that is the case.

Q. Do you have an After School Club?

A. Currently there is no after school provision at Laxdale School. CnAG run a fee-paying Gaelic After School club two days a week for most of the year for GME pupils. Further information will be issued nearer the time. Throughout the year the Education Attainment Apprentices run sports clubs for different class groups. Parents will be notified before these are due to start.

Q. I do not live in the catchment area for Laxdale School but I wish to enrol my child here. What do I do?

A. You will need to complete a Placing Request form available from CnES.

https://forms.cne-siar.gov.uk/form/auto/ecs_placingrequest?dform_title=School%20Placing%20Request

Q. What does my child need to wear for P.E./gym?

A. We encourage the wearing of black or dark coloured shorts, school polo-shirt and gym shoes or trainers. Branded sportswear with logos is not permitted. For ease of changing, we recommend no shirt and tie. Each class has two P.E. sessions per week. We will notify you in August on which days your child will have P.E.

Q. Does my child need to bring a water bottle to school?

A. Most children bring a filled water bottle to school each day. The water bottles can be topped up at lunchtimes in the cafeteria.

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