

Sciennes Frequently Asked Questions

Please note that some of these responses may be subject to change in line with Covid Guidelines.

1. How many classes will there be in P1?

Three classes of 25 pupils

2. What are the times of the school day?

Currently the times are: Mon – Thurs : 9.00am – 2.50pm Fri : 9.00am – 12noon

3. Will there be a phased start to school in the first week?

Yes, your child will be in a small group of 8 pupils so that the teacher can get to know them well and help them to become familiar with the school. That means that your child will attend one of the sessions in the first week, then start on the following Monday for a full day.

4. Will we be able to meet the P1 teachers face to face before school starts in Aug?

This looks very unlikely, but we will make every effort to ensure that you have all of the information that you and your child need to make a smooth transition from nursery to P1. Transition last year was very successful.

5. Who will look after my child in the playground?

Our playground is maintained and supervised by our Playground Supervisors, supported by a number of PSAs (Pupil Support Assistants). In addition to this, a member of the Senior Leadership Team is also present. We hope to be able to re-introduce our Buddy System next session where all P1 pupils are befriended and cared for by one of our P4 pupils.

6. Will there be Pupil Support Assistants (PSAs) in P1?

PSAs will support learning across P1, in particular those children with additional support needs.

7. Will my child be with their friends from Nursery?

We take several factors into consideration when making up the class groups as it is important that all children feel secure and happy at school. Your child is likely to be with some, but not necessarily all, of his / her friends from Nursery. One of our first tasks is to have the pupils learn their classmate's names and make new friends.

8. Does my child stay in the same classroom all day?

We take advantage of our wonderful playground whenever possible, not only at playtime and lunchtime, but also for outdoor learning. We are frequent visitors to the Nature Strip across from the front of the school. A popular part of the P1 weekly timetable is Welly Wednesday. Outdoor clothing is highly recommended each day.

9. Is there After School Club and Breakfast Club provision?

There is after school provision in our school plus several providers in our local area. The school runs a breakfast club each day.

10. How do I organise lunches for my child?

All children in P1 are entitled to a free lunch. They eat lunch in the Dining halls (in 'normal' circumstances; currently many classes eat lunch in the classroom). Lunch is ordered through ParentPay, an online system. You will be given a code so that you can access the menus when your child starts school. You must order lunch by Wednesday for the following week.

11. Do the children wear school uniform?

We encourage all children to wear school colours – navy or grey, and red. School wear with our school badge can be ordered online from [ImageScotland](#) (see our [website](#) for more details) and will be delivered to your home. We hold regular secondhand school uniform sales. Please label everything!