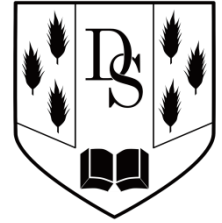


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Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Danderhall Primary School. Starting Primary One is a very exciting and important time in a child's life and it is important that we work together to support our new P1 learners to have a successful transition to school.

Below is an overview of how we plan to support the transition process this year. We ensure equity of experience across all our feeder settings, so whether your child is in Danderhall Primary ELC, or another setting, they will have the opportunity to participate in all our transition events.

Communication



Information about transition will be shared *on our school website*.

Throughout the term, we will add photographs and information relating to classroom areas / staffing etc.

Please check back regularly for updates.

A visit to Danderhall Primary School - Open viewing of Primary One Atrium

The Primary One learning space will be accessible for an Open Viewing on **Thursday 16th May 2024**. We encourage you to visit with your child.

The classroom space will be open between **8.00 - 8.30am**, and again from **5.30 - 6.00pm**.

Please enter the school via the main office. This will enable you to see the school lunch hall and corridors on your way to the classroom area.



Parent / Carer Information Session

We invite you to attend a parent / carer information event in Danderhall Primary School on **Tuesday 28th May 2024**. This will start at **6.00pm** and finish at **7.00pm**. Please enter the school via the main office.

There will be a short information session with members of the Senior Leadership Team for parents and carers. You will also have the opportunity to meet the Primary One teaching team and key staff, and have another opportunity to visit the classrooms / atrium spaces. **We ask that wherever possible, children do not attend this event** as the key purpose is information sharing.

Transition Activities

- **Mid-Mouse**

We will be participating in the Midlothian Mid-Mouse project again this year. Children in a Midlothian ELC will be using stories to explore themes such as resilience, participation, aspirations and friendship. More information and a book list will be shared on the website; you may have some of the titles at home and many can be accessed online.



- **Play in the Park**

This term, Danderhall Primary School ELC is organising 'Play in the Park' sessions which all feeder settings are invited to. These will take place in Danerhall Miners Football Pitch (located opposite the school / community hub, on Edmonstone Road). There is a large car park situated near the top of Edmonstone Road, towards the Wisp. Please park there and use the zebra crossings to access the park area, instead of using residential streets.



The dates of the sessions are:

- Tuesday 4th June: 10.00 - 11.00am
- Tuesday 11th June: 10.00 - 11.00am
- Tuesday 18th: 10.00 - 11.00am

- **Classroom visits for new Primary One (August 2024) children**

Primary One induction visits will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 12th June: 9.45 - 11.15am
- Thursday 13th June: 10.30 - 12.30 (children will be provided with lunch on this visit)

Please see attached form regarding lunches and return the tear-off slip to the main office by Tue. 4th June 2024.

Children who attend ELC in Danderhall Primary will be brought to and collected from these sessions by ELC staff. Children attending other settings should be brought to, and picked up from, our ELC entrance. Parents and carers are welcome to use the community hub facilities (library / café / gym) while your child attends their in-school session.

- **End of year Fun Day: Thursday 20th June**

Following the success of last year, we will be holding our end of year Fun Day on Thursday 20th June between 10am and 2pm. This is an opportunity for all our children and parents / carers to have fun together and welcome new families who will be joining us for Primary One.



It will be a busy day, full of bouncy castles, face painting...and lots of fun! An ice cream snack will be provided for children and our Parent Council will offer teas and coffees for parents / carers.

Lunches:

- Children in Danderhall ELC will be provided with a packed lunch.
- Children from feeder settings should bring a packed lunch.
- Parents and carers are invited to bring a packed lunch / snacks.

Sharing Information/Meeting Learners' Needs

Please be assured that we will be in discussion with all our feeder settings to ensure appropriate transfer of relevant information and ensure a detailed handover. Members of school staff will also plan a visit to each of our feeder ELCs to meet the children in a familiar environment.

Some learners require additional support and this will be discussed with ELC settings, parents / carers and multi-agency teams as appropriate.

We have enclosed a 'Health & Wellbeing Information' questionnaire to be completed by parents / carers.

Please return this to the main office by Tue. 4th June 2024.

August Start Times:

Pupils return on Wednesday 14th August. In the first week, times for Primary One are as follows:

- Wednesday 14th August: 9.30am - 1.30pm
- Thursday 15th August: 9.30am - 1.30pm
- Friday 16th August: 8.50am - 12.25pm

From the second week of term, Primary One will attend full time:

- Monday - Thursday: 8.50am - 3.15pm
- Friday: 8.50am - 12.25pm

We very much hope your child can take part in the transition events planned. If you have any questions, please call the school and ask to speak with a member of ELC staff. A calendar of events can be found on our school website - please check here for updates as some events are weather dependant.

Kind regards,

Nicola Clarke

Depute Headteacher
