



Primary 1

Induction Meeting
19th June 2023





Senior Management Team

- ▶ Head Teacher - Mrs Susan Ironside
- ▶ Depute Head Teacher - Mrs Sarah Sunley
- ▶ Depute Head Teacher - Mrs Carol Baxter
- ▶ Principal Teacher- Ms Wendy Hampton
- ▶ Principal Teacher- Mrs Maree Innes

August 2023

School roll - approximately 330

13 classes P1-7

Nursery open 8am - 6pm

In class Support for Learning

7 FTE PSAs



Riverbank School

- ▶ Rights Respecting School - Gold Level
- ▶ PSQM Silver Level
- ▶ Links with EAL service
- ▶ Joint partnership with a large number of external agencies - *SALT, The Lads Club, RADS, Lighthouse, ACIS, Family Learning Team*
- ▶ Forward thinking - Nurture approach, Outdoor Learning, Positive Mental Health and a play based approach in the Early Level

Starting School



Mixed Emotions.....

Worried

Stressed

Excited

Anxious

Happy

Sad

Delighted

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Classes

2 Primary 1 classes

P1M - Miss Miller - Room 1

P1L - Ms Lade - Room 2

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Start Dates

The children do not all start Primary 1 on the same date!

In order to help the children settle into school they are invited to attend in small groups.

This year there are 3 start dates:

22nd August, 25th August and 30th August.

You will find out your child's class and start date at the end of this meeting.

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Attendance



We can tell you that, for Weeks 1,2 and 3 of next session, Primary 1 pupils will be in school for 3 hours on the days they are due to attend school. On their first day it will be slightly shorter and we will welcome the children into the school at the door next to the front entrance.

From Week 4 onwards the children will be in school for whole days which will include a 45 minute lunchbreak. Further details of each child's exact attendance times will provided in due course.



Curriculum for Excellence

- ▶ Literacy
- ▶ Numeracy
- ▶ Health & Wellbeing
- ▶ Expressive Arts
- ▶ Religious & Moral Education
- ▶ Science
- ▶ Technologies
- ▶ Social Studies

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Play Based Approach

- ▶ Here at Riverbank, we understand the importance of Learning through Play, especially across the Early Level of the curriculum.
- ▶ In Nursery we have a flexible approach where the children are supported to develop curiosity and creativity, taking part in a variety of self- directed and carefully planned activities based on children's interests and abilities.
- ▶ This is extended into Primary 1 and we continue to encourage children to learn by following their own interests.



Play Based Approach

- ▶ Research has shown that children continue to benefit from extended periods of free play in order to further develop skills which are necessary across the curriculum.
- ▶ Through careful observation teachers are able to spot teachable moments and through quality interaction they can extend the children's learning in ways that are best suited to their needs.
- ▶ By following this approach we are also giving the children the opportunity to learn in a way that is developmentally appropriate for them and enables us to better meet individual needs.
- ▶ Although the children will have opportunities for free play there are firm boundaries and routines in place in P1 and we encourage you to remind your child that these procedures must be followed to keep everyone safe and learning.

Focus Children

- ▶ In order to achieve enhanced discussion about learning between staff and parents, a Focus Children approach is in place in P1. Based on the work of Anna Ephgrave, staff closely observe identified children each week in order to better understand the children's learning needs and plan developmentally appropriate activities. Teachers and support staff contribute to paperwork which records the child's learning. Each term you will be communicated with both before and after the week of observation, in order to gather and exchange information, and to discuss the learning that is observed and documented.



Parental Engagement

- ▶ Here at Riverbank we are very keen to encourage parents and carers to be fully involved in their child's learning.
- ▶ This means we will be looking to have your feedback on a variety of issues, and we will be keeping you regularly informed about your child's learning and ways you can support them.
- ▶ We also look forward to welcoming you into school for events such as Open Mornings and sharing assemblies.



In my school bag.....

- ▶ Change of clothes
 - ▶ Healthy snack
 - ▶ Packed Lunch if required
- ▶ Named, refillable water bottle
 - ▶ Gym shoes/shorts for PE
- ▶ We ask that children do not bring other personal items to school



School Meals

School Lunch - Free

- ▶ The menu for lunches is available at Aberdeen City Council website
- ▶ <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/view-school-meals-menu>
- ▶ Packed Lunch
- ▶ Lunches are eaten in the dining hall.

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Pupil & Parent Lunch

Before the children start full days there will be an opportunity for you to eat lunch in the dining room with your child, to allow you both to familiarise yourselves with the dining room procedures.

Children have a free lunch but there will be a charge for parents. We will let you know the date for your class as soon as it is confirmed.

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Playtimes/Lunchtimes

Playtime - 15 minute break

- ▶ Healthy Snack
- ▶ No fizzy juice
- ▶ Support staff outside to supervise
- ▶ Lunchtime - 45 minutes

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School Uniform

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- ▶ Riverbank School Sweatshirt
- ▶ Riverbank School Polo Shirt(Although plain ones are fine)
 - ▶ Uniform is bought online
 - ▶ Black trousers/skirt
 - ▶ Velcro or slip on shoes
 - ▶ Clothing Grant available from ACC
- ▶ [Apply for a school clothing grant | Aberdeen City Council](#)

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Positive Behaviour

- ▶ Together Time
- ▶ Restorative Approach
- ▶ Wider Achievements Wall
- ▶ Stickers and Certificates
 - ▶ Gold Cards
 - ▶ Star of the Week
 - ▶ Marvellous Me
- ▶ Praise and Encouragement



Information to share

Important information we need from parents -

- ▶ Updated contact number
- ▶ Updated email address
- ▶ Updated family circumstances
- ▶ Medical conditions/Allergies
- ▶ Who takes/collects pupil to/from school

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Getting to know your child

Information that is passed on -

- ▶ Nursery Assessments and focus children information
 - ▶ Friendship groups
 - ▶ Pupils likes/dislikes
 - ▶ Medical/allergies
- ▶ Additional support needs
- ▶ Any other important info

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Communication

The most important people are **YOUR** children and it's important we maintain good lines of communication.

Generally, we have stopped issuing letters as we try to cut back on paper and postage.

So, how do we communicate with you?

Riverbank School Website:

www.riverbank.aberdeen.sch.uk

Email - Riverbank@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Twitter- @Riverbankschoo2

Marvellous Me

Facebook: Riverbank School Information Page

Groupcall: Up-to-date phone numbers for texting and e-mail addresses for newsletters or you will not receive these.





Over the Summer

- ▶ Get into a bedtime/morning routine
- ▶ Keep chatting about starting school
- ▶ Emphasize the importance of following the instructions of adults
- ▶ Encouraging Independence - Eating
 - Toileting
 - Getting dressed
 - Sharing/Playing
- ▶ Eating different kinds of foods (knife and fork)

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Partnership with you....

► Parents as Partners!

Our Vision....

Learn Together, Play Together and Achieve Together!

Our Values.....

Respect, Caring, Helping, Friendliness and FUN!!

Welcome to Riverbank!



References

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