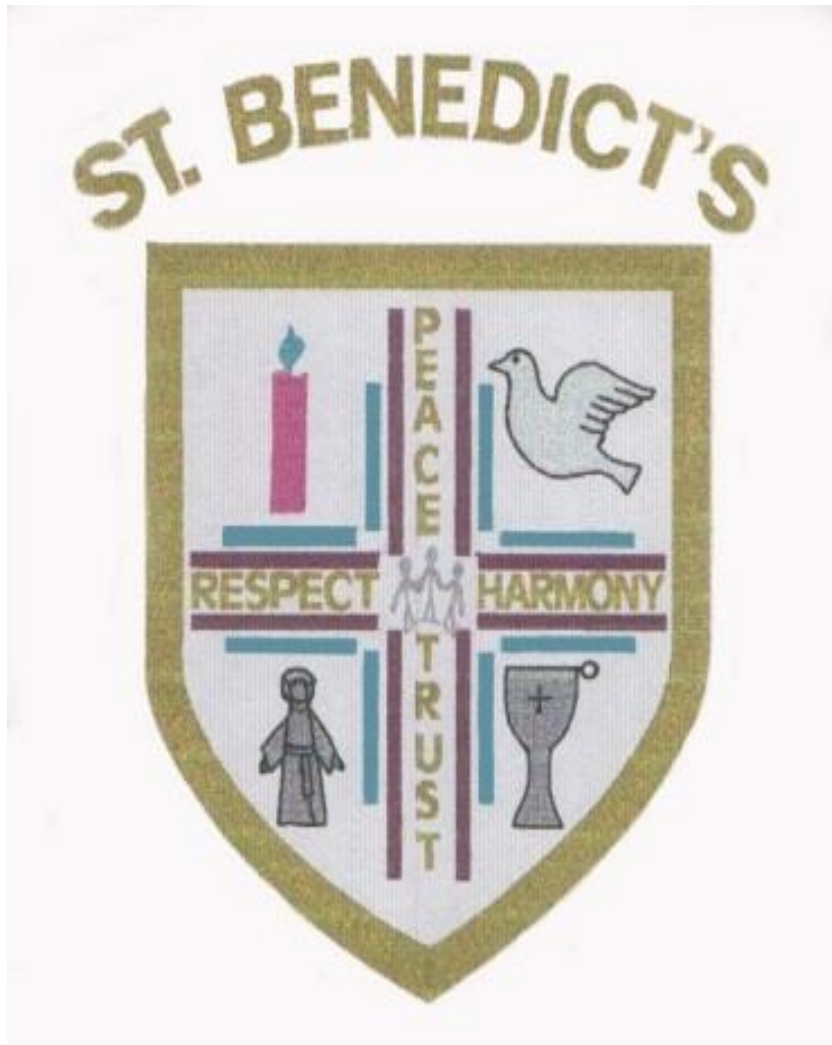
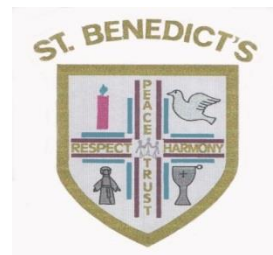


My Getting Ready For School Pack



Name:



Dear Parent/Carer,

Enclosed in this pack are some activities and information for you and your child to help and support them in preparing for starting school at St Benedict's in August.

Our Transition Programme this year will be different for our new Primary 1 children due to COVID-19 restrictions, however we would like to reassure you we are doing everything we can to ensure your child has a smooth and happy transition to school.

Also included in this pack are some answers to frequently asked questions you may currently have regarding your child's transition. We will be providing you with further information about your child's transition to school via our School App and Twitter and will update you as we learn new information.

I hope you find this information useful. We are so looking forward to meeting and working with you and your children. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Kind Regards
Miss. H Sludden
Principal Teacher

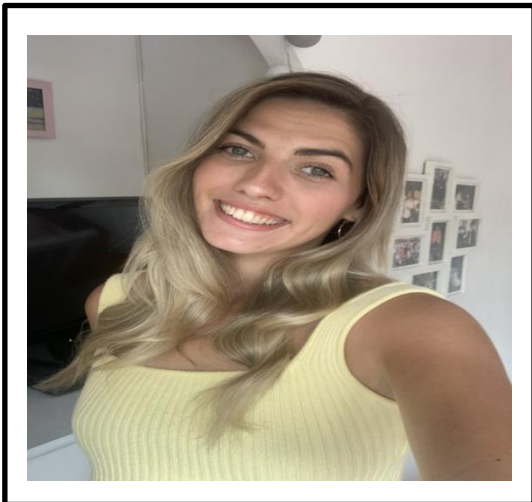


Meet Our Primary 1 Team 😊



" I am really excited about seeing you all in August boys and girls. We are getting lots of fun activities ready for you here at St Benedict's and I am looking forward to helping you settle into school and make lots of new friends."

Miss Sludden (Principal Teacher)



"Hello boys and girls. I can't wait to meet you when you come to St Benedict's. We will have lots of fun getting to know each other. I have lots of exciting new activities for you to try. See you all soon."

Miss Parkinson (P1 Class Teacher)

Meet Our Primary 1 Team 😊



"Hello boys and girls, I'm Miss McCabe and I'm one of the Primary 1 teachers at St Benedict's. I can't wait to meet you all. We are going to have a lot of fun playing and learning together. I'm very excited and I hope you are too."

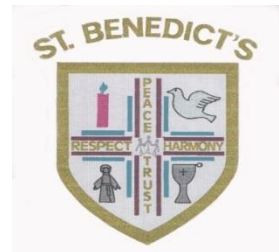
Miss McCabe (P1 Class Teacher)



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Mrs McGurk (Child Development Officer)

Questions You May Have



In this section you will find a list of answers to questions that are regularly asked at the start of the school year. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, we may not be able to give you full information at this time. Please bear with us and we will update you with information as soon as possible.

- **When will my child start school?**

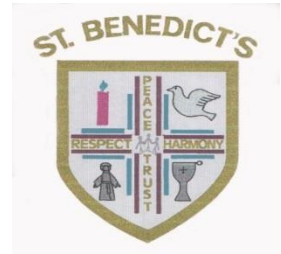
Children will start school on the **week beginning 11th August**. We will update you with a confirmed date and time for your child's first day as soon as we have confirmation of this from the local authority. Please continue to check our St Benedict's school App/Twitter for updates and information. You can download the school App from the Scot Ed App by searching for St Benedict's.

- **What should I be doing with my child before they start school?**

Included in this pack are checklists and handy hints for Literacy, Numeracy and independence skills. Working on these skills over the coming months will really support your child in being ready for school. You will also find some useful activities and games for starting school @

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/starting-primary-school/1>

Questions You May Have



- **Will staff visit my child's nursery?**

Fortunately we have already visited most of the children in their nursery setting at the start of our transition period. We have met with nursery staff who have passed on information to us. We will have a chance to meet you and your child at our meet the teacher appointments and you can pass on any further information you think would be useful for us to know.

- **When will I know my child's class and teacher?**

At our meet the teacher sessions on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th June you and your child will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Please check the day and time slot which is in your P1 Transition letter which was posted out to you.

- **Will my child be with a friend? What if my child doesn't know anyone?**

We always take friendships into account as well as good working relationships and additional support needs. We have children joining us from a range of different nurseries, so some join us not knowing anyone else. At St Benedict's Primary we ensure that all staff are aware of children who have joined us on their own, so that we can give them a little bit of extra support when settling in and making friends.

- **What is the school uniform?**

The uniform at St Benedict's is as follows:

Sweatshirt or cardigan with school badge (black)

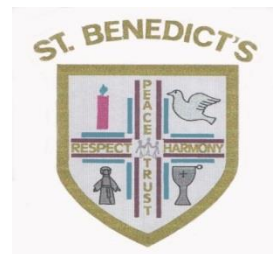
Black skirt/trousers

White shirt

Plain black outdoor shoes

Tie (school colours)

Black sandshoes are worn inside the building



- **What do children wear for their PE Kit**

Yellow St Benedict's T-Shirt With school badge

Black Shorts

Black sandshoes

- **Where can I get the school uniform?**

Our School Uniform Provider is:

Be Schoolwear

35 Argyle street

Glasgow G2 8AH

0141 221 4472

(Our uniform can be purchased online @

www.border-embroideries.co.uk)

- **Where can I apply for a school clothing grant?**

Information about eligibility and application forms for clothing grants may be obtained from

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/17855/Clothing-Grants-and-Free-School-Meals>

Questions You May Have



- **Is there a breakfast club?**

The school normally provides a breakfast club from 8:15-8:45. Toast, cereal, fruit juice and milk are offered. The club is monitored by one of our support staff. Please be aware that this service may be impacted when we return in August due to Covid-19 and places will be limited.

- **What are the arrangements for lunchtimes?**

Our school provides a lunch service which offers a variety of meals and snacks. Medical diets for children can be provided. Further information can be found here:

<http://www.fuelzoneprimary.co.uk>

Please inform the Headteacher if your child has any dietary requirements.

Children who prefer to bring packed lunches will be accommodated in a suitable area.

All children in P1-4 are entitled to a free school meal.

- **How do I let the school know if my child has medical needs?**

Parents should inform the school of any medical requirements relating to their child. If a child requires medication during the school day, parents must complete the appropriate medical form. This is available on request from the school office.

- **Who can I speak to regarding my child's additional support needs?**

We have now met and liaised closely with your child's nursery key workers and staff to ensure we have all important information about the children's learning needs. We plan ahead to meet the needs of all learners and that all children are included and supported in their learning. If you have a concern regarding your child's learning and feel they would require additional support in school please phone and speak to our Headteacher, Depute Headteacher or member of our school management team who will be more than happy to discuss and support you with this.

