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Welcome

September 2020

"I'm proud to be a pupil at Kilmorie because I learn interesting and exciting things."

Year 4 Pupil

COVID19 Update

Please note some of this key information will differ at this time due to government guidance to schools during the pandemic.

Induction:

- We are passionate about the induction of new children into school. It is key to their success in education that their first experience of our school is a positive one.
- Once a place in Reception has been offered and accepted we invite parents to an induction meeting. This meeting covers many areas and is an opportunity to meet the staff. Children are invited to spend time with their future classmates.
- Reception children start at 9.00am and stay until 1.00pm, just after lunch, in their first week. In the second week this is optional, leading to being full time by the third week. Parents are welcome to stay and settle in their child.

The outstanding curriculum at Kilmorie develops pupils' creative skills as well as secure high academic achievement. Parents are rightly proud of how the school helps their children to be well-rounded citizens of the future.

Ofsted, March 2017

Welcome to Kilmorie Primary School

We are an inclusive, vibrant community committed to enabling our pupils to be successful citizens with a great love for learning. Our school environment is safe, exciting and welcoming to our children and their families. Our curriculum is broad, rich, immersive and purposeful and encourages our children to be independent, innovative and curious learners. As well as academic success we strive to develop the children's emotional intelligence and their empathy for others.

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Curriculum:

In Reception and Nursery we follow the Early Years Foundations Stage curriculum where learning is developed through play. The areas of learning are:

3 Prime Areas: Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

4 Specific Areas: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design

In Year 1 to Year 6 we follow the National Curriculum and have a strong emphasis on cross curricular topic-based learning linked in with the EYFS curriculum. Our subjects are arranged into curriculum areas based on those in EYFS.

The School Day:

- The bell is rung at 8.55am every day and children should be in class at 9.00am.
- The Reception classes finish at 3.25pm and all other year groups finish at 3.30pm.
- Playtime is at 10.25am until 10.40am for all year groups except Reception and Year 1 which is at 10.55am- 11.10am.
- Lunch times are:
 - Reception: 11.45am-1.00pm
 - KS1: 12noon-1.00pm
 - KS2: 12.30pm-1.30pm

Timings are currently staggered due to keeping bubbles separated.

Eating in School:

- A community breakfast is available in the lower hall between 8.00am and 8.45am for parents and their children.
- Fruit is offered to Reception and Years 1 & 2 during morning play. Water is available in class throughout the day and Reception classes are also offered milk.
- There are 2 options for lunches - school lunch and packed lunch.

Kilmorie is a NUT FREE school.

Getting Involved:

- We are always happy to have parents join us in class, on trips or at other events.
- We appreciate that parents know their child best and we love to hear about what they are doing at home.
- We have an 'open door' policy so parents are encouraged to speak to us if they have any questions about their child or any concerns.
- There are regular opportunities to attend curriculum meetings and parents' evenings.
- Every parent is a member of the Friends of Kilmorie, our enthusiastic fundraisers. Meetings and events are held regularly. We have a vibrant school community and events are well attended and demonstrate the importance of parental involvement.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Wrap Around Care:

- Kilmorie offers many after school activities e.g. sports, art & crafts, dance, problem solving, drama etc. We have developed our provision to offer a broad range of clubs at a low cost.
- Music is a strength at Kilmorie. As well as all classes having weekly lessons by a specialist teacher there are individual or group lessons with peripatetic teachers. We have a thriving choir and all groups have the opportunity to perform during the school year.
- Breakfast club and after school care are provided by the school. This runs from 7.45am until 6.30pm. Please contact Louisa Hopper, the Wrap Around Care Manager, if you would like to book a place on 07825 777827.

Clothing:

- There is no specific uniform at Kilmorie. However, it is parental choice whether you would like your child to wear 'uniform type clothing' or not. It is essential though that children wear practical clothing which doesn't impede their learning. In Reception there are many messy activities, so we ask parents not to send children in their best clothes!
- For PE children wear t-shirt, shorts, trainers and when necessary track suits for outdoor PE.
- In Reception outdoor PE is done in their regular clothes and trainers are rarely needed for indoor PE.

- *We have an exciting, creative curriculum, enabling children to be enthusiastic, independent and successful learners.*
- In our most recent results (2018/19) we once again achieved excellent results across all Key Stages.
- *Kilmorie is a very open school, encouraging parents and carers to be involved in the school community. We value our parents and carers as partners in the education of their children.*
- Kilmorie offers a wide selection of extra-curricular activities such as music, art, sports and dance.
- *The refurbished building offers an engaging and stimulating learning environment.*
- Kilmorie was rated as an outstanding school by Ofsted in March 2017.

COVID19 Changes - currently:

- We are not offering a community breakfast.
- There are no school trips taking place.
- There are no before, during or after school clubs taking place.
- Wrap Around Care provision is continuing.