

ENNISKILLEN INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL



Settling in Policy

Year 1

Ratified by Board of Governors:

As per statement on Website

I would like to welcome you and your child to Enniskillen Integrated Primary School. As a whole school community we look forward to working in partnership with you to make you and your child's time with us a happy and successful one.

Educational Transition is defined as the process of change that children make from one place to another. Starting nursery or pre-school is often the first big transition in a child's life. The move into Year 1 is the next transition.

Children settle into school life in lots of different ways. Some children will confidently move into the school, as soon as they come in. Other children may be nervous and anxious about leaving their parent. Most children will be somewhere in between.

Children will come with a diversity of individual experiences, attitudes, expectations and developmental differences that need to be acknowledged and considered to ensure each child becomes a fully valued member of their school community.

Please be reassured and try not to worry if your child experiences difficulties – it is part of a child's development to be anxious, nervous or angry about starting school. We also recognise that many parents will find this a difficult and sometimes upsetting process. We hope that we can use our experience to support you and your child in whatever ways suit you.

A positive parent/teacher partnership builds confidence in your child and results in the best outcome.

1. Getting Ready

- Prior to your child starting school we will gather information about your child from you and from other professionals i.e. Nursery Transition Report. If your child has a Special Need or Statement, we will ask for the most recent Individual Education Plan and or Statement of Educational Special Needs.

“Good liaison between pre-school and primary school is essential to help ensure continuity and progression in children’s learning experiences” (Curricular Guidance for Pre-School Education pg.17, 2007).

- Visit our school website with your child www.enniskillenintegrated.org.uk. Click on the Classes Cloud and visit the Year 1 classrooms. Children are more likely to feel confident if they are familiar with the physical environment.
- Visit our school Facebook Page to watch a virtual tour of the school
- Year 1 Induction Afternoon – attend our induction afternoon with your child in June. This will provide you and your child with an opportunity to meet the class teacher and classroom assistant.

It also provides you an opportunity to meet the school Principal and other parents whilst your child spends time in their new classroom.

***Covid-19 protocols may influence these arrangements**

2. Starting School

Our Year 1 pupils spend a morning in school without any other pupils, usually the last day in August. This allows their first day at school to be calm and gives them an opportunity, with their new teacher, to explore the school environment.

3. Staggered school finishing time – September

1st Week of Term – Year 1 pupils finish at 12.00pm.

2nd Week of Term – Year 1 pupils finish 1.00pm. Your child will have packed lunch or school dinner this week and experience the school dining hall for the first time.

3rd Week of Term – Year 1 pupils complete their full school day, finishing at 2.00pm.

4. Communication

Your child's class teacher is available before school if you have a concern or something you need to have a quick chat about.

Your child's class teacher is available in their classroom on the first Tuesday of each month after school. You do not need to make an appointment.

***Covid-19 currently has an impact on this**

We will provide you with your child's class teacher email to allow for easy communication.

Parentmail – this is our school tool for ALL letters, forms, trips, messages, alerts etc.

This is also the system we use for payments to school and booking dinners etc.

5. Afterschool Provision Years 1 and 2

We offer this wrap around care – starting on the third week when the full school day commences. As Year 1 and 2 finish before school buses are due we offer this, to allow your child to go home on the bus or with older siblings. Afterschools is booked via the Parentmail App. It is staffed by your child's Classroom Assistant or Class Teacher.

Applications for a school bus online via The Education Authority – eani.org.uk – Home to School Transport