

Mantas, John, Suzanna and Chloe are coming
to Primary 1 at Dungannon Primary School



What happens when I arrive at school?



On your first day, you will need to bring some welly boots, a school bag with some equipment for school and a snack. We will tell your grown-ups what you need to bring in your bag. You will also bring a water bottle to use when you are thirsty. You can also bring in a packed lunch if you are not having a school meal. You may come to Breakfast Club before school. We will tell your grown-ups all about this before you start school.

Chloe has found her coat peg.

"This is my peg. I can see my name," she says.

She has practised reading her name and taking her coat and shoes off and putting them on by herself, and now she doesn't need help from an adult to do these things.

You will clean your hands with hand sanitiser before you go into the classroom to make sure your hands are nice and clean.

When you go into the classroom, you will sit on the mat with the other children and your teacher will check who is in school that day.



Can you take your coat off by yourself?

What will I do in Primary 1?

You will have lots of fun in Primary 1 and you will learn as you play and make friends.

You can do activities indoors and outdoors!

You will learn about letters and the sounds they represent. You will practise counting and learn how to tell the time.

You will listen to stories and look at books with your teacher and by yourself. You will sing songs and dance and do lots more!

In the classroom, John and Chloe are using paint and crayons.

"I am painting a picture of a flower," says John.

"That's very nice, John," Chloe says.
"I can write my name. My mum and dad helped me practise lots before I started Primary 1."

John and Chloe are making friends.



Outdoors, Suzanna and Mantas are in the garden. They are wearing their wellies.

Today they are going to plant some flowers and seeds.

"I am going to dig a hole for these flowers," says Mantas.

"I am going to plant some seeds in this pot," says Suzanna.
"I can't wait to see them grow."



What are you looking forward to doing in Primary 1?

Some of you may need extra help in Primary 1 and we have a 'Learning Support Class', where you will get lots of time working with a teacher in very small groups.

Jack and Zara are having some extra help in Primary 1. Jack and Zara don't like too much noise, so they are wearing ear defenders. The class is quiet and calm, so Jack and Zara feel happy and calm too.

"How many blocks have you got?" their teacher asks.

"I have got three blocks," says Jack.

"I have six," says Zara. Jack and Zara both practised counting with their grown-ups before they came to Primary 1.

Everyone in Primary 1 will go to assembly twice a week with the children in the next class up. Your teachers will tell you all about any school news and we will tell everyone about all the brilliant things you have been doing. The Minister from our local church will also be there to read you a bible story.



What happens when I need to go to the toilet?

You can use the toilet whenever you need to, but remember to let your teacher know.

Mantas has used the toilet and remembered to flush. Now he is washing his hands.

"I'm glad I practised going by myself before I started school," he says. He feels very grown-up going all by himself.



When he goes back into the classroom, Mantas will clean his hands with the hand sanitiser to stop germs spreading.

What happens if I am hungry or thirsty?

You can use your water bottle whenever you are thirsty.

In the morning, you will eat the snack you brought from home.

At lunchtime, your teacher will take you to the dinner hall for your lunch. There are lots of lovely, kind mid-day supervisors there to look after you. If you need help or are not sure what to do, just let one of them know.

Katie and Chloe have collected their meals from the serving area and they are sitting with their friends to eat.

"I love pizza and vegetables," says Suzanna.



How will I tell you how I am feeling?

We are a very happy school but we know that everyone feels a bit sad or worried sometimes.

You can speak to any adult at school if you are worried about anything. You can also let us know how you are feeling by using the 'Mood Tracker' in your classroom. The Mood Tracker is a big screen which you use at the beginning of the day and after lunch.



"I am feeling happy today," says Suzanna.

What happens at the end of the school day?



At the end of the day, you will sit on the mat to listen to a story.

Mantas is looking at some books.

"I hope the teacher will read this one," he says.



When it is time to go home, you will collect your coat and belongings. Your teacher will take you to the front gate to meet your grown-ups. You will wait until your teacher says you can go, before you go to your grown-up.

You will take home a reading book or use Bugclub daily.

"I can't wait to read with my dad," says John.

Are you excited about coming to school?

Chloe, John, Mantas and Suzanna
love coming to Dungannon Primary
School and they think you will too!

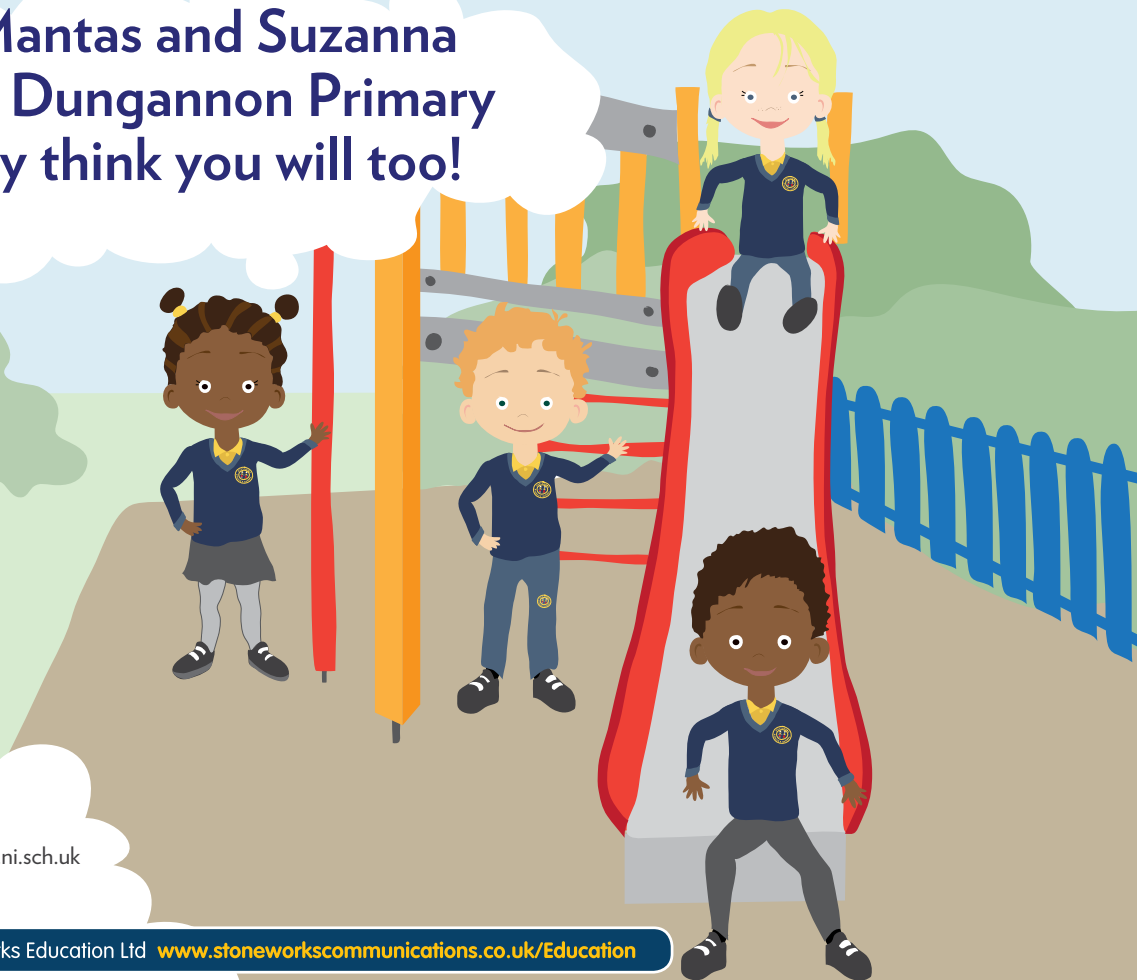


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