



Primary 1 Parent Support Leaflet.

Practise like you've never won and perform like you've never lost.

Uniform and labels

In St John's we have a school uniform of grey skirt, trousers or shorts a white shirt or polo shirt and the choice of either a red or a green jumper or sweatshirt. We are happy for children to wear uniform from

different shops and none need to have the school badge or name on them.

Children are asked to change shoes when entering the building and we encourage children to leave a pair of cheap

sandshoes in the cloakroom. This helps to keep the school clean and ensures safety in the gym hall for running about.

Children have PE in the gym hall twice a week and we

encourage parents to send children on PE days wearing a polo shirt and to bring shorts which can be easily put on. There is no specific colour for PE kit,; all schools in SLC ask parents not to send children wearing football colours.

At this present time we recognise that it might be difficult for parents to purchase the usual uniform staples. We will be very pleased to welcome children irrespective whether they have a uniform or not.

We ask all parents to label all belongings as it helps to return lost items.

St John's, Hamilton

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⇒ Keep in touch

- ⇒ Our Twitter account updates parents on children's achievements.
- ⇒ Our School App provides direct information to parent's mobile phone.
- ⇒ Our website has documents and letters.

Care and Welfare

Children come to school with a wide range of experiences from home and nursery and this year it is important to recognise that all will have been at home with parents for an

extended time. To help with this we will be closely following all guidance on health and social distancing to ensure that school is as safe an environment as we can make it. We have

a very caring and nurturing staff who will do their utmost to help children transition from nursery to primary.

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School Meals and Parent Pay

All Primary 1– Primary 3 children receive a free school meal at lunch time. The menu is sent out at the start of each new term and is available on both SLC and the school website. If you intend your child to have a school lunch it is a good idea to talk with them about the choices on offer for that day. Children select their meal choice at registration and then the meals are cooked in our school kitchen.

We will be following guidance about where to seat children and on the numbers in the dining hall at the same time.

If you prefer you can send a packed lunch with your child in the morning. Please label the lunch box as we can have many of the same design but with different food in them!

If your child would like milk it can be ordered and paid for through Parentpay.

When school reopens you will



receive a letter giving details of how to register for Parent Pay. This will allow you to pay for school trips and order milk if required.

Breakfast club

Normally we run a Breakfast Club for any children who wish to attend. It is free and parents can drop children off from 8.15am. Children have the choice of fruit juice, milk, cereal and toast. At 8.45am children either go out to play in the playground or go to the gym hall if it is wet.

As schools reopen I will be able to update you on our breakfast club and when it will be starting back.

Our Breakfast Club is staffed by School Support Assistants and kitchen staff.



Snacks and nut free school

In St John's we take the Health and Wellbeing of our children and staff very seriously.

We currently have a number of children who have nut allergies and ask all parents not to send children with snacks or lunches which contain nuts. Please check

the ingredients of muesli bars and chocolate spreads in particular.

If your child has inadvertently got a snack / lunch which might make another unwell, we ask them to sit in Head Teacher's or front office to eat and phone you to alert you to the concern.

We thank you in advance for your support in this.



Pupil voice and RRS

We are very proud to have been awarded our Gold Rights Respecting School Award from UNICEF. Part of this is encouraging every child to express their ideas in the most appropriate ways. Six times per year the whole school meets in teams to work on ways to improve our school and community.

Each group is called a Talking Team. Children join a group which interests them and

meet up with children from P1-P3 to work on putting their ideas into action. This year we have a wide variety of teams, some are listed below:

- Community Choir
- Eco
- Fair Trade
- Literacy
- Outdoor Play
- Sports

This provides children with an opportunity for their voice to be heard and supports them to develop skills such as:

- ⇒ Team work
- ⇒ Listening
- ⇒ Sharing
- ⇒ Community spirit
- ⇒ Compromise

Our team afternoons are always very popular.

House System

In St John's we want our children to feel a sense of belonging and pride in our school. To help create this we have a House System where children in P1 are allocated a House group. If they already have siblings in the school they will be in the same House as older children.

The four Houses are :

- Skye– yellow
- Iona– blue
- Arran– red
- Seil– green

Children earn points for their

House through demonstrating excellent behavior and work.

At Friday Assemblies the winning House is awarded a prize and at the end of each term a House Treat is given to the House which has the most points.

Car Parking

We unfortunately have very limited car parking within the school grounds. Spaces are reserved for parents / children who hold a blue disability badge or who have a temporary condition which affects mobility. If you have significant mobility issues

which affect how you can collect your child please contact the Head Teacher to discuss.

Only parents who have a blue disability parking badge or a school permit will be allowed in the school car park. Please do not be offended if a member of staff asks to see

your permit, it just keeps our playground safe for all users. There is plenty of car parking in the Bent Recreation Car Park and we ask all parents to use this space. Please ensure that adults who are collecting children are aware of this.

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Our Values are;

R-reliable

E- enthusiastic

S-sharing

P-polite

E-effective

C-caring

T- team

First Days

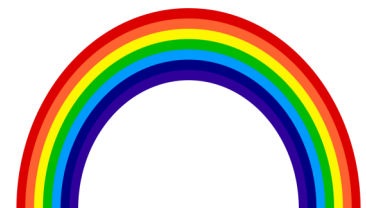
Normally we invite new children to start school at 9.15am on the first day of term and ask parents and grandparents to come to class to take photographs of the children on their first day. Due to the restrictions which most likely will be in place to help stop the spread of Covid-19 I will update parents accordingly about arrangements for the first days of term. Please remember that your child's security, health and

happiness will be at the forefront of all the new measures which we will be taking.

We aim for every child to feel safe and secure in and out of school.



Keep safe, stay positive and keep in touch with us.



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