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**St Peter's Primary School**

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### **Welcome to St. Peter's Primary School 2025-2026**

St. Peter's Primary School welcomes all children and families to school for session 2025-2026. All staff would like to extend an extra special welcome and congratulations to our new Primary 1 children who started their school life journey today. The children presented to school beautifully in their school uniforms. Staff are proud of all children across the school for settling so quickly to their class environments and learning. I hope the children enjoy an aspirational school year full of exciting learning experiences and opportunities. I also send our best wishes to our former Primary 7 pupils who embarked on their secondary learning journey this week and wish them every success for the future.

### **Promoting Positive Partnerships**

This new school year offers opportunities to develop and extend partnerships with our families, the whole school community, Fr King and the parish of St. Peter's RC. School planning aims to create opportunities for families to participate in the life, learning and work of the school. Co-ordinating learning between school and home supports learners to consolidate learning. Family members may have careers, talents or interests which they may wish to offer the school to provide new and exciting opportunities. Hopefully, a group of parents/carers may wish to establish a new PTA to help with fundraising or a Parent Council to support School Improvement this school year. It is hugely important that parents have a voice in school improvements and developments in each school year. The opportunity to have constructive dialogue with parents is critical to enabling the School Leadership Team to consider and respond to views in the best interests of our children and school community. In addition, in order to provide the opportunities and experiences parents communicate that they would like for their children, finance is required to be available to cover costs and to subsidise activities to ensure the offer of experiences is inclusive for all children. As a school, we will always aim to be mindful of the Cost of the School Day and an updated policy was made available from October 2024. Allergies and medical needs must be considered to ensure that the health and safety of our children and staff is prioritised at all times.



### **School Improvement Plan Priorities 2025 –2026 (Please see attached Information Flyer)**

In summary, the School Improvement Plan Priorities for 2024-2025 focus on:

**Priority 1:** Raise attainment in P1 CfE Early Level 3 and P2 First Level 1 Literacy through developing the use of aspects of Targeted Play Based Learning at Primary 1 and 2

**Priority 2:** Continue to develop the use of SLC Digital Technologies and Digital Literacy and Computer Science learning pathways at CfE Early to Second Level and introduce the use of Read and Write tools at CfE First and Second Level, with a focus on referencing the Skills Framework, raising attainment in CfE First and Second Level writing and achieving the Digital Education Level 1 Award.

**Priority 3:** Develop curriculum planning and learning experiences in outdoor learning in numeracy from CfE Early to Second Level including learning experiences in real life and sustainable learning contexts.

**Learning Community Priority 4:** Adopt a shared Learning Community approach to improving attendance by implementing a Learning Community Attendance Policy and sharing strategies for attendance improvement and targeted interventions.



## What to Expect? Helpful Hints!



### Standards and Qualities

A copy of the school Standards and Qualities Report has been compiled and will be available to view from the website in due course.



### Annual Administration Updates

Annual update packs will be forwarded to parents/carers, by Wednesday 20 August 2025, for completion and signing. Please return by Wednesday 27 of August 2025. If there are changes to phone contact details or medical information please inform the school office as soon as possible. It is essential that Medical Care Plans are updated and medicines are made available to the school office. Medicines must be recorded on the Administration of Medicines Form. Please ensure medicines are 'in date' for use.

### School Communications

Many thanks to parents/carers for your co-operation in ensuring contact is made to the school via telephone call on 01698 281277 or email [office@st-peters-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-peters-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) in the first instance. If you have any questions or wish to raise any issues with the school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. The relevant member of staff will respond to you in due course. Any medical emergency or Child Protection related matters should be highlighted to the school office as requiring an urgent response. The School Leadership Team may offer you an in-school appointment, if a face to face meeting would be more appropriate in specific circumstances. I strongly recommend regular view of school emails and website for ongoing school communication. A new platform to replace 'X' continues to be under consideration. X will continue to be used for urgent communication until an alternative is established. Parents/carers will be given the opportunity to select a digital paperless email option to receive school communication. This option is recommended for spontaneous receipt of ongoing communications from the school. The Parent Portal will continue to be live in session 2025 - 2026.



### School Drop Off and Pick-Up Reminder

Children should enter through their allocated gates. On exit, children of P1-4 must be collected by an appropriate adult aged 16 or over who is familiar to the child from their exit gates. If children are being collected by adults, other than those known to the school or the child, please telephone the school directly to make this request. Primary 1 parents should make staff aware of the adults who they typically wish to collect their child. Any changes should be communicated to the school office. Parents of children in P5-7 can give permission for their child to walk home or to walk to an alternative gate or location to meet their carer independently. Please note that P5-7 children will continue to exit from their own gate with their class and can use the pedestrian pathway at the front of the building to make their way to alternative gates or pick-up points. A permission slip will be made available for you to communicate your wishes so that teaching and support staff are aware of your choices. Any changes to this information should be communicated to the office in writing. The measures are intended as safeguarding procedures. Please complete and return to the school office. Support staff **will not** be available to collect children from classes for early dismissal during the period 2.40pm and 3pm. If for any reason you require to collect your child early, please contact the office and arrange an early pick-up before 2.40pm.



### School Uniform

Many thanks to parents/cares for assisting the children to present to school in full school uniform. I fully appreciate your support in dressing the children so well for school. High standards of presentation can support the children to recognise their identity within the school and can help to showcase the school within the local community and beyond. Please refer to the School Handbook on the website for further information. Please note children will be requested to wear full school uniform to Mass and other specified events. Therefore, we recommend that all children have access to a school tie. As a reminder, I ask that the children adhere to guidelines on shoe wear and make indoor shoes available by Friday 22 August 2025. Waterproof jackets are preferable in inclement weather and on days the children are scheduled to participate in events, outdoor learning and walks in their local environment e.g to Mass.

## **Registration**



Gates will open at 8.45am and the playground will be supervised by staff. Children should present to school for 9am and be collected at 3pm. Children arriving after 9.10am should present to the school office. In the event that your child is unwell or absent for any other reason, please inform the school by phone call prior to 9.15am on each day of your child's absence. If your child is due have an extended period of absence for hospital admission or any other reason please inform the Head Teacher in writing prior to the first date of absence.

## **Breakfast Club, Snacks and Lunches**

Breakfast Club is available for all pupils from 8.15am to 8.45am on school days from Monday 18 August 2025. Intervals are timetabled for 10.30am to 10.45am and lunches 12.45pm to 1.30pm. Primary 1 children will begin lunch at 12.30pm for the first few days of the school year to help them become familiar with the lunch routines. P6 Buddies will provide support in the early days.

Children should remember to bring water bottles, snacks and lunches with them in the morning. To take account of pupil allergies, children should not share food or drink or bring any fizzy drinks or food containing nuts to school. Parent Pay can now be used to purchase milk (link available on website). Menu updates available online [https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200259/education\\_benefits/291/school\\_lunches/2](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200259/education_benefits/291/school_lunches/2).



## **Class Teacher Allocation**

The class teacher allocation at the start of school session 2025-2026 is planned as:

Class	Teacher	Class Teacher Days	CCC Teacher
Primary 1/2	Mrs C Kane	Monday—Friday	Mrs K Roy
Primary 2/3	Miss A Keatings	Monday—Friday	Mrs K Roy
Primary 4/5	Miss H Melville	Monday—Friday	Mrs K Roy
Primary 5/6	Mr E Tarrier	Monday—Friday	Mrs K Roy
Primary 6/7	Mr P Milwain	Monday—Friday	Mrs K Roy

## **PE Schedule**

PE will commence week beginning Monday 18 August. 2025. White polo-shirts, dark coloured shorts (preferably black) and indoor gym shoes are required for indoor PE. In the Summer months/ Autumn and Spring months, teachers may select to conduct PE outdoors (weather permitting). In the Winter months, PE tends to be conducted in the indoors. On Muga days, children are permitted to bring Muga or surface appropriate trainers for changing into at intervals or lunches.

As previously communicated, for health and safety reasons, children will not be permitted to participate in PE or other active physical activities wearing earrings. Children will be asked to remove hoop/ or long hanging earrings. Children will be requested to either remove or tape stud earrings.

In addition, children will not be permitted to participate in PE or other active physical activities whilst wearing fake nails, nail extensions or other nail adjustments which are not the natural nail of the child. Reference to 'other physical activities' includes play in the Muga or the Trim Trail. This is to reduce the risk of injury to your child and / or other children.

The planned PE schedule for 2025-2026. Please note this timetable can be subject to change. Any changes will be informed by class teachers.

Class	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
Rm 1	Wednesday	Thursday
Rm 3	Monday	Thursday
Rm 4	Monday	Friday
Rm 5	Tuesday	Wednesday
Rm 6	Wednesday	Thursday



### **Mobile Phones / Digital Devices**



**No mobile phones**

I ask that children do not bring mobile phones to school. If for safety reasons, relevant to school travel arrangements before or after school, you require your child to have a mobile phone, please contact the school office directly. Mobile phones must not be stored in children's jackets or bags. **The phone must be submitted to the school office at their own risk.** The school will not accept any responsibility for damage to or theft of any phone or digital device.

### **Car Park/ School Environments**

Parents should not park in the staff car park for pupil safety unless a disabled badge is displayed. School gates must remain cleared for emergency vehicle access. Dogs are not permitted in the school grounds. The use of cigarettes and e-cigarettes are not permitted on the school grounds. Please refer to the latest notice on the School Travel Plan and gate opening times on the school website for further information. Please vacate drop-off and collection points promptly.

### **Religious Celebrations**

The school will link to Mass for Feast of the Assumption on Friday 15th August 25 online. The provisional date expected for attending the First Mass of the School Year is Friday 5 September 2025 at 10am in St. Peter's PS. The date will be confirmed in due course. Families are welcome! Fr King will also confirm dates for a Primary 1 Blessing in due course. Fr King will offer a date for Sacramental meetings in the month of February between 6pm and 7.30pm. The provisional date for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is set for 23 March 2026 at 6.30pm and First Communion is set for 9 May 2026 at 10am. The Diocese of Motherwell will confirm dates for Confirmation in due course. Confirmation of these provisional dates will be communicated to families in due course following a planned meeting of Fr King and the Head Teachers of both St. Peter's Primary School and St. Mark's Primary School. A reminder that dates can, in unavoidable circumstances, require to be changed.

I look forward to working in partnership with all children and families. I wish the children every success for the year ahead.

Kind Regards

CL Mullen

Head Teacher