



General information for parent/carers

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School App for Parents

Our school website has lots of important information on it. This includes the Week Ahead, Position Statements for Literacy & English, Numeracy & Mathematics, Science, RSHP, PE, Homework and Promoting Positive Behaviour. We will also be updating the 'class pages' section of the website very soon, where you can see what your child will be learning this term. Please also download our school app, which has recently become our main form of communication. It has become really useful for sending out messages!

Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete the short surveymonkey questionnaires on Bullying and Homework. What matters to families also matters to us, and the feedback will very much inform our practice moving forward. Our parent/carers Review Group will be using this information in shaping our policies on both.



Free Meal Entitlement & Clothing Grant Support

Although all P1-3 children are entitled to Free School Meals as part of the Scottish Governments' initiative, if your circumstances entitle you to any of the benefits mentioned above, it is important you still apply for them each year. Applications can be made online at www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk or telephone 03031231011. If you would like any help to process this information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Pupils are encouraged to bring a bottle of water to drink during the day. To allow all classes to start their learning as quickly as possible, please provide your child with a medium-sized bottle, already filled, before they come to school each day. Pupils also access water at lunch.

Religious and Moral Education & Religious Observance

Establishments have a statutory obligation to deliver Religious and Moral Education in non-denominational schools. It should contribute to the totality of the curriculum through the delivery of the experiences and outcomes as part of a broad general education in primary schools.

In primary schools, it is expected that teaching and learning will focus on a maximum of two world religions in addition to Christianity to avoid superficial coverage of too many religions and too many aspects, which could be potentially confusing. Whilst one or more religions will be studied in depth, teachers may also want to draw upon carefully selected aspects of other religions, possibly in the context of interdisciplinary learning. Christopher Rankine, minister of Hillhouse Parish Church, continues to be our school chaplain and leads Religious Observance approximately six times per year.

Under Section 9 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, the conscience clause advises that parents/carers have a statutory right to withdraw children from participation in Religious and Moral Education &/or Religious Observance. Please contact school if this applies to your child/ren.



Please remember that pupils cycling to and from school must wear a helmet.



Please check which days your child has PE and ensure they have full kit with them. Ear-rings should **not** be worn on these days. Please refer to the PE Position Statement for more details.