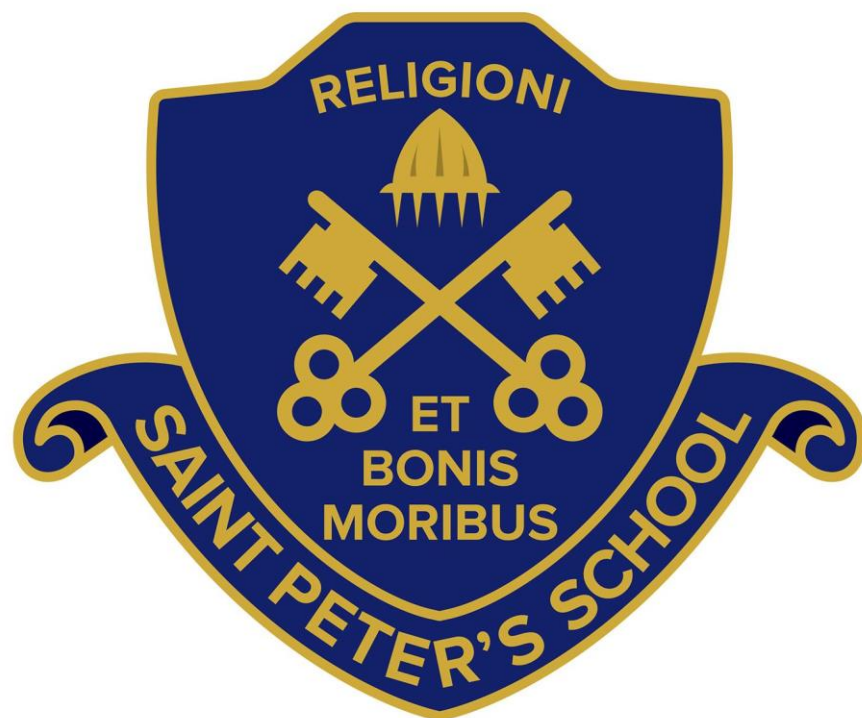


Welcome to  
St Peter's RC  
Primary School

Information for  
families  
of new P1 pupils

Tuesday 18th  
June 2024









Priest Charles  
Gordon founded  
our school in 1833



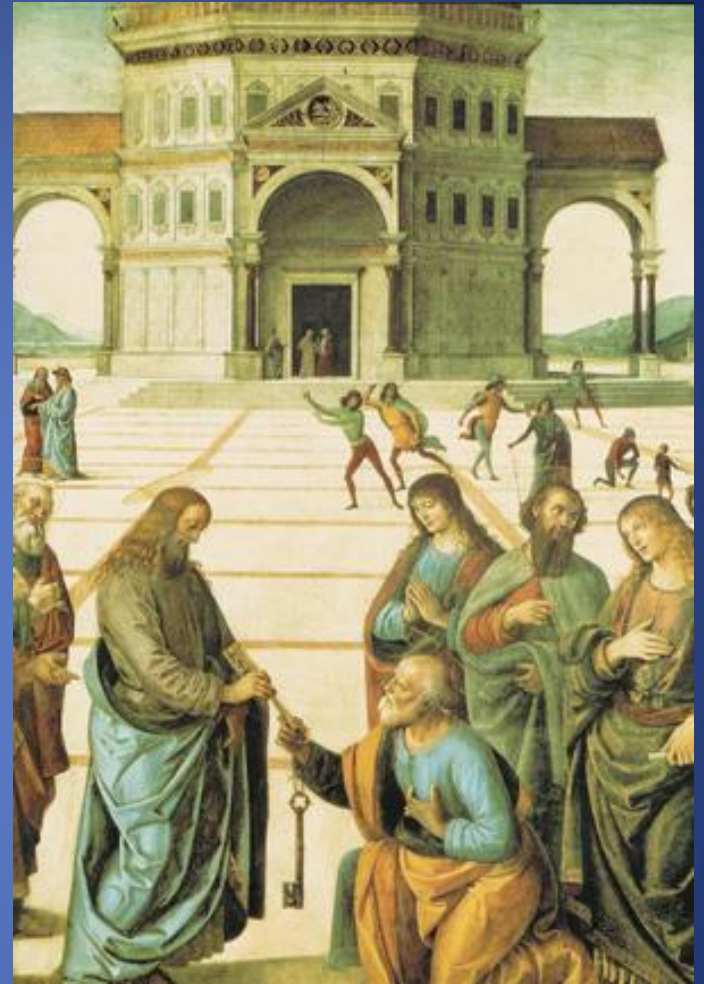
# St Peter's School Renovation Project



We are due to move to another school building (Riverbank School) whilst works are carried out on the existing school site to upgrade and extend.

The estimated timeline for us moving to the Riverbank School building is Spring 2025. More details will be shared with parents once available.

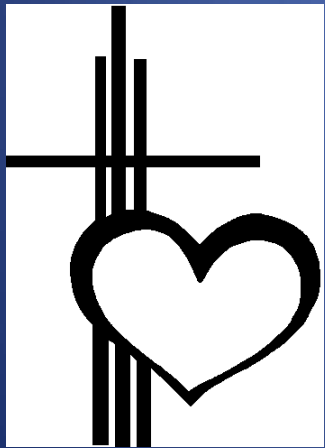
Our school values  
responsibility  
respect  
kindness  
tolerance  
forgiveness





This is our school.  
Let there be peace here.  
Let the rooms be full of contentment.  
Let there be love in our learning and in our play.

Love of one another,  
Love of all people,  
Love of life itself  
And love of God.



Let us remember that,  
As many hands build a house,  
So many hearts make St Peter's School.



# St Peter's RC School



As a Catholic school, we support all parents in their commitments as the first educators of their children.



All staff appointed to a Catholic school are expected to support and promote the aims, mission, values and ethos of the school, as illustrated in the CHARTER for CATHOLIC SCHOOLS in SCOTLAND.



## Charter for Catholic Schools in Scotland



The mission of the Catholic school is to develop as a community of faith and learning, providing the highest quality of education, and offering formation through the promotion of Gospel values, through celebration and worship, and through service to the common good.



**All Catholic schools in Scotland**, in honouring Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life, will feature the following characteristics:

- a commitment to the integrated education and formation of the whole person, in close partnership with parents as the first educators of their children;
- an inclusive ethos which aims to honour the life, dignity and voice of each person, made in the image of God;
- a commitment to the search for wisdom in life and to the pursuit of excellence, through the development of each person's unique God-given talents;
- a commitment to the spiritual formation of the school community, through the shared experience of prayer and liturgy, and in partnership with local parishes;
- the provision of religious education programmes which will enable young people to develop their understanding of Gospel values and of how to apply them to life;
- a commitment to uphold the moral teaching, faith tradition and sacramental life of the Catholic Church;
- a commitment to communicate Catholic social teaching and thereby to promote social justice and opportunity for all;
- a commitment to ecumenical action and the unity of Christians;
- the promotion of respect for different beliefs and cultures and for inter-faith dialogue;
- a commitment to support the continuing professional and spiritual development of staff.



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# *Our P1 Teacher this year*

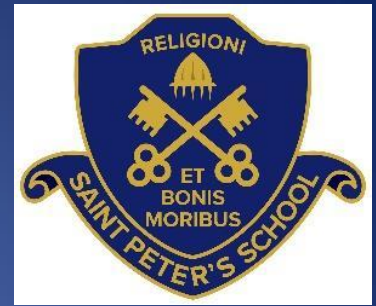


**Miss Lilly**

*Miss Lilly will also be supported by a Pupil Support Assistant (PSA) in Primary 1.*



# St Peter's Senior Leadership Team



**Mr Liam Sturrock**  
**Head Teacher**



**Mrs Amy Bain**  
**Depute Head Teacher**  
**(Tuesday to Friday)**



**Mrs Carolyn Kelman**  
**Depute Head Teacher (Monday)**

# Our team

- Senior Leadership (Head Teacher, Depute Head Teachers).
- Teachers (class teachers, non-class contact, Supporting Learners)
- Pupil Support Assistants
- Office staff
- Lunchroom staff
- Janitorial team
- Cleaning staff





**Fr Gabor Czako**  
School Chaplain



# GIRFEC – Getting It Right For Every Child



Any concerns should be brought to the attention of staff.

Other agencies share concerns with us and we work together for the good of each child.

The Head Teacher is the Child Protection Coordinator.

The law on all forms of physical punishment of children in Scotland has changed.  
On 7 November 2020, all forms of physical punishment of children became against the law in Scotland.

**If you want to know more about this change in the law, please visit our [website](#).**

This contains information about why this law has been introduced and what it does.

Our website also includes details about what we've done to prepare for this change in the law and where support is available for those that want it.

**This change in the law is about making things better for children in Scotland.**

Physical punishment is not in the best interests of children, and it can be harmful. It includes but is not limited to smacking, slapping, skelping and pinching.

We want Scotland to be the best place in the world for children to grow up, and this legal change supports that aim.



**We know it can sometimes be difficult to cope with being a parent or carer.**

That's why we've put together some advice and tips for keeping calm when things get challenging.

You can find these, and other helpful hints, on our [ParentClub](#) website.

**And remember, if you're a parent, you're not on your own.**

We all find things challenging sometimes, but you do not need to go it alone - support is available.

If you think speaking to someone might help, you can talk to [Children 1st Parentline](#). This is a free service.

# Every P1 child gets a buddy from P7

## Role of the Buddy

- To be a friendly face
- To help at playtimes with playing games and building friendships
- Supporting buddies during assemblies and school events
- Help with toothbrushing, reading stories and special class events / activities.





# House Captains

Every pupil is in a House.

We organise events that allow everyone to feel part of a team.

We help each other to follow our school values.



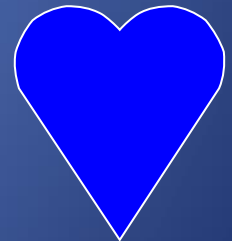
Elphinstone  
St. Andrew



St. Machar



Kings



New term starts on Tuesday 20th August.

## First Week

*Pupils should be here by 9.00am.*

*Pupils will be met by the teachers in the playground (near the office).*

*Please collect your child at 12.30pm on Tuesday and 1.45pm on Wednesday.*

*P1s will begin full time with us from the Thursday.*

*Please wait at the pick up point (Dunbar Street). Teachers will bring the children out to the pick-up point.*



## Week 2 onwards

P1 children will follow the same routines as the rest of the school. Playground opens at 8.50am. Children should be in their line by 9.00am. Any children arriving late (after 9.00am when classes have gone in) should be brought to the office by a parent / carer.

Transport for those pupils receiving this will start this week. Arrangements will be shared for bus stop pick up and drop off times from school transport team.

  
Welcome  
To Our School





# Drop off / pick up point for all pupils



Dunbar Street.

Please support the safety of our whole school community and neighbours by parking legally and responsibly. There is **no parking** for parents / carers on school premises. This helps to keep our children safe.

# Attendance



Parents are asked to ensure that children attend school regularly and punctually.

Children who arrive late for school miss vital morning routines and may find it hard to understand the planned learning activities for the day. Please let us know if your child is absent by telephoning 01224 485611 or e-mailing [stpeters@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:stpeters@aberdeencity.gov.uk) by 9.15am on the first day of absence.

Groupcall texts are sent to families if we have not been notified and we work closely with our Home-School Liaison Officer who calls at the homes of children whose attendance gives cause for concern.

Please try to arrange appointments out with the school day. Family holidays should not be taken during term time and will be recorded as unauthorised absences unless there are very exceptional circumstances.

# School Holidays / Closure Days



All of the latest details for school holidays / closure days can be found on the [Aberdeen City Council website](#) (search “Aberdeen City Council school holidays”).





# On-time collection of pupils

Parents / carers (or those registered to collect pupils) should be at school before 3.15pm to collect their child at the end of the school day. Parents are also asked to be at the transport stops ahead of the scheduled arrival of the bus for pupils who are transported.

In an emergency situation where you are running late, please contact the school office to make us aware of this.



# Communication and Online Systems

We use Google Classroom to share learning (including photos / updates) and assign home learning.



Google Classroom

We send home paper slips to inform you if your child has had a small accident / injury in school.

The school use “Groupcall” to send texts / emails to parents with useful and important information.



We will share log-in details at the start of P1 for Google classroom and other home learning systems.

# School Uniform



Navy  
sweatshirt or  
cardigan  
(can be with  
school badge  
or plain)



**Remember to write your child's name or put a name label on every jacket, sweatshirt and polo shirt.**





Pale blue polo shirt  
(can be with the  
school logo)

*Plain pale blue polo shirts can be  
bought in supermarkets and  
department stores*



Dark trousers (grey, black or dark blue)

Grey, black or dark blue skirts or pinafores.

In summer, blue gingham dresses can be worn.

**Remember to write your child's name or put a name label  
on every jacket, sweatshirt, polo shirt, shorts, bag and lunchbox.  
Please write your child's name inside the indoor shoes too.**



# Link for ordering uniform

<https://schoolwearmadeeasy.com/collections/st-peters-primary-aberdeen>



**SCHOOLWEAR**  
**MADE EASY**



# What does my child need to bring?



## A school bag

Remember to write your child's name or put a name label on the schoolbag.



## Gym shoes / indoor shoes to wear in the classroom and gym hall

Please write your child's name inside the indoor shoes too.

# What does my child need to bring?



## A water bottle

Remember to write your child's name or put a name label on the bottle. Flip lid / leak-proof are best.

A piece of fruit for break time and a packed lunch box if desired (e.g. for days your child will not be taking a school lunch)

Please write your child's name inside the packed lunch box.



# Food in school

Children may bring one piece of fruit for snack.

*Please do not send in extra food.*

*We are not allowed to give out sweets or birthday cake.*

*No nuts in packed lunch boxes / in school. We have some children and staff with severe nut allergies.*

*Please inform school of any allergies (food or other) your child has.*





# School lunch

Healthy lunches are provided from Seaton kitchen. Children can choose from at least three options every day.



The menu is available via the [Aberdeen City Council website](#) (search “Aberdeen City Schools Meals”).

It is important your child knows what they would like to order for lunch each day. You will receive information for Parent Pay to support with ordering meals at home.

*School meals are free for children in P1 – P5, and parents of older children can apply for free school meals at any time. Those meeting the criteria can also apply at any time (P1 August onwards) to have access to benefits such as school clothing grant.*



### How do I apply?

If you want to apply for our benefits in a language that's not English call us on **0800 182 2222** and ask for an interpreter.

We can arrange an interpreter in over 100 languages and they will help you fill in the application over the phone.

It's free for you to apply in a language that's not English. The online and paper application forms are only in English.

Visit [mygov.scot/benefits](https://mygov.scot/benefits) to apply online.



### How to contact us

-  Call us free on: 0800 182 2222
-  Text Relay Service: 18001 +0300 244 4000 (for the hard of hearing)
-  British Sign Language users: [contactscotland-bsl.org](https://contactscotland-bsl.org)
-  Webchat: [chat.socialsecurity.gov.scot](https://chat.socialsecurity.gov.scot)

### Get extra support applying for benefits

The Independent Advocacy Service provided by VoiceAbility is open to anyone with a disability who needs support to access and apply for Social Security Scotland benefits. Contact VoiceAbility directly for free on **0300 303 1660** or by visiting [www.voiceability.org](https://www.voiceability.org)



HAPPY TO TRANSLATE  
Call 0800 182 2222

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## A guide to Social Security Scotland's benefits



Dignity,  
fairness,  
respect.

Social Security Scotland was set up by the Scottish Government to deliver a social security system for the people of Scotland based on the values of dignity, fairness and respect.

We deliver benefits for people with children under 16, disabled people, carers, young people entering the workplace, people who need help paying for a funeral and to help people heat their homes.

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and local authorities also continue to deliver some benefits.

### For people with children under 16

People getting Universal Credit, tax credits or other qualifying benefits could be entitled to five family payments.

#### Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby Payment

A £754.65 payment for a first child and £377.35 for other children. People can apply from the end of the 24th week of pregnancy until their baby is 6 months old.

#### Best Start Grant Early Learning Payment

A £314.45 payment when a child is between the ages of 2 and 3.5 years. People can still get the payment if their child is not taking up a place at nursery.

#### Best Start Grant School Age Payment

A £314.45 payment when a child is first old enough to start school. You don't need to take up a school place to get the payment.

#### Best Start Foods

Money every four weeks on a pre-paid card from pregnancy until a child is 3 years old to buy healthy food.

#### Scottish Child Payment

A payment of £106.80 every 4 weeks for each of your children under the age of 16.

### For young people entering the workplace

#### Job Start Payment

£314.45 to help people aged 16-24 with the costs of starting a new job. Available to those who have been getting certain benefits for 6 months or more and returning to work after being unemployed. People with children will receive £503.10.

### For people who need help paying for a funeral

#### Funeral Support Payment

A one off payment to help cover some of the costs of a funeral. For people getting Universal Credit, tax credits or other qualifying benefits.

### To help people heat their homes

#### Child Winter Heating Payment

£251.50 paid once a year help disabled children, young people and their families getting certain qualifying benefits with increased heating costs over winter.

#### Winter Heating Payment

A yearly payment of £58.75 that's paid automatically to help people getting certain benefits who might have extra heating needs.

### For carers

#### Carer's Allowance Supplement

An extra payment of £288.60 to people who are getting Carer's Allowance from the DWP or Carer Support Payment from Social Security Scotland on certain qualifying dates. This is paid automatically every 6 months.

#### Young Carer Grant

A payment of £383.75 once a year for 16, 17 and 18 year olds who care for someone getting a disability benefit for around 16 hours a week.

### For disabled people

#### Child Disability Payment

A payment every 4 weeks to help with the extra costs of caring for a child with a disability, illness or health condition.

#### Adult Disability Payment

Financial support for people if they are aged between 16 and state pension age, and are disabled, have a long term health condition or terminal illness.

For the latest information on the benefits we deliver visit [mygov.scot/benefits](https://mygov.scot/benefits)

# Full guide to Social Security Scotland Benefits

*The following link contains information about the full range of benefits supported by Social Security Scotland. There are also translations available on their website.*





[https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/asset-storage/production/downloads/A-guide-to-our-benefits\\_March-2024\\_translated.pdf](https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/asset-storage/production/downloads/A-guide-to-our-benefits_March-2024_translated.pdf)



# Headlice

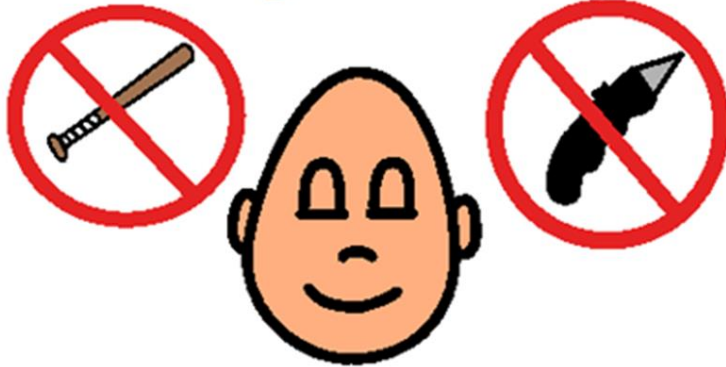
- Check every week.
- Treat only if you find nits or lice.
- Inform school.



Head lice myth buster				
Myth or truth	 State of hair	 Length of hair	 Spread of lice	 Itchy scalp?
<b>Myth</b>	Prefer clean hair	Prefer long hair	Jump and can spread via clothes/towels	Always means itchy scalp
<b>Truth</b>	Infect both clean and dirty hair	Infect all lengths and types of hair	Walk from head to head	Only itches if allergic to bites/faeces

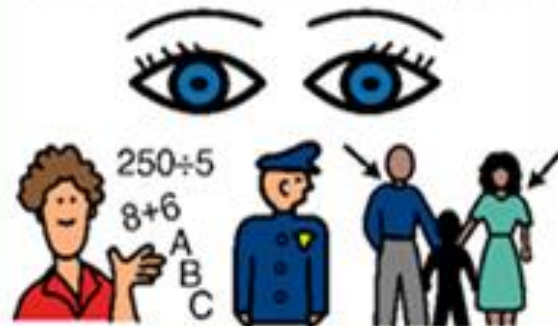
# Aberdeen City Anti-Knife Crime Policy

Keeping Ourselves Safe  
from Dangerous Weapons

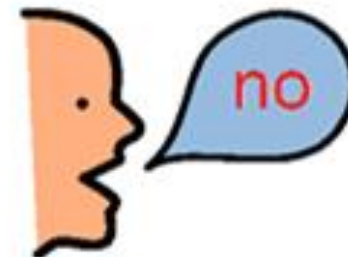


See It Hear It Share It

If you see someone else with a weapon,  
tell a teacher, a policeman or a parent.



If someone asks you to keep a weapon  
for them, say 'no' and tell a teacher,  
a policeman or a parent.



It is important for you and your friends to be safe and look after each other.



# CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE

- Health and wellbeing
- Languages
- Mathematics
- Sciences
- Social studies
- Expressive arts
- Technologies
- Religious and moral education

curriculum for excellence







# St Peter's RC Primary School – Our Curriculum Rationale

We care for each other in a community of faith and learning. We strive for excellence and understanding in our learning and behaviour.

Respect, Tolerance, Responsibility, Kindness and Forgiveness

## Our Key Drivers

*Ethos is inclusive and supportive, encouraging a 'can do' attitude in pupils and staff.*

Sustained focus on excellence in achievement and attainment.

*Raise aspirations and broaden outlooks.*

Nurture spiritual development.

*Respect and tolerance for different ways of learning and living.*

Trust among pupils, staff and parents.

*Valuing each person's talents, opinions and contributions.*

Planning and assessment are proportionate, useful and collaborative.

curriculum for excellence



## Principles for Curriculum Design:

- challenge and enjoyment
- breadth
- progression
- depth
- personalisation and choice
- coherence
- relevance

## Totality of the Curriculum

- Engagement of all pupils in a class in agreeing key questions for interdisciplinary learning.
- Planned and agreed focus for whole school involvement in liturgies, healthy living, EcoSchools and Rights Respecting activities, Global links and enterprises.
- Opportunities for all pupils and staff to contribute to assemblies and other events that showcase achievements of all kinds.
- Active links with parents, church communities, other schools, libraries, Sport Aberdeen and ASV.
- Learning in the school playground and garden, Seaton Park, Cruickshank Gardens, beach and city centre.

## Our Learning is

Exciting, stimulating and engaging.

Inter-disciplinary.

Child-centred.

Differentiated to meet the needs of all pupils and challenge them appropriately.

Developing skills, knowledge and positive attitudes.

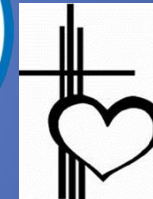
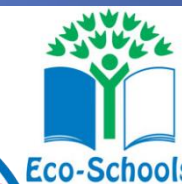
Purposeful.

Co-operative.

Taking opportunities to learn everywhere – outdoors, online, on short and extended trips.

Coherent and well-planned.

Developing understanding of personal responsibilities for health and wellbeing, the environment and contributing to society.



# Some things you may hear of supporting learning at St Peter's



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DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL

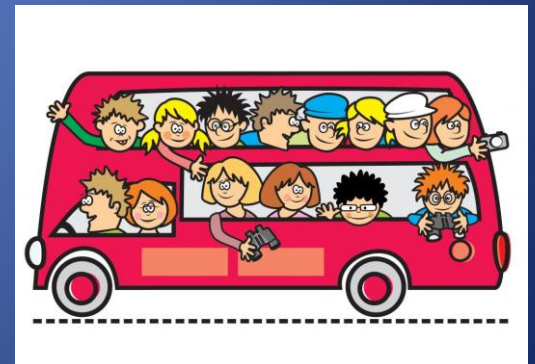


Google Classroom



# INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING (IDL)

- We plan whole school contexts for learning.
- We make use of partners and the local (and wider) area to support our learning across the school. Trips and outings are a big part of our learning here.
- We always aim to message parents to let you know that your child will be leaving school premises.



# How can **you** get your child ready?

**Reassure him/ her** that he / she is ready for school.

## **Teach him/ her**

- How to put on and take off shoes.
- How to put on and fasten a jacket, take it off and hang it up.
- How to use the toilet and wash hands afterwards.
- How to use a knife, fork and spoon.
- How to clear away at the end of a meal.
- How to put things back where they belong!





# How can **you** get your child ready?

## **Show him/ her**

- How to take turns
- How to sit nicely and listen without interrupting
- How to get along with other children
- How to treat adults
- How to 'have a go' and never be afraid of making a mistake



# How can **you** get your child ready?

## Let him/her know

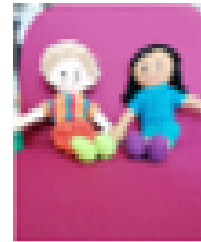
- Adults are here to help. We need to know how to help so tell us if you are sad, confused, lonely, sick.....
- We say “Please”, “Thank you” and “Sorry”
- We treat everyone with respect all the time.



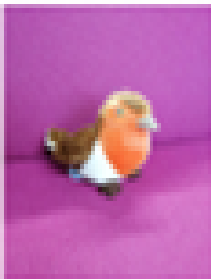
## Our Values



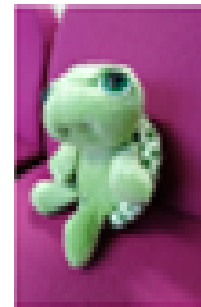
**Kind Koala**



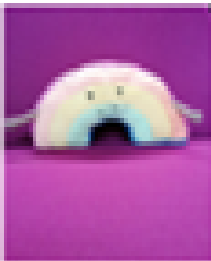
**Forgiving Friends**



**Responsible Robin**



**Tolerant Turtle**



**Respectful Rainbow**

# Parent Council




All parents are members of the Parent Forum and we hope some of you will join our Parent Council.

We talk about

- How to improve our school – evaluate what's happening.
- What is happening about the relocation of our school.
- Community and parent updates.
- School achievements
- Forthcoming events
- Parent council events (including fundraisers)



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a small green plant with several leaves. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue and white.

**Please read school newsletters (electronic “Sway” newsletters) and the website to know more about what is happening in school.**

**You can follow us on Twitter @AbStpeters.**

**Any questions or concerns please just ask.**

- Playground at the end of the day
- Call school office (01224 485611) to arrange to talk to class teacher / Senior Leadership Team
- Email school at [stpeters@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:stpeters@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

# Questions and Forms

ANY  
QUESTIONS?

