



Education Resources
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Loch Primary School
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Dear parent/carer,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and your child enjoyed their first day back at school. It was lovely to see everyone back and looking smart in their school uniforms!

The classes for this session are:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>TEACHER(S)</u>
Primary 1	Room 7	Mrs Roy
Primary 2	Room 6	Mrs Smith
Primary 3	Room 8	Miss Reilly
Primary 4	Room 9	Miss Hudson (formerly Mrs Campbell) and Mrs Henderson
Primary 5	Room 11	Miss Hillon and Mrs Kennedy
Primary 6	Room 4	Miss Stewart
Primary 7	Room 5	Mrs Barrett

Mrs Kennedy will be working across all classes, covering teacher's non class contact time. Mrs Burns will be working within our Sunshine Room.

School hours are as follows:

- School day: 9:00am - 2:55pm
- Break: 10:35am - 10:45am
- Lunch: 12:15pm - 1:00pm

Entry Arrangements:

All children enter the school via the large/main playground gate at the rear of the school at the turning point between Loch PS and St. Anthony's PS. The children will line up in their classes and will be met by their teacher at 9:00am. The school gates will open at 8:50am when there will be a staff presence.

Exit Arrangements:

All children exit the school via the same gate as they enter the school. The Class Teachers will lead each class to the gate. Prior to school drop off, please let your child know who is due to collect them from school. This helps them to easily spot who is there at the end of the day. We kindly ask that all parents/carers wait further back from the outside gate until their child's class approaches to allow for the Class Teachers to safely dismiss the children to their parent/carer. To avoid congestion, we kindly ask that once your child enters/leaves the school you leave the area immediately to avoid overcrowding before St. Anthony's PS exit.

As you can imagine, the school office is very busy at the end of the day and calls cannot always be answered. If for any reason you are going to be late to collect your child, please contact the school as soon as possible to ensure your child does not leave the school grounds. We also kindly ask that you do not collect another child unless this has previously been arranged with the parent/carer and the school has been informed.

Uniform:

- At Loch PS we are very proud of our school community and we encourage all pupils to wear our school uniform. If you require support with this, please contact the school office. It is our intention to provide outdoor learning opportunities as much as possible and therefore ask that pupils bring a pair of shoes and wear a jacket/raincoat suitable for the outdoors.
- We ask that children bring a change of shoes for indoors (gym shoes) if possible. These indoor shoes can remain within the school.
- Each child will be provided with stationery and everything they need to use within school. Pupils are allowed to bring their own pencil case if they wish.

Lunches:

- Lunches will be eaten within the school dining hall.
- Pupils are allowed to bring their own packed lunch from home if they wish.
- A school dinner menu is available on the SLC website - <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/primary-menu>
- As per SLC guidance, free school meals are available for all pupils in Primary 1 to 5. Pupils in Primary 6 and 7 pay £2.71 per meal which should be paid via Parent Pay. If your child is in Primary 6 or Primary 7, they may still qualify for free school meals if you receive certain benefits. You can check eligibility and apply online using the following link - https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200259/education_benefits/159/school_clothing_grants_and_free_school_meals/2
- Children are allowed to bring a water bottle to school to have within their class. This should be filled with plain water only.
- We are a health promoting school and we kindly ask that your child does not bring fizzy juice with them to school.
- Due to severe allergies within the school, we are a nut-free school. Please ensure you check your child's snacks and lunch to ensure there are no products that contain nuts.

Class information:

Your child's teacher will inform you of homework procedures. The PE timetable is as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>PE Day 1</u>	<u>PE Day 2</u>
Primary 1	Tuesday	Thursday
Primary 2	Tuesday	Friday
Primary 3	Wednesday	Thursday
Primary 4	Monday	Wednesday
Primary 5	Tuesday	Wednesday
Primary 6	Monday	Thursday
Primary 7	Monday	Friday

We ask that your child wears their PE kit under their uniform if possible to allow for easy changing and to maximise their time in the gym hall.

Contacting the school:

Our school office staff are here to support parents/carers. If you wish to report an absence, report a concern or pass on a message to your child's class teacher/Principal Teacher/Head Teacher, please speak to one of our office staff who will be happy to help.

Parents Portal

If you have not already done so, please ensure you download the Parents Portal app. You will be able to receive information, report absences, respond to permission slips and book Parents' Evening appointments easily using this app.



I am sure your child will have a fantastic year at Loch PS. If you require any more information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 0141 634 7217.

Yours sincerely,

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