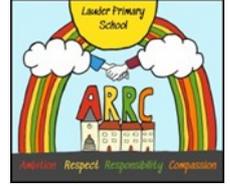
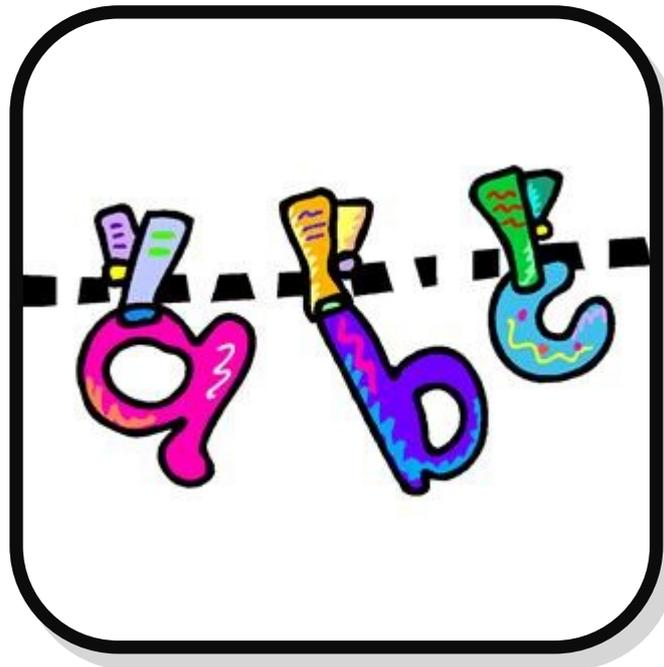




LAUDER PRIMARY SCHOOL



"Promoting a culture of excellence that supports and challenges every child to achieve their potential."



Starting Primary 1 at Lauder Primary School

Ambition

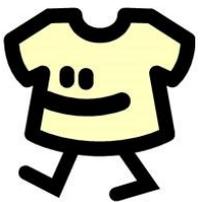
Respect

Responsibility

Compassion

Starting Primary 1 can be a daunting time for your child and for you too! This guide is intended to help make sure that your child is ready and equipped with everything they will need for their first day in Primary 1 and thereafter. Please contact the school if anything is not clear or you are unsure about.

Things to bring along on the first day:

- A **schoolbag** to carry own items. 
- One small **snack** for playtime (fruit, biscuit). 
- A **gym bag** with a white t-shirt, black or navy shorts and gym shoes, all clearly labelled with their name. This will be kept in class and sent home for washing each term. 
- An **old t shirt** for art work. A t-shirt is easier to get on and off than an old shirt and even better if it is too big for them as it covers more of their uniform. Please label this also. 
- A **water bottle** with their name clearly labelled. Children are allowed to drink water in class throughout the day. Please do not send them with juice. The bottle can be kept in class and fresh water will be put in each day from the water cooler. 

Things to know:

Buddies—THIS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE THIS YEAR DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING PROCEDURES



The P7 "Buddies" are there to help your child in the playground, showing where to line up, toilet location etc and will help your child settle into the lunch time routine. This has been very successful for Primary One children as it develops their confidence whilst giving them a sense of security.

Reading Bags

Your child will be provided with a tough wearing bag for the year in which to keep homework, diaries, letters and post. As most of their work will be kept in here it may be that a small schoolbag is substantial enough to keep their personal items, unless they wish to carry it in their schoolbag. If your child loses their reading bag, we would ask for a donation towards the cost of a replacement.

Homework

Your child will begin their homework journey with Jolly Phonics. This will come home everyday and should be practised regularly. After all the sounds have been covered, wordboxes will be sent home to encourage your child to blend sounds together to help them read a variety of words. As they become confident with hearing the sounds as words, they will be given a reading book and again should be practised regularly. Further into the session it may be that some maths, topic or language related activities may also be sent home.

Homework Diaries

Your child's homework diary should provide you with information of what is to be completed and for when. We would ask that you sign the homework diary to let us know that tasks and activities have been completed. It also helps to maintain regular communication between home and school so please use it to write notes, appointment times, pick ups etc so that we are well informed and we will endeavour to do the same.

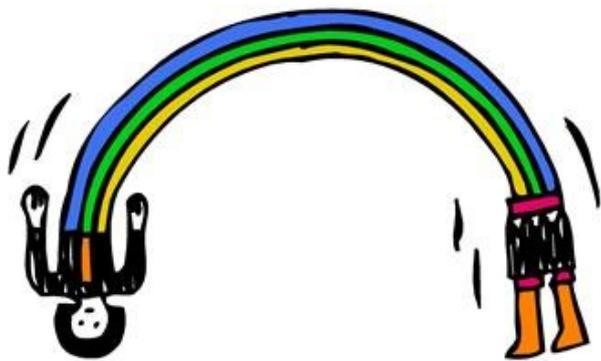
Equipment

In Primary 1 we will provide the children with everything they need to complete their tasks and activities. It is not necessary that they bring pencil cases and pens but they can if they wish to.

Top tips for preparing your child for Primary 1

Primary 1 is a busy time for everyone and after asking advice from parents of P1 pupils, we devised some top tips for what you can do with your child prior to August, to help them get organised quickly and independently.

- Practise getting clothes on and off on their own.
- Ensuring they can go to the toilet by themselves (if you are at all concerned about this, please inform us).
- Zipping up their coat.
- Putting their shoes on correctly.
- Cutting their food up by themselves.
- Time awareness/trying to do tasks within a certain time.



Helpful Holiday Hints

Climbing, jumping and balancing
Listen to/join in songs, jingles, rhymes
Sort and match cutlery
Assemble jigsaws
Play "I spy"
Help with shopping
Cut up old Christmas cards
Build with lego/duplo
Colouring in books

It is important to us that your child is happy at school so if there is anything at all that you or they are unhappy about, no matter how trivial it may seem, please let us know and we will do what we can to help.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child next session.