

St Patrick's Primary School
Gaelscoil Phádraig Naofa

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Co. Down

Induction Book



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School Routines

**Class begins at 8.50 am. Irish Medium
9.10 am English Medium.**

**Break time: Two 10 minute breaks and snack
(times TBC)**

Lunch time: 11.45am (staggered 30mins)

School finishes:

Irish Medium - 1.40pm

English Medium - 2.00pm

**(Please note for the month of September both
P1 and Rang 1 will have different starting and
finishing times to those above, this will be
communicated to parents by post. English/Irish
medium start and finish times will swap in
February**

School Uniform

Pupils are encouraged to always wear full school uniform. 'Streets Ahead', Blayney Road, Crossmaglen are the official suppliers.
The uniform is as follows.

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Maroon sweat Shirt with school crest White polo shirt Grey trousers Black Shoes- Velcro fasteners	Maroon sweat shirt with school crest White polo shirt Grey pinafore or skirt Maroon knee socks/ tights Black shoes-Velcro fasteners *Girls may wear trousers in winter months.

Please have all of your child's clothing clearly labelled including outdoor coat.

P.E.

R1/P1 Children come to school in school jumper, polo shirt, tracksuit bottoms and runners.

School Meals

School meals cost £2.60 per meal (Subject to change). Anyone on Income Support may obtain free meals for their children. Free meals forms are available at the school.

Healthy Eating

The school has implemented a Healthy Eating policy. Children may bring fruit, water, a plain sandwich, crackers etc for break. **We have a NO NUTS policy in the school.**

Contacting the school

If you need to contact your child or your child's teacher during school hours please ring or call at the secretary's office.

Collecting your child

Try to ensure that your child is collected promptly at the end of the day. In the event of any possible delay or change in collection please inform the school.

Medical Problems

If your child has a medical problem, please make the school aware of this. It is important for the teacher to be informed of any problems e.g. hearing, sight, toileting asthma etc. Leave a home/work telephone number where you can be contacted in the event of your child being sick or having an accident.

Birth Certificates

Parents of new entrants must supply the school with the pupil's Birth Certificate, which will be held in the school until the pupil is leaving. Parents may however obtain the pupil's Birth Certificate on request.

Jewellery

In the interest of safety jewellery should not be worn in school.

How can you help your child prepare for school?

One of the most important things you can do to help your child prepare for school is to teach them independence.

Here are a few things you should try to ensure your child can do before starting school

- Toilet independently
- Wash and dry hands
- Blow nose
- Put on and take off jumper
- Zip and unzip coat
- Follow simple instructions
- Open and close lunch box and water bottle
- Tidy up toys after playing
- Listen to a story for 5-10 minutes
- Ask for help if needed

If your child is showing an interest in writing and reading provide opportunities at home to facilitate this. Remember do not use capital letters to write your child's name, this may cause confusion later! Also draw attention to numbers in the environment and find opportunities for sorting and matching in the home.

Encourage your child to use crayons, paints, playdough etc. and read stories and recite nursery rhymes together regularly.

Always take time to talk to your child, sing with them, dance with them, play with them and remember to limit screen time! Too much screen time has been proven to have negative effects on sleep, behaviour and concentration. Also enjoy the outdoors together.

Home school communication/Edmodo

As Parents you are the first educators of your children and valued partners in your child's education.

We communicate regularly between staff and parents, through Newsletters, information bulletins, school reports, parent teacher meetings and **Edmodo**. Edmodo is a safe online networking resource where the teacher will post up videos, teaching aids and other additional information to help your child's learning at home. Edmodo should be accessed every night as homework help is posted for R1/P1 as well as revision, reading books, work covered that day and photos of all that is going on in the P1/R1 classroom.

Finally...

Please remember to always speak in a positive way about school, try not to show any of your own anxieties around school in front of your child, they will pick up on them, instead portray starting school as an exciting new adventure you are embarking on together!

We look forward to welcoming your child in September!!

