

Fraserburgh South Park School



P1 Induction Booklet 2024-2025

Welcome to South Park School. I hope that our partnership will be productive and enjoyable and that your child settles quickly with us.

We take pride in the fact that this is a happy and industrious school with a real sense of team spirit. We know that your child will enjoy their time at South Park School.

Starting school can be a little daunting for everyone, however we are here to support you through this big step for you and your child. No question is too small. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with anything which you think might be helpful for us to know or things you are unsure about – absolutely anything at all.

We look forward to welcoming you to South Park.

Yours sincerely

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Induction Process – 2024/25

Our current transition plans include:

- Tour of the school for parents/carers/children
- Welcome meeting with the Head Teacher
- Induction booklet
- Visit to P1 with a parent/carer.
- Two two-hour visits to P1 area (without parent/carer)
- Curriculum Information (August)
- Support with Communication Systems (August)
- Use of e-mails to respond to queries/send out any information.

Primary One Day



- Pupils should enter the school by walking through the senior playground, which has the gate nearest the shops, through the large grassy area, through the gate into the infant playground. Parents should leave the same way. We ask you not to enter/leave via the nursery garden.
- Morning bell at 8.57am, children should line up in the infant playground at the P1 door. Each class will line up in their own line (P1 teachers will give them instructions on the first two-hour visit).
- School starts at 9am.
- All children will have their snack inside at 10.35am.
- Break time is at 10.40am for 15 minutes.
- Lunchtime is from 12.15pm to 1.00 pm. All children from P1 - P3 now receive free school meals. We do encourage children to stay for lunch as we strongly believe this social experience is so important.
- School finishes at 3.00pm. You must collect your child from the infant playground, do not stand too far back as the P1 teachers need to see that the children are handed over safely at the end of the day. Please make sure you stand at the front please.



School Uniform

We encourage all pupils to wear school uniform, and all do wear the uniform. This helps instil a sense of pride and team spirit within our school. School uniform can be ordered via www.myclothing.com, tel. 0800 069 9949, online school uniform embroidery services or any local suppliers such as Designs on You, Buchan Embroidery, Pomprint Designs, Mintlaw, who have set up an online shop and also supply skirts and pinafores in the school Dress Gordon tartan. We can also provide 'nearly new/recycled' uniform free of charge. Just let us know and we can make up a bag and get it to you discretely. There is also a clothes rail with a good selection at the front door, come in and help yourself.

School uniform consists of:

- School sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo. Sweatshirts/cardigans should be green or grey.
- White shirt or polo shirt.
- Dark school skirt, shorts, or trousers.
- Dark school shoes – children should not wear high heeled shoes as these cause a safety concern.
- Some children wear tartan skirt/shorts - our tartan is Dress Gordon.

With regards to safety, the wearing of jewellery (which we actively discourage) is not permitted during PE lessons. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure they can remove and replace earrings by themselves. Any child wearing earrings that cannot do this will be asked to put surgical tape over them for PE lessons. Parents should provide a named roll of surgical tape for this purpose.

Lost Property

The lost property box is located across from the Janitor's office at the front door. This is emptied regularly so please retrieve items promptly! We also post pictures of lost property in our School Facebook Group in the aim of returning the huge amount of clothing we gather to their owners. Names on things are a great help!

What your child will need:

- Art shirt/apron
- PE Kit – your child will be informed which day PE is and they come in school on that day in their PE kit (sometimes PE is outside so outdoor appropriate)
- Jacket/Coat – this should be worn every day; they often go outside to engage in outdoor learning.
- Water bottle
- School bag
- Outdoor kit – you will be informed when to bring this in and ideally it can stay in school. Most children bring in wellies, waterproof/snow trousers/old jacket/waterproof jacket.

**** PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHES AND BELONGINGS ARE NAMED ****



Healthy Snack



Your child should bring a healthy snack (fruit or vegetables) to school on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Children are rewarded with house points for doing so. They can bring along ONE treat to have on a Friday. This can be anything. All children will eat their snack inside before going out as we have a huge seagull problem. The children enjoy this social snack together.

Daily Mile & Outdoor Learning

We often participate in the daily mile and learning outdoors. Each class goes outside daily to run a mile around the school. Please ensure your child wears appropriate footwear/clothing to school at all times.



Attendance and Absence Procedures

Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children attend school and arrive on time. They are also responsible for ensuring the safety of their children on their journeys to and from school, except whilst on school transport, where Aberdeenshire Council has clear guidelines about pupil safety. Regular and punctual attendance is linked closely to achievement and school staff wish to work with parents to ensure that children can reach their full potential. The school is required by law to maintain an accurate record of the attendance and absence of each pupil and parents are requested to assist in this process by keeping the school informed if their child is to be absent for any reason.

Unplanned Absence

It is important to note that if a child does not arrive at school and there is no reasonable explanation provided for his/her absence then members of staff will be required to ascertain the whereabouts and safety of the individual child. In order to avoid causing unnecessary concern for staff and parents, the importance of good communication between home and school cannot be over-emphasised.

The school operates an absence line whereby parents can phone 24 hours a day to report any absences. **The telephone number for the line is 01346 415850 and choose option 1. You can also email or groupcall messenger to the school to inform of an absence.** When leaving a message, please state clearly your child's name, class and reason for absence. If your child becomes ill at lunchtime, please also notify the school the reason for them not returning.

Planned Absence

We record absences as either "authorised" or "unauthorised". Authorised absences are due to illness or family bereavement and can also include time off to attend events such as sporting competitions or music exams. The Scottish Government has deemed that holidays taken during term time should be recorded as unauthorised absence unless there are special exceptional circumstances. Should you wish to remove your child from school to attend a family holiday, you must request permission from the Head Teacher. On most occasions, this will be recorded as unauthorised absence. We have a huge amount of time missed due to holidays taken during term time. It causes a huge disruption to your child's education and as a school we discourage this choice. Parents are asked to limit the number of holidays taken during term time, to minimise disruption to your child's education. This will also be recorded as unauthorised even if it is due to a difficulty in parents/carers getting time off work during the holidays.

We do not send work home in the case of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances.

For medical or dental appointments, please phone/email/message the school office and let us know the time you will collect your child. For appointments during the school day, you must collect your child from the front door.

Rights Respecting School Behaviour Policy

At South Park, we use a restorative approach to our behaviour system. We focus on positive behaviour. We find that rewarding positive behaviour is successful in ensuring consistent positive behaviour in school. Children who display undesirable behaviour quickly learn that this is not rewarded. At the heart of our approach is a two-way communication with parents.

Each class has their own recognition and reward system in place, and this will change as the year goes on to keep the children engaged.

We firmly believe that a strong working relationship between home and school is so important to ensure that all children achieve their potential in school. We use the following systems to ensure that you as parents/carers are fully aware of any areas which require support from home.

Behaviour Reviews

On a very few occasions, some parents will be invited to attend a behaviour review. We find these are very successful meetings where school/home can have very open, honest conversations about how to support the child. These are to develop a home/school partnership and are so beneficial.

Individual Reward System

Some children will not respond to the whole class reward system and, in consultation with parents/carers, they will have their own reward system put in place. This is often for a specific behaviour and rewards and sanctions are usually put in place to involve both home and school. You will be fully consulted during this process.

Assessment & Reporting

As part of the Scottish Government's approach to standardised testing, your child will undergo a computer-generated test halfway through Primary 1. This data is merely used to support what we see demonstrated in class. If anything, surprising or unexpected is indicated, you will be contacted.

Your child will keep a profile of their achievements in their learning, and this will be sent home at regular intervals for you to comment upon.

In term 1 you will be invited in to see your child engage in their learning. During term 2 you will get a parent's night appointment then in term 3 you will receive your child's report card. Throughout the year, you will be invited to visit your child's class regularly for open days, assemblies, concerts etc.



The calendar of reporting events will be issued in Term 1.



Communication

You will be provided with your child's teacher's email address which will be the main method of communication and means of contacting your child's teacher. Obviously, teachers are uncontactable from 9-3.15 so anything urgent should still go through the office, as should all absences and appointments.



The school will send out e-mails with the newsletter monthly and the school website is up to date with dates for your diary, parent information and a copy of all previous/current newsletter. We also use Groupcall to send out information/reminders of events, please see below for details of this. Our Facebook page is also regularly updated.

Groupcall

*This is our main communication tool used at South Park. On a smartphone, download the app called **Xpressions** this is where you will receive messages, or notifications that an e-mail has been sent. We do require your correct **mobile number** and **email address** for the system to work. You can also send us messages via the app. If you have any problems getting it downloaded/set up, please contact the office for advice.*

School website address: <https://fraserburghsouthpark.aberdeenshire.sch.uk>

A termly calendar is sent out at the start of each term. It is your responsibility to keep up to date with information/e-mails and look at the date for the term ahead.

Travel to and from school

As many of you may know we have huge congestion problems at South Park. We are currently piloting a part time road closure scheme which means you cannot park at St Modans or Philorth Avenue and pick up and drop off times. These roads are closed to traffic unless you are a permit holder. You will need to walk your child to school and park somewhere sensibly. Please be mindful of our neighbouring streets, not congesting the area. *NOTE: By August 2024 we hope that we hope that the scheme is permanent.*

Parental Involvement

We value the importance of working with parents to ensure your child receives the best education and start to their school life. We encourage parents to become involved, where possible, in their child's learning. We often look for volunteers on school trips and parent helpers regularly help throughout the school in particular classes. You can also become a member of the Parent Council or the PTA and information on this will come home via e-mail early in the new term.

Parent Council

This group represents parents throughout the school. They support the work of the school and help it to move forward by seeking support from the authority, organising events for children and share the views of the parent body with the school when new decisions are made.

PTA

This group help fundraise for the school through events such as coffee mornings, Christmas fair, discos, bingo nights, quiz nights etc. The funds raised are used to pay for Christmas parties, transport for school trips, new resources etc.

We hope that your child has an exciting and enjoyable educational journey with us at South Park School.