



Glendale Parent Council P1 A-Z

After school care: East Pollokshields Out Of School Care provides after-school pick-up at 3.15pm until 5.45pm during term time. The club is based at Pollokshields Primary School. Contact 0141 4221007.

Accidents in school: Teachers can administer First Aid if your child has a minor accident. You will be called if your child needs further attention or has been taken directly to hospital.

Assemblies: In P1 and P2 children learn about different religious festivals and customs. An assembly is held in school near the date of key festivals and parents are invited to attend when their child is participating.

Absences/Illness: If your child is unable to go to school for any reason, you must inform the school on the first morning of absence by 8.30am.

Allergies: Please let school know if your child has any allergies. All pupils are discouraged from bringing snacks to school containing nuts, for example, chocolate spread, due to the high number of children with nut allergies.

After School Activities: After school activities are organized by the deputy head, Mrs Dominy, and are usually specific to year groups.

Bubble time: Pupils can ask their class teachers for “bubble time” if they are worried or upset about anything in school. The teacher will then arrange a time when the child can speak to them in private about their concerns.

Book bags: Transparent, plastic book bags are supplied free by the school to protect homework and reading books. Do not put snacks or drinks in the book bags. Replacements cost 75p. Please check each night for homework.

Bullying: Glendale pupils, teachers and parents are encouraged to treat each other with respect and kindness regardless of race, gender or religion. (See Golden Rules.) Bullying is not tolerated in any form and is dealt with the moment it comes to light. If you have any worries, please contact the school.

Birthday Cake: Please do not send birthday cakes to school, because some children are allergic to nuts, dairy or wheat products.

Breakfast Club: Pupils can come to school and have a free breakfast between 8.15am-8.45am Monday to Friday.

Cameras: No photographs or video recordings can be taken during school assemblies, but there are opportunities to take pictures afterwards. The school asks parents to sign a permission slip before any photos of their child are taken during school activities.

Car parking: See Yellow Zig Zags.

Contact details and communication:

The school office number is 0141 429 6973 or email headteacher@glendale-pri.glasgow.sch.uk. The school uses a red plastic folder (kept in your child's book bag) to send letters home with information about school activities/events. The school tries to help with translations, so please discuss this with your class teacher. Teachers are usually available in the playground at home time for a brief chat, or to arrange a more formal appointment if necessary.

Curriculum: See school handbook for details of what your child will learn in P1.

Coats and jackets: Children are allocated a space in the cloakroom to hang up their coats. It is important to label your child's coat with their name. To help your child find their coat among a sea of other red coats it is also worth adding a badge, or a key-ring as an identifying feature.

Carpet: Teachers sometimes ask the children to gather round "on the carpet" (sit crossed-legged on the floor in front of the teacher) to tell their news to the class, hear a story, or be given instructions for the next activity/lesson.

Dinners: School dinners cost £1.15 a day. Halal and vegetarian options are available. Children must bring lunch money to school daily. They pay dinner staff directly for their meal and must be able to carry their own tray of food.

Take-home menus are provided by the school and in P1 it is helpful to discuss the choices with your child. Children who bring packed lunches sit and eat them in the canteen with the others. If your child is going home for lunch, you must advise the school. They must be collected at 12.15pm and returned by 1.15pm.

Entry system for school: Entry for parents is through the main front door which has an electronic buzzer and intercom. For security reasons the playground gates are closed during the day and the school's side door is locked once all the children are in school. It cannot be opened from the outside.

Free fruit and milk: All children are provided with free fruit and milk by Glasgow City Council.

Football colours: Football colours are not allowed.

Golden time: Children enjoy Golden Time on Friday afternoons. They choose from a variety of play activities as a reward for keeping the Golden Rules during the week. Children lose part of their Golden Time if they misbehave. Good manners are also rewarded by Golden Dining at lunch times.

Golden rules: The school has six Golden Rules which outline how pupils, teachers and parents are expected to behave. P1 pupils are taught the Golden Rules when they start school and it would be helpful to reinforce these at home.

- Be Gentle. Don't hurt anybody.
- Be kind and helpful. Don't hurt other people's feelings.
- Work hard. Do not waste your own or other people's time.
- Look after property. Don't waste or damage things.
- Listen when others are speaking. Don't interrupt.
- Be honest. Don't cover up the truth.

Handbook: The school handbook is packed with information about Glendale. All P1 parents are given a copy and it is worth keeping it handy.

Handwashing: Make sure your child knows that they must wash their hands after going to the bathroom as the toilets are not supervised, and before and after lunch.

Homework: In P1 children get around 15-20 minutes of reading homework each night. It is important practice of a new skill which ensures your child gets the most out of language lessons the next day.

Headlice: Parents are informed by letter if there is an outbreak of headlice in their child's class. If your child gets headlice you must inform the school and administer treatment before sending them back. Anti-lice treatments are available FREE to school children from most chemists. Tying back long hair seems to help.

Home time: P1 teachers try to ensure that each child is safely collected. At home time P1 children line up with their teacher until they are collected. If someone different is picking up your child, please let the class teacher know. The end-of-day school bell goes at 3.15pm. Parents must arrive on time.

Holidays: Please see Term Times.

Janitor: Mr Walls is the janitor and looks after the school buildings, grounds and equipment.

Keeping safe: The school has adopted various measures to help keep your child safe. High visibility vests are issued on loan to every P1 child during the winter months. At break/lunch times pupils must not leave the school grounds. The playground is monitored by staff. Please inform your child of this rule.

Support for Learning/Additional Support Needs: If your child is struggling with school work for any reason, please speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Dominy. The school would contact you if it had any concerns.

Language Support: Glendale has 1.5 EAL (English as an Additional Language) teachers to help children who do not speak English. The school also provides specialist support for bilingual pupils. Language diversity is celebrated at Glendale. It enriches school life and all pupils benefit from the EAL and bilingual teachers.

Labels: Parents should identify their child's clothing/belongings by labeling them clearly with their name & class to prevent any mix-up or loss. (See Shoes and Uniform)

Lateness: If your child is late, he/she will have to enter the school from the front door, as the side door will be locked. Your child will be asked to sign the late book. Allowing your child to be late gets his/her day off to a bad start and disrupts lessons for others.

Language Time: Language time is the name used for lessons in reading, writing, talking and listening.

Money: Please ensure that any money for school dinners or trips is given to your child in a labeled container, eg purse/envelope.

Number time: Is another name used to describe maths lessons.

Number story: The name sometimes used to describe a sum (addition or subtraction).

Nuts: No nuts in school, or products containing nuts.

Parent Council: Parents are involved in school in many different ways; fundraising or helping at events. Details of meetings/joining are in the school newsletters.

PE: Children get two PE lessons each week. Pupils need comfortable clothes, for example shorts and a T-shirt. They wear their indoor shoes (see shoes). PE kit should be sent to school on Monday morning and is returned on Friday.

Parents' night: This is your chance to discuss your child's progress with the teacher. The first parents' night takes place in October. There is also a second parents' night in May.

Reports: Parents receive a written report on their child's progress near the end of the school year.

Shoes: (see also Uniform) Children change into indoor shoes in school (usually black gym shoes) and change back into their outdoor shoes for breaks. This is comfortable for the children (particularly in wet weather), keeps the school cleaner, and cuts down on noise. Write your child's name in both their indoor and outdoor shoes. Shoes sit on a rack outside the classroom and can easily get mixed up in the rush to change if not clearly labeled.

The school day is very busy, so please ensure your child can quickly dress without help. Indoor shoes are also used for PE and must be suitable for running and jumping.

School secretary: Mrs Connelly is the first person you meet if you visit the school. She will be able to help you with many questions about the school.

Sun cream: Teachers do not provide and cannot apply sun cream. If your child needs suncream please put it on before school. On school trips it is a good idea to put some in their bags so they can reapply it themselves.

Snacks: Children can bring a snack for morning break. It should be quick to eat, easy to open and healthy. Children find play time precious and like to run about as much as possible, rather than sit and eat. The Pupil Council run a Healthy Tuck Shop and the most expensive item is 50p.

Trays: Each child has a tray in their class. This is a drawer where they keep the things they use in school, for example their PE kit. You will see it on parents evening.

Term times: The school will provide details of term times, holidays and in-service days. Please look out for information in your red folder, or ask the office. Reminders are given in school newsletters.

Toilets: Children will of course be allowed to leave the class if they need to go to the toilet during a lesson, but it would help if you encouraged your child to go to the toilet during the mid morning and lunch break “ just in case”. This means they don't miss out on lesson time or have to worry about asking to go.

Teeth cleaning: If you give permission (look out for the letter) children who stay at school for lunch are provided with toothbrushes and toothpaste to brush their teeth after lunch.

Testing: P1 pupils are constantly assessed in all areas of the curriculum to ensure on-going progress. National tests do not apply in P1.

Uniform: Children are encouraged to wear school uniform. The red jumpers/cardigans, fleece jackets and polo shirts with the Glendale badge are available from the school and are ordered in bulk once a term. You will get a note home when the next order is due. Alternatively you can buy un-badged red jumpers and polo shirts in many supermarkets and department stores. Grey skirts, trousers, pinafores and the red and white checked summer dresses are also widely available. As parents we find that it is much less fuss getting dressed in the morning to have a school uniform. Glendale's uniform accommodates religious dress codes.

Water bottles: Children can take a freshly filled water bottle to school each day. It sits on their desk for use if they get thirsty. Water helps concentration.

Wet breaks: If it is raining at break or lunch time children will be kept indoors where they will watch videos, read, draw or colour-in. On wet days, children who go home for lunch should delay their return to school until just before the bell at 1.15pm.

X-ing/Crossing: There is a school crossing guard at the junctions of Kenmure Street/Maxwell Road, and Albert Drive/Shields Rd to help children cross safely.

Yellow zig zag lines: These mark the no stopping zone outside the school. Do not stop your car on these lines or double park on McCulloch street for even a short time. This is very dangerous for other children crossing the road to go to school. Parents must not drive into the school.

Welcome to Glendale! This P1 A-Z was provided by the Glendale Parent Council. We hope it helps to take some of the mystery out of being a P1 parent. Please look out for other Parent Council news/events. We look forward to meeting you soon. Have a great year.

