

Welcome!

“Children have the right to relax and play, and to join in a wide range of cultural, artistic and other recreational activities”

UNCRC Article 31 (Leisure, play and culture.)

Introduction

A very warm welcome to Woodside Primary School, we are glad you are here! In this booklet you will find out some important details about Woodside Primary School and in particular Primary 1. We understand that the transition between nursery and primary 1 is an exciting time, full of interesting changes but we also understand that it can be a little daunting too. This information is designed to help you and your child prepare for this transition.

We aim to make all the children in the Woodside community feel safe and happy. A safe and happy child is a child who will play, learn and grow into a confident, knowledgeable and skilled individual.

The staff at Woodside work in close collaboration with pre-school groups and nurseries to support the smooth transition into Primary 1. When your child comes to school they will find themselves in small class groups and in comfortable and well-resourced classrooms. They may already have friends from nursery but they will also meet new children and new adults too.

The first two terms of Primary 1 are a gentle introduction into the life of the school and is very much a settling in and “getting to know you” time. This is the reason we welcome small numbers of children into school over the first few weeks of the new school session.

We will be building on the experiences the children already have and finding out what these important people know. We carry out a computer based assessment called PIPs (Performance Indicators in the Primary school.) These are fun activities and are completed on an individual basis. The results of these assessments enable staff to get to know the children better and they also help to ensure that the curriculum planned and implemented is the best it can be to suit your child. These assessments are used at the end of the session to help measure progress too.

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Emergency contact

Please ensure that the school office administrator has an up to date contact number for emergency use other than your home telephone number. It would be useful if you would also supply us with the name, address and telephone number/s for a relative or friend living in the area who could be contacted in the event of an emergency or school closure if the parent/carer is unavailable.

Thank you for your support!



Meet the staff

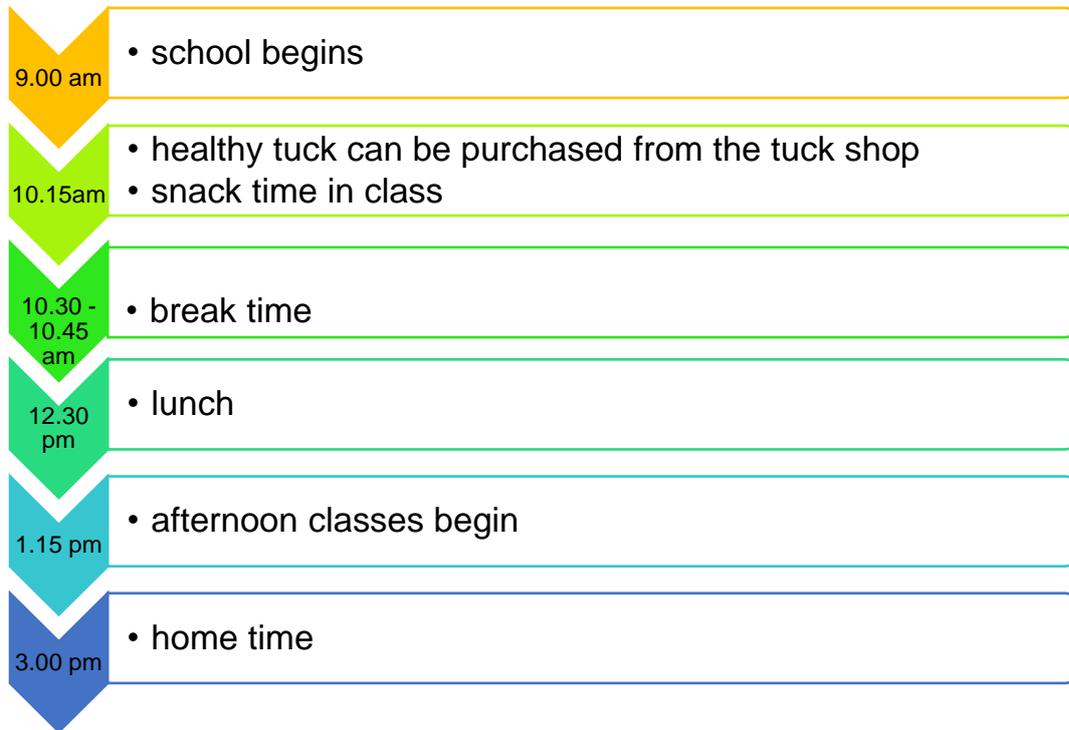
Our P1 teachers for session 2016/17 will be confirmed later in the term.

Individual details with the specific teacher and classroom your child will be in will be sent out in the “First Day” information book in June.



The school day

The current school day configuration is as follows. Should this configuration change, parents/carers will be informed.



If your child is late in the morning, please bring your child into school via the front office and the administration staff will be “on hand” to assist you.

Snack can be bought from the tuck shop or taken in from home and we recommend that a healthy snack is provided. In addition milk will also be offered daily and fruit two/three times per week.

A free school lunch is offered to all children in P1 –P3. Children are also invited, if they prefer, to take a packed lunch which they eat in the dining room or to have a home lunch. Children who have a home lunch should be collected from the junior door at 12.30 and return to school just before 1.15 pm.

“Children have the right to good quality health care, to clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment... “ UNCRG Article 24 (Health and Health Services)

Your child will be dismissed from school at 3.00 pm and we would appreciate it if you could be there to collect your child at this time. We know that children can become unsettled and distressed if their known adults are not there for them. We teach the children to come back into school if they do not see their parent/carer or nominated adult. If, for any reason you are not going to be on time please telephone the school office to let us know. Children who are not picked up on time will be kept by the front office until contact has been made with home.



School uniform

At Woodside School we believe that school uniform is important. Our uniform consists of grey trousers or skirts, white shirts or polo shirts and grey jumpers. You can buy or order school specific uniform items from the office staff and an order form is included in the welcome pack.

We ask that all clothing is labelled. This will help us re-unite lost items of uniform to their rightful owners.

All children in Primary 7 wear black sweatshirts.

Gym kit

Woodside is an active, health promoting school and for gym activities your child will need a kit. The recommended kit consists of a pair of shorts, a t-shirt and gym shoes. (Trainers are not suitable.) We discourage children from wearing football strips. The kit should be taken to school on Mondays and can either go home every day or stay in school until Fridays.

Please ensure that jewellery is not worn on PE days.

Other clothing

The weather in Aberdeen is often changeable and you can help prepare your child for all weathers by ensuring that they come dressed appropriately. We would be grateful if you could think about the fastenings on shoes and jackets as this will aid independence when getting ready.

We would also recommend that you provide an apron for the “messy, busy jobs” in class. An old, clean shirt would work as well as a specially bought apron.

Book bags

Your child will, in time, be given homework that includes reading. We recommend that all homework be kept in a “book” bag. These bags keep everything together and protects the jotters, sheets, texts and written communication from school your child will take home. Book bags can be bought from the school office.

School bags and packed lunchboxes

It would be helpful if these are sturdy and hard wearing and labelled with your child’s name and class.



Illness, absence and appointments

If your child is unwell it would be unwise to send them to school. By keeping your child at home when he/she is sick is in the best interest of your child, other children and the adults who work in the school.

There are specific guidelines about different illnesses and how long parents/carers should keep their children at home. An example of this is a sickness bug. Parents/carers are advised to keep their child at home for 48 hours after the last sign of illness or as directed by their GP. Other infectious disease recovery times vary and advice should be sought on an individual basis about the absence timescales of these.

Please inform the school of any absence as soon as you are able. This can be done by calling the school or using the school information line.

On return to school your child should bring a written note giving the reason for his/her absence. These notes are kept on file.

If your child has an appointment during the school day we would be grateful if you could let us know in advance and collect your child from the school office.

Medication

Should your child require medication during the school day please complete a consent form. Conditions such as asthma will require a completed consent form and medicines for these types of condition can be stored in school.

Generally, medication will only be administered in school under exceptional circumstances. Any medication will be stored in the First Aid Room and administered as directed on the signed consent form you complete.

We ask that children do not bring medication to school for self-medication purposes.

Staying safe

“Children have the right to be protected...” UNCRC Article 19 (Protection from all forms of violence)

Door security system

Knowing that your child is safe is extremely important. There is a door security system in place. This means that we ask you to come to the front door of the school at all times if you need to speak to us.



Working in Partnership

“The best interests of the child must be the primary concern in making decisions that may affect them. All adults should do what is best for the children.” UNCRC Article 3 (Best interests of the Child)

We are keen to work in partnership with parents and carers. Should you want to be a regular school helper, please ask for a Disclosure Scotland PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups' scheme) application form.

We are always pleased to speak to parents and carers and would encourage you to make contact with the school office to make an appointment. Appointments can be made to speak to the Class Teacher or a member of the Senior Management Team.

Other ways to communicate with school staff include telephone or letter, by using the home/school book or homework record book your child will be given. These will enable us to investigate and answer any queries you may have.

Your child's day

Your child will be given many opportunities to engage with a variety of activities both indoors and outdoors. They will take part in whole class, group and individual lessons and activities and there will be lots of active learning and play. Your child will learn and develop new ideas, gain new skills, values and attributes that will enable them to make sense of the world around them. They will become:



“Children’s education should develop each child’s personality, talents and abilities to the fullest...” UNCRC Article 29 (Goals of Education)



The Induction Process

“All children have a right to an education... the convention places a high value on education. Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education of which they are capable”

UNCRC Article 28 (Right to Education)

Progression towards full days in Primary 1 requires careful planning. The diagram below shows this progression through the first three weeks of his/her school experience. Your child will be placed in a small group of three or four children and individual start dates for each group will be issued with a “First Day of P1” guidance leaflet before the end of June. A record of the classroom, teacher and lunch invitation will be included in this leaflet.

The school induction programme is as follows:-

Week **One** commencing on Monday 15th August 2015

Monday 15 th August	Tuesday 16 th August		Wednesday 17 th August		Thursday 18 th August		Friday 19 th August	
IN SET Day – staff only	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
		Group 1	Group 1	Group 2	Groups 1,2	Group 3	Groups 1,2,3	Group 4

Week **Two** commencing 22nd August 2015

Monday 22 nd August	Tuesday 23 rd August	Wednesday 24 th August	Thursday 25 th August	Friday 26 th August
All groups of children in every morning for mornings ONLY				

Week **Three** commencing 29th August 2015

Monday 29 th August	Tuesday 30 th August	Wednesday 31 st August	Thursday 1 st September	Friday 2 nd September
All groups of children in every morning for mornings ONLY Child and Parent/Carer’s lunch experience will occur during this week.				

Week **Four** commencing Monday 5th September

All groups of children begin FULL days from Monday 5 th September
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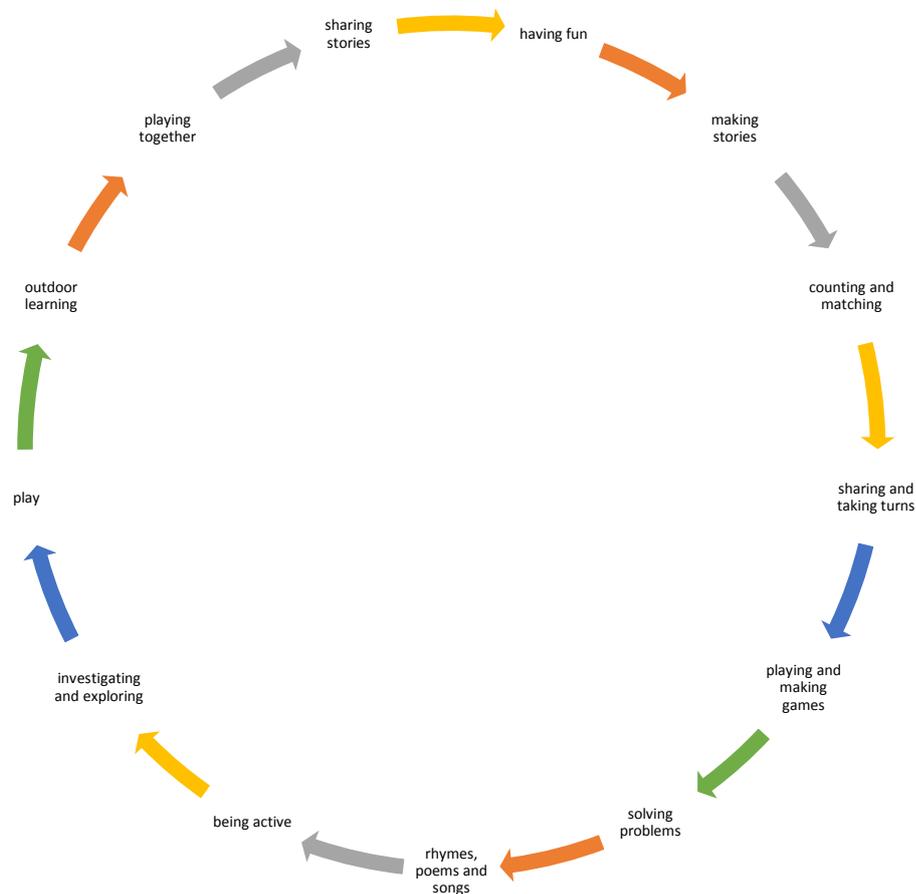


Your child may be tired when they begin full days as there will be lots to learn, experience and remember but we will keep you informed about some of the learning that will be taking place. This will occur through homework, curricular meetings, newsletters and information sharing leaflets.

Activities and Experiences

Curriculum for Excellence

Curriculum for Excellence is the curriculum for all young people. It is designed to ensure continuity of teaching and learning from the ages of 3 to 18. It aims to develop skills, knowledge and understanding, capabilities and attitudes. Planning, assessment and next steps are implemented using the framework for experiences and outcomes in curriculum for excellence curricular areas.



In Conclusion

We hope you find this information useful but please do ask if you have any queries.

We look forward to meeting and working with your family and hope that the Woodside School experience will be a happy and rewarding one.



