

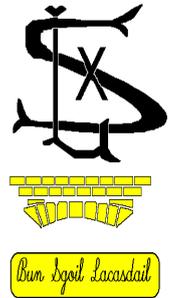
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P1 Transition – Information for Parents (June 2020)

AUGUST 2020

As you are aware schools will be very different in August with pupils only accessing their learning in the classroom one day a week. On your child's first day in August, I would like to ask you to bring your child to school for 9:30am. After the first day, pupils will come to school for a 9:10am start. You will be directed to the back door of the school where pupils will enter. With current restrictions, parents are not permitted to enter the school building. A member of staff will take your child to their classroom. There will be 6 or 7 pupils accessing your child's classroom each day. The class groupings are worked out for families and for transport from different areas.

Class teachers are fully aware that your child may not be in school on the same day as their friends but they will have opportunities to form new friendships and learn alongside pupils in the class.

Pupils will finish school at 3:15pm. At the end of the day the children will be taken out to the back door of the school by their class teacher. Parents will be asked to adhere to the 2m distancing rule while waiting for their children.

CLASSROOM

Social distancing measures will also be in place in each classroom with pupils sitting at individual desks. Group work will not start until social distancing restrictions are lifted.

LEARNING

A 'Blended Learning' approach will be in place when your child starts school in August. There will be an expectation for parents to help their children with learning at home on the days that they are not in school. Work will be provided by the class teacher for this.

On the days your child is in school the focus will be on the core subjects of Numeracy, Literacy and Health and Wellbeing. Class teachers will inform parents of how to access the learning while pupils are learning from home. All pupils will be given login details for a GLOW account. Parents can help pupils to access emails where they will find work from the class teacher.

UNIFORM

School uniform is available to order through the school website. Please do not buy too many items as your child will only be wearing their school uniform one day a week.

PLAYTIME

Children will have a 15 minute break each the morning and they will also have time to play outside after they have eaten their lunch. One healthy snack can be taken in by pupils to eat at break time. Fizzy drinks and sweets as discouraged. Laxdale is a Health Promoting School so fruit and healthy snacks are encouraged to be taken in from home. While out in the playground the children will be reminded of social distancing measures. Support staff and the Janitor supervise pupils while they are out at break times.

WATER BOTTLES

If you would like your child to have access to a drink of water throughout their day in school, they must bring a filled water bottle to school with them. Pupils will not have access to the water coolers in the school for the foreseeable future.

GYM

There will be no gym lessons when pupils start school in August.

CAFETERIA

The school cafeteria will be open each day. Classes have been allocated set times to go to the cafeteria. Markings are in place to ensure social distancing measures are adhered to. Seats that children can sit at are marked with a smiley face. A canteen supervisor will help younger pupils to their seat and also help to cut up food if required.

RESOURCES FROM HOME

Toys, games, teddies, pencil cases etc. should not be taken in to school. The number of items/resources going between school and home should be limited during the time of the restrictions.

Please be assured we will do our best at Laxdale School to make your child's experience of starting school as welcoming and friendly as possible. Please phone Laxdale School on 702171 if you have any questions before your child is due to start school.

Miss M Macleod, Head Teacher