



# Glenavon School

# Getting Ready For School

Everything you need to know...





"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!" Dr Seuss. Oh the Places You'll Go.

How exciting! It is time for your child to start their new journey. This booklet will equip you with everything you need to know starting at Glenavon School.

### **Enrolling your child**

Contact the school office before your child's 5th birthday, the sooner the better! Our Deputy Principal Rachel McDonnell will take you for a tour around the school and organise an enrolment pack for you to take with you. You will need to bring your child's NZ birth certificate or passport if they were born overseas; immunisation record and proof of address.

### **Pre Visits**

Your child will do 3 visits on a Thursday from 8:50am-11am. This day is flexible. These visits will be with their future teachers Wendy Kerrison and Milleey Hall. During this time your child will meet their classmates, get to know their teacher and their classroom routines.

**You are welcome to stay for the first 2 visits. On the third visit we encourage parents and families to let their child experience classroom life on their own.**



## Uniform

All 'Kids in the Glen' are expected to wear our school uniform. These can be purchased from the office. Your child will need black shoes and black socks. We recommend velcro shoes. A school hat must be worn in term 1 and term 4. These can be purchased from the office as well.

## Morning tea and lunch

Your child will need a healthy lunchbox of food each day. Fill your child's lunchbox with food like sandwiches, fruit and museli bars. This kind of food will keep them energised throughout the day.

## School Times

School starts at **8:50am** and finishes at **2:50pm**. We encourage families to bring their children to school at 8:30am. This gives them time to get ready before their day.

**8:40am-** class is open to students and families

**8:50am-** Whole school assembly

**9:00-10:40am-** First learning block

**10:40-11:00am-**Morning Tea

**11:00am-12:00pm** Second learning block

**12:00pm-12:40pm** Lunchtime

**11:40am-12:40pm-** Third learning block

**1:40pm-2:00pm-** Afternoon Play

**2:00pm-2:50pm-**Fourth learning block

**2:50pm-** Home time- Please pick up your child from the classroom



# COMMUNICATION



*At Glenavon our doors are always open. We encourage our families to be actively involved in their child's schooling.*

## **Conferences**

This is a chance for us to share information about your child's progress in learning and behaviour. Your child will have a conference with the teacher after the first 6 weeks. The teacher will organise this. We then have student conferences in term 2 and term 4.

## **Class Dojo**

We use Class Dojo as a communication and incentive system. You can sign up to see what your child receives points for in class, stay up to date with our learning through viewing the photos and videos on our Class Story and communicating with the teachers.

Follow our **Glenavon School Facebook page** for regular updates of events.

**School Website:** <http://www.glenavon.school.nz/>



# BEFORE STARTING

## It would be helpful if your child:

- can recognise and write their name
- can hold a pencil correctly (see picture)
- can use scissors, crayons and glue
- can ask to use the toilet, have a drink or let someone know if they are hurt
- can sit down and listen to a story
- can recognise some alphabet letters
- can recognise some numbers and count to 10
- can recognise and name basic colours
- can take turns, co-operate and share with others
- has basic manners- please and thank-you
- can put on and take off their own clothes and shoes (shoes with Velcro are preferred)
- can pack and unpack their own bag
- can go to the toilet and wash their hands unassisted

**These skills will help your child to be successful at school.**





Any further questions you have, please don't hesitate to come into school or alternatively contact us. We want to make your child's transition to school as smooth as possible.

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