

BREADALBANE ACADEMY
Primary Department



INFORMATION BOOKLET
PRIMARY 1



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The School Day

- ⌚ 9.00 am - 3.30 pm
- ⌚ Morning Break: 10.40 am - 10.55 am
- ⌚ Lunch Time: 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm
- ⌚ Afternoon Break: 2.10 pm - 2.25 pm
- ⌚ Collect at 3.30 pm



Where do I drop off and pick up my child?

In the morning:

- Children enter school via the Primary 4-7 playground. Once the bell goes at 9am pupils go into school.
- Pupils who arrive by bus are supervised by a member of staff until school starts.
- If you arrive at school after 9am you must report to the main reception. Your child will then walk along the 'street' to the internal Primary entrance to meet a member of the Primary staff.

At the end of the day:

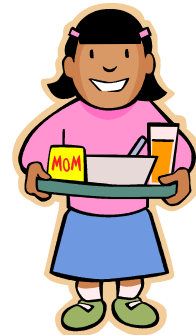
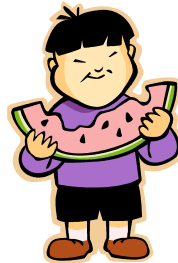
- Class teachers bring P1 pupils back out through the P4-7 playground and will let your child go once they see who is picking them up.
- If someone different is collecting your child please let the class teacher know either in person, by putting a note in the homework diary or phoning the school office.
- P1-3 pupils who go home by bus are escorted to the bus by a staff member.
- If you will be arriving late to collect your child please contact the school on 01887 822300.

Appointments and Absences

- ⊕ If your child has a known appointment or absence, please send a letter into the class teacher beforehand.
- ⊕ On the day of the appointment go to the campus reception to collect your child.
- ⊕ If your child is unwell please phone the school in the morning, to allow the class teachers to be informed. If you do not contact the school a text message will be sent and then a phone call made if no contact is made. If we still cannot explain the absence someone may visit your house or the police may be informed.
- ⊕ If your child is unwell in school we will contact you or the emergency contact.

Snack and Water

- ☼ You may want to provide a snack for playtimes.
- ☼ We advise only 1 snack per playtime, as we have found children do not have enough time to eat lots of snacks, play and go to the toilet during their short breaks. The morning break is also very close to lunch.
- ☼ Please ensure your child has got a water bottle to allow them to get a drink during class time and breaks. Please note only water is allowed during class time.



Lunch

- ☼ Children can have school dinner, packed lunch or go home for lunch.
- ☼ School dinners are free for P1 pupils. Pupils select their meal choice in the morning. A copy of the menu is emailed out and it can also be accessed via the council website.
- ☼ Any leftovers from packed lunches are left in lunchboxes so that parents can see what pupils have eaten and what has been left.
- ☼ If your child is having a home lunch you can collect them and drop them off at reception, unless other arrangements have been made with the class teacher.



What does your child need?

- ✎ **P.E Kit:** Pupils should bring t-shirt, shorts and suitable footwear stored in a gym bag for P.E. You can order gym t-shirts in your child's house colour from Grandtully Logos. Gym kits are kept in class and returned home at the end of each term. If you would like them at another time simply let the class teacher know.
- ✎ **Reading Bags:** School reading bags are essential for transporting homework, letters, homework diaries and word wallets to and from school. They are used throughout the school and are very hard wearing. Reading bags can be purchased from the campus reception.
Snacks should not be put in reading bags.
- ✎ **Indoor Shoes:** All children need a pair of indoor shoes for the classroom. Many parents buy the black gym shoes, as they can also be used for P.E.
- ✎ **Painting Apron:** Pupils need a painting apron to protect their clothes. This will be kept in class and returned home at the end of the year. The painting apron could simply be an old shirt.
- ✎ **School Bag**

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS ON ALL OF THEIR BELONGINGS

Parent Helpers

- One of our primary aims is to work in partnership with parents/carers for the benefit of the children.
- The children and staff at Breadalbane welcome all parents and carers into our learning environment.
- The children enjoy having other adults in the classroom to help, support and assist, and the visits strengthen valuable links between home, the community and the school.
- Parents/Carers can join in with a range of activities. In the past these have included: helping to prepare for celebrations and events, going on visits and walks, art and craft activities, baking, reading, outdoor learning, singing and musical activities - the list is endless!
- If you are interested in becoming a parent helper please contact your child's class teacher.



The Curriculum

The Curriculum at Breadalbane Academy follows criteria set out in the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence Framework Document.

This is divided into eight broad curricular areas:-

- Expressive Arts
- Health and Wellbeing
- Literacy and English
- Mathematics
- Religious and Moral Education
- Sciences
- Social Studies
- Technologies

The areas progress through different levels. The level at which all children begin in nursery is the Early Level and this level then continues as your child progresses into primary school. As with nursery, learning through play is an important part of early primary.

Staff plan activities and learning experiences to offer a broad and balanced curriculum, which addresses each of the key aspects in the eight areas of the curriculum. Observation, assessment and review are continuous to ensure a responsive and child centred approach to promoting individual children's development and progress.

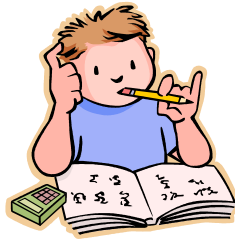
Your child will have their own learning log containing a range of work and learning they have been engaged in. This may include examples of their work, photographs and observations made by the class teacher.

OLI



- 👉 OLI stands for: Our Learning Intention
- 👉 OLI helps the children to be aware of what they are learning.
- 👉 OLI is used as a vehicle for talking about their learning:
 - What have I achieved this lesson?
 - What would I like to learn/achieve in the future?
- 👉 OLI may be used in homework tasks

Homework



- ✂ Homework throughout the Primary is reading. Additional homework may be issued to support attainment through agreement between teacher and parent/carer.
- ✂ In Primary 1 there is usually a homework activity to complete each night.
- ✂ P1 Homework mainly includes a mixture of reading and phonics work.
- ✂ Class teachers try to make the activities as practical as possible.
- ✂ Homework is meant to be an enjoyable experience where your child can share their learning with you.
- ✂ We cannot emphasise how extremely important homework is, at this stage, in supporting the development of your child's skills and knowledge.

Rewarding Positive Attitudes and Behaviour

We have a range of different reward systems and strategies in place across the whole of the primary school. Class teachers may also have their own individual rewards in place.

Our school rewards systems include:

- 🌸 House Points
- 🌸 Awesome boards
- 🌸 Certificates
- 🌸 Positive Postcards
- 🌸 Primary Assemblies, where recognition is given to the achievements and successes of children in the school.



Child Protection

Your child's safety and wellbeing is very important to us. Mrs Nicola Ferguson and Mrs Julie Thomson are the Child Protection Officer for the Primary and Nursery. Please do not hesitate to contact them should you wish to raise any matters. Further information can be found in the school's Child Protection Policy (available on request and on website).

Uniform



Uniform for Primary 1-3 is:

- ✿ Blue or white Polo-shirt with or without school logo
- ✿ Navy Sweatshirt or Cardigan with or school logo or plain navy or black jumper/cardigan
- ✿ Black skirt, pinafore or trousers
- ✿ Children can wear a shirt and school tie; however we would encourage you to avoid this option on gym days.
- ✿ Summer checked dresses.

Grandtully Logos provide our school sweatshirts, polo shirts, cardigans and gym t-shirts. Items can be ordered online and collected from Grandtully Logos. School ties can be purchased at the Main Reception along with reading bags.



Parent Council

The Parent Council works closely with the school. Some of their activities include: fundraising and providing support for specific opportunities, organising second hand uniform sales and developing the P4-7 playground.

The Parent Council wanted to make you aware of the following opportunity:

The Parent council have a whatsapp group for parents of each year where we keep you up to date on all that is going on and invite you to chat with fellow P1 parents.. since we started the idea several years ago, it's been a great success.... helping to keep parents informed about events and allowing a place for all types of discussions from "is it PE today and has anyone lost a shoe ??... to who is the best person to speak to about school trips or school dinners...." no subject too large or too small.... the Parent Council are there to help, support and represent the parents....

The links below will take you to the Whatsapp goroup:

P1 WhatsApp Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/D2djZ1N19XPI0dkSWdSqGW>

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3 WhatsApp Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HKmvBkTXmIo2sfhkEmeaJG>