



Staffing

Congratulations to Laura Cumming who was appointed to our vacant Early Years Lead Practitioner post last week. Interviews for our vacant PSA posts took place yesterday and we hope to have the successful candidates in post after the October holidays

Parent Consultations - Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th October

Our first Parent Consultations of the school session will be on Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th October from 4.00 – 6.30pm. These will be face to face appointments in school.

To make your appointments please go to: <https://parents-booking.co.uk/meldrumschool>

To login you will need to enter:

- Your first name and surname
- Your child's first name, surname and date of birth. Please note, the login details you enter must match those we have on record

Please do not click 'Login with parentsportal.scot' as this will not work for booking appointments.

Appointments will be available to book from 7.00pm today (Tuesday 27th September) until 9.00am on Tuesday 4th October. After 9am on the 4th, the bookings will be closed. Further information about booking is attached below. After you have made your appointments you can choose to print or receive an email confirmation. Please contact the school office if you have any difficulties with booking meldrum.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Our School nurses will be in school both evenings and be available to chat to parents. MPiP will have a table set up with lots of pre-loved uniform which is available for everyone to help themselves too. We have lots of uniform and we would love to see it go to a good home.

MPiP AGM

A reminder about our Parent Council (Meldrum Parents in Partnership) AGM which will take place on Wednesday 5th October at 6.00pm in our GP Room. All parents/carers are invited to attend. Come along to find out about what MPiP is, how we work with the school and to share your ideas and opinions. We would love to see as many parents/carers from Nursery to P7 as possible. A cuppa and biscuits will be provided! If you cannot attend in person, but would like to take part virtually, you can email meldrum.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk up to 10am on Wednesday 5th and you will be sent a link to join via Smartphone, Tablet or Computer.

Scholastic Bookfair

This will be visiting us during the last week of this term. Further information will be shared later this week.



Meldrum School Newsletter

27th September 2022

Developing the Young Workforce

At Meldrum we want to better prepare children for the world of work by bringing it to life in the classroom. We are looking for volunteers from our school community to come into school and share with the children their experiences in the world of work. We would like to give children an idea of the variety of opportunities there are so, no matter what your job, employer, industry, employed or self-employed, we want to hear from you. If you would be interested in being part of this, please let us know by emailing meldrum.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Projects for Handy Parents

As we continue to develop our outdoor learning areas, we are looking for some parent/carer volunteers to help us. If you have woodwork/joinery skills to help us build some outdoor learning resources, please contact Emma Cooper via the school office meldrum.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Cycle Safety

It is great to see so many pupils cycling and scooting to school. However, we have had instances where pupils have been cycling/scooting unsafely in the playground and car park when they arrive on the school grounds. If your child cycles/scoots to school, please remind them that, when they arrive on school grounds, they should safely come off of their bike/scooter and walk it to the bike racks. They should then promptly secure their bike/scooter and make their way to their lines. There are a number of children, cars and adults accessing the school grounds in the morning and we need to avoid congestion around the bike racks in order to keep everyone safe.

Parking Near to School

We have had communication about parents parking on double yellow lines in Westbank Park in the mornings. Please do not park on double yellow lines as this is potentially dangerous for families walking this route to school. I appreciate your support to keep everyone safe at morning drop off time.

Basics Bank

Meldrum Academy have a basics bank available for the community to access. Please see information below.

We are aware of the increasing pressure on many families with the financial impact of the current situation, please think about using our Basics Bank if this can play a small part to help. This confidential service is available to anyone within the Meldrum cluster.

We want to ensure the most basic of personal care items are available to every young person at Meldrum Academy and the Cluster Primaries.

The Basics Bank, will be made accessible in a safe and confidential manner and young people and their families, will be able to access items such as shampoo, conditioner, shower gels and deodorants, toothpastes and toothbrushes, sanitary products, washing powder, cleaning wipes,



washing liquid and more, as they need them. Without the fear of being judged or others knowing.

These will be available to collect during school hours from the Basics Bank cupboard at the academy (next to the library, just off the school reception) Pupils can pop in anytime to help themselves or if any parent/carer would like to access it please pop into the Academy.

Aberdeenshire North Foodbank

Aberdeenshire North Foodbank, Inverurie are hosting an Open Day on Monday 3rd October from 12.00 -2.00pm. They are opening their doors to let people see how they can help people and how they can help us. They will have details about volunteering, donations, food parcels and their work to address the reasons behind food poverty.



Aberdeenshire Council Parent Sessions

‘Worried about Money’ information sessions for parents In light of the current cost of living crisis we have arranged some sessions for parents on the topic ‘Worried about Money’. These will be run by the Tackling Poverty and Inequalities team. The sessions are intended to increase awareness of poverty and its impact, increase confidence to ask about money worries and increase knowledge of support services offering assistance. The dates and times of these sessions are - Wednesday 23rd November 6.00 – 7.00pm, Thursday 24th November 2.00 – 3.00pm, Tuesday 29th November 2.00 – 3.00pm or Tuesday 29th November 6.00 – 7.00pm. If you are interested in attending one of these sessions, please email christine.mclennan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk who will provide further details and the link for the meeting.

Parent session on Children’s Rights - 2nd November, 4.00-5.30pm Anyone interested in attending should contact christine.mclennan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk for the meeting link. It is an opportunity to find out more about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and what this means for children, parents and families within the school community. It is an interactive, discursive session.

Free School Meals for Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils

The Scottish Government has paused the roll out of free school meals to all Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils. The government’s decision was made to allow further work with COSLA, the national association of Scottish councils, and all local authorities to fully assess the financial and infrastructure challenges that have been highlighted for the final phase of the expansion plans. We will be in touch with further information when a decision is taken by the government to progress the roll-out to all Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils.

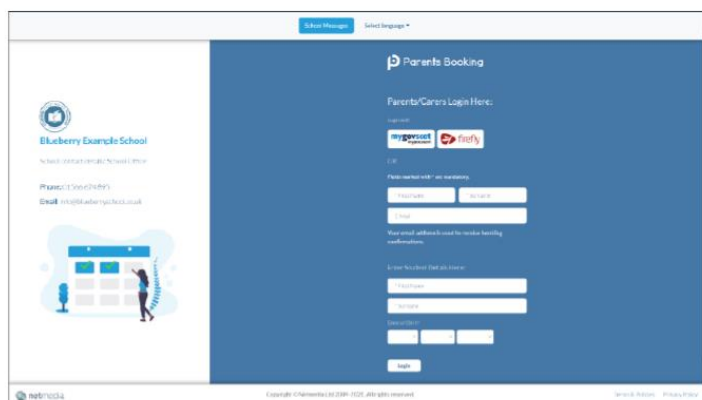
Carol Harper
Head Teacher

How do I login?



1. The school will have sent you a website address to login with.

2. Next, login by completing the requested fields



Dashboard



After logging in you will be shown any parents' evenings, events or clubs that are bookable.

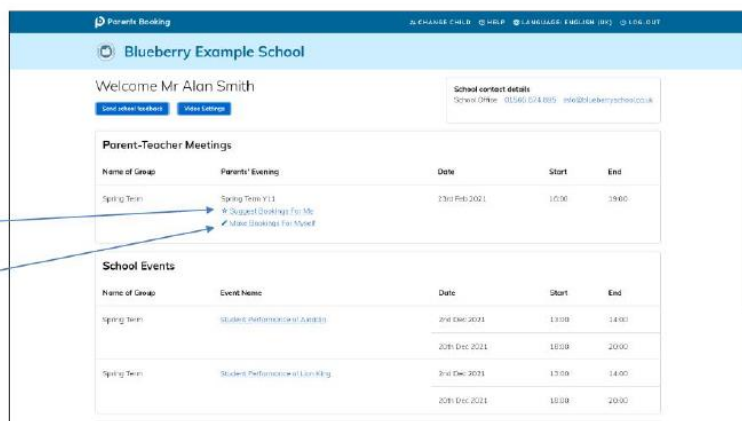
You now (usually) have the choice of two tools for making parents' evening appointments:

Suggest Bookings for Me

or

Make Bookings for Myself

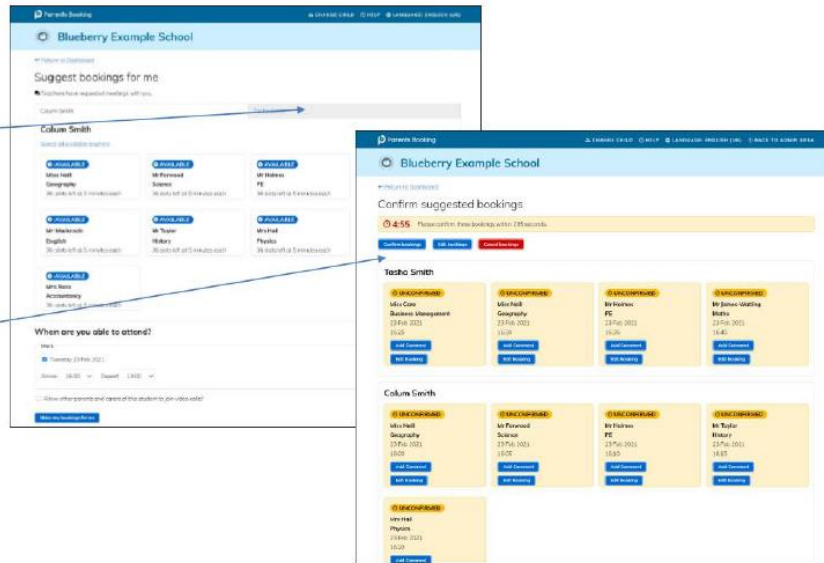
The instructions for both of these options are shown on the next few slides..



Suggest Bookings for Me

Suggest Bookings for Me will let you choose the teachers you want to book (across multiple students, if applicable), and asks when you are available for appointments.

The system then calculates the most efficient order for your appointments, and you have 5mins to confirm (or adjust) these.



Make Bookings for Myself

To pick appointment times for yourself, or to edit your appointments, use Make Bookings for Myself.

1. Select the correct subject
2. Select the correct teacher
3. Click on Book to make an appointment

Simply repeat the process for each appointment you would like to make. You can also 'Modify' appointments you have made.

Once bookings have all been made you can print or e-mail an appointment confirmation.

