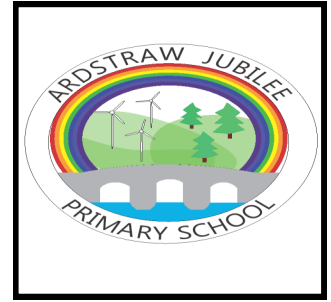


# Ardstraw Jubilee P.S. Prospectus



Ardstraw Jubilee P.S. opened in September 2012, following the amalgamation of Ardstraw and Drumlegagh Primary Schools.

Our school consists of four classrooms, a spacious P.E./Dining Hall and excellent outdoor play facilities.

We also have a separate library and Multi-Purpose room.

At Ardstraw Jubilee Primary School we strive to provide a happy, caring, supportive environment where our children are nurtured to enable them to reach their full potential. Our focus is the whole child.

We aim to develop children who are confident, creative, independent and co-operative learners; who approach challenges with openness, enthusiasm and a willingness to solve problems.

We encourage children to have respect for individual differences, to become active contributors to society and life-long learners.

We welcome the active involvement of parents and the local community in our school.

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**Principal:**

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**Enrolment Number:**

**108**

**Admissions Number:**

**15**

## Admissions Arrangements:

Parents considering sending their children to Ardstraw Jubilee P.S. are welcome to make a visit (by appointment) to meet the Principal and other teachers and to view the school.

Application forms for admission are available from the school office and should be returned to the Principal before 12 noon Wednesday 11th January 2017

The Board of Governors has determined that the following criteria should be applied in the event of oversubscription, in the order set down below;

Children of compulsory school age:

1. Applicants who have a sibling currently attending the school.
2. Applicants who are the eldest child in the family.
3. Applicants who live closest to the old primary school in Douglas Bridge, the old primary school in Drumlegagh or to the present Ardstraw Jubilee Primary School, as measured by the shortest driving distance by road from the front door of the child's normal place of residence to the main gate of the relevant listed school.

In the event that after the above criteria have been applied there is still a greater number of applicants than places available, then the matter shall be decided by giving preference to those children who are the eldest, as established by the date of birth as entered on their Birth Certificate.



## Your child's introduction to our school:

Starting school is one of the most important stages in your child's development.

It is our aim that the transition from home to school environment should be a happy experience for your child and for you! The introduction of new pupils to our school takes place in stages:

1. Parents and prospective pupils are welcome to visit the school initially for a tour and to meet with the class teacher and Principal.
2. During June all pupils who will be coming to school in September will be invited to attend familiarisation sessions to meet their teacher and new classmates. They are also invited to our Sports day and end of year BBQ.

Parents will also be invited to attend an information session with the class teacher.

For the month of September new pupils in Year 1 will attend morning sessions only and should be collected from school at 12.15 p.m.— they will not stay for lunch until October. Thereafter, up until the end of Year 3, children finish school at 2 p.m.

## Special Educational Needs:

We are aware that some children have learning difficulties and we provide as much extra support as resources allow. The first step is assessment and support within school, initially from the class teacher and other members of staff.

If it is deemed necessary, a child may then be referred to the Education Authority –Western Region Psychology service for further assessment and may receive additional support at this stage. Parents are kept informed of their child's progress at all stages .

**Homework** is used to reinforce and consolidate the work covered in school and also to keep parents informed of the work their child is doing in class.

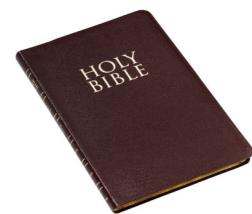


Homework is set daily Monday—Thursday and includes reading, a written home work (which may be Literacy, Numeracy or another subject) and spellings from Year 3.

Homework may sometimes include learning facts or practical work in place of a written task.

Teachers aim to ensure that home works are relevant to on-going class work and set at an appropriate level for your child to complete with a good degree of independence.

## Religious Education:



The teaching of R.E. in each year group is based on the core syllabus for Northern Ireland and is non-denominational.

We have whole-school Assemblies every Monday and Thursday, which are sometimes taken by the local minister or other speakers.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from RE lessons or Assembly. Parents wishing to exercise this right should contact the Principal in writing.

## The School Day:

Breakfast Club runs from 8.40 a.m.—9.00 a.m. Supervision by teachers in classrooms from 9.00 am. School commences at 9.10 a.m. Children who live more than two miles from the school are entitled to a free bus place and those children who live on or near a school bus route within two miles of the school are usually granted a concessionary bus place. Children living in the village of Ardstraw usually walk to and from school accompanied by parents. **Parents bringing children to school by car are requested to use the lay-by outside the school gates, so that children can enter the school grounds by the adjoining footpath.**

**For safety reasons parents are asked not to bring vehicles into the school grounds.**

Morning break is from 10.45—11.00 a.m. when children have an opportunity to have a healthy snack and to play. Fresh Fruit is available to order at a cost of approx. £6.00 a month (30p a day) and 1/3 bottles of milk are available at a cost of 20p a day, payable monthly in advance.

Lunch time is from 12.30—1.20 p.m. for all classes.

At present school meals cost £2.50 a day (£12.50 a week) payable on a Monday in advance. Alternatively, children may bring a healthy packed lunch if desired.

School finishes at 2 p.m. for Years 1—3, when they can then go home or stay for After School Activities to 3 p.m. Children are collected outside their classroom at home time.

Children in Years 4—7 finish at 3 p.m. and school transport is available at this time if your child is eligible.



## Extra-Curricular Activities:

At Ardstraw Jubilee Primary School we feel it is important to enhance our teaching and learning by offering the children as wide a range of activities as possible.

These include: use of the outside environment and outdoor play, educational trips linked to topics being studied, involvement in local sports tournaments and competitions such as Choir, art, table quizzes, Eco-Schools, music tuition (Cornet and so on). We put on whole school plays/ concerts on a regular basis and the children are encouraged to support charities to help those less fortunate than themselves.

## Breakfast Club:



We run a daily Breakfast Club each morning from 8.40 a.m. — 9.00 a.m. The Breakfast consists of cereal, juice/milk and toast and costs 25p a day. Or supervision only where they can play games etc. for 10p per day.

## After-School Activities:

These take place, Monday to Friday each week for Years 1–3 from 2–3 p.m..

The activities offered include sports, art and craft, ipads, outdoor play and baking. Each session costs £1.20 and includes a healthy snack and a drink.

Children may stay every day or on a day-by-day basis.



## Extended Schools and Shared Education

Each year we have additional funding through the Extended schools project which enables us to subsidise the costs of Breakfast Club, After School activities and to provide additional support to children who are having difficulties with Literacy and/or Numeracy. We are a member of two Cluster groups which enables us to offer additional activities for children and parents such as art/craft sessions, after school sessions at Castlederg High School, a foreign language, dance etc.

In 2016 we formed a Shared Education partnership with Castlederg High School, Langfield Ps and St. Joseph's PS (Drumquin) which provides additional learning opportunities for both children and staff.

## Parent, Teachers and Friends of Ardstraw Jubilee Association:



Our P.T.F.A. holds two main fundraising events each year - our 'Supper with Santa' before Christmas and a Fun Night BBQ in June—as well as some smaller fundraisers during the year. The P.T.F.A. supports our school by paying for the cost of transport for many school trips, by subsidising the Year 7 Residential and by contributing towards other resources as their funds allow. We welcome new members and hope you will come along to meetings and support events when your child starts school.