

The Curriculum

The school curriculum is made up of a number of different subject areas. We follow the guidelines produced in 'A Curriculum for Excellence'. These encompass the following areas in the 3-18 curriculum:

- ☆ Expressive Arts
- ☆ Health and wellbeing
- ☆ Languages
- ☆ Mathematics
- ☆ Religious and Moral Education
- ☆ Sciences
- ☆ Social Studies
- ☆ Technologies

Curriculum for Excellence represents Scotland's vision for the education of all children. It aims to raise standards, improve knowledge and develop skills.

This enriched and creative curriculum requires the full involvement of teachers, practitioners, parents and learners, and for everyone to work together.

The aim is to ensure that every child should experience a broad education that develops skills for learning, for life, and work with a real focus on literacy and numeracy and promotes an active and healthy lifestyle.

Parents and carers are the biggest influence on a child's development, particularly in the early years. Staff and parents sharing information is key to the best possible start for children.

Ways you can help

Your child learns and develops rapidly during the important early years of their life. During this time, the home learning environment has a significant impact on children's development, and their ability and willingness to learn.

- ☆ Encourage them to be independent e.g. getting dressed and washing-hands
- ☆ Help them develop literacy skills by reading to them every day, learning nursery rhymes together and reading familiar words to them



- ☆ Help them develop number skills by encouraging them to count and use numbers e.g. counting up and down stairs, pairing up socks or collecting stones and putting them in order of size
- ☆ Support, encourage and listen to them as they express themselves, talk about their thoughts and ideas and how they're feeling
- ☆ Give them opportunities to use their fingers and hands e.g. building with bricks, cutting with scissors, fastening zips and buttons
- ☆ Find out what they're doing at school and think about what you can do to build on this
- ☆ Talk to the staff working with your child and share information
- ☆ Praise their efforts

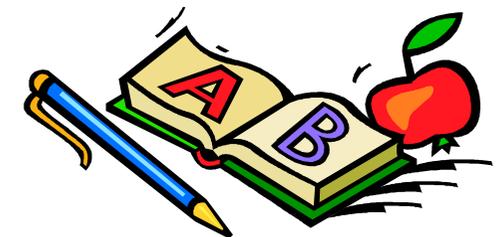
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Learning at the Early Level)**

P1 Entry to Crathie School

Information for Parents



2017 - 2018



Welcome to Crathie Primary School

Starting school is a very exciting time and we look forward to liaising with you in the run up to the new term in August. We hope your child will be very happy during their time here.

Pre-school Visits

During the summer term, your child is warmly invited to visit the classroom when they are in school for parent and toddlers.

During the 'link week', when P7s visit Aboyne Academy a visit will be arranged where new entrants are invited to spend some time in school to become familiar with their new surroundings and to meet staff and classmates. During that visit pupils will be able to participate in class activities. They will also have the opportunity to stay for lunch on that day and Parents are invited to join them and try out school lunches on this day too.



Nursery Visit

Your child's new teacher, Mr Clark, will visit the nursery setting during the summer term prior to your child starting school.

Afternoon/Evening Workshop

In the summer term, prior to your child starting school you will be invited into the school. The purpose of this will be to allow you to see the learning environment and general resources used by the pupils. It will allow you to meet your child's teacher and Head Teacher and provide opportunity for informal discussion about general school issues.

Learning Packs

Your child will be given a learning pack, containing books and activities to share with you at home. These packs will be handed out during their visits and will be exchanged the following week.

Settling in

During the first term, your child will become accustomed to the daily class and school routine. Towards the end of the first term, a morning/afternoon will be arranged for you to come in and observe your child in the classroom.



What your child needs to bring to school:

- A school bag for carrying books, etc.
- Shorts, T-shirt and gym shoes (this will be needed for P.E. sessions at various times throughout the week)
- Indoor shoes to change into each day.



Crathie School Vision and Values

The Crathie School community focuses on working together as a priority to achieve the best possible environment for work, learning and leisure. This is achieved through an ethos of mutual respect, generating good teamwork, mutual trust and support.

As a Unicef Rights Respecting School, accredited at the highest level, our vision is to have **respect** permeating all aspects of school life for the on-going benefit of our school community.

Crathie is also a Commended Health Promoting School and has received green flag status as an Eco-School.