

April 2020 updates Our Lady of Peace RC Primary



Dear Parents/Carers, families and friends,

I hope everyone is keeping well. We have had a great spell of dry and sunny weather and long may it last to help us in our new 'norm'. I enclose a few updates which you may find helpful.

North East Hub Lochend_



Safe Ready Respectful

This new Hub will be operated by seven schools; Lochend Secondary, St Andrew's Secondary, Our Lady of Peace Primary, Sandaig Primary, St Benedict's Primary, Aultmore Park Primary and Oakwood Primary. It will be open from 8.30am- 3.30pm and can provide breakfast and lunch, if required. It will accommodate children of key workers and those of some other families who may require this, for various reasons.

Each school will be on duty, on a rota basis, between now and the end of lockdown. The government's advice on social distancing and essential only provision remains of paramount importance and there is a skeleton staff daily of volunteers; please complete the form already issued if you wish to have your child/children attend. I will reply to your request. Just email me at Headteacher@ourladyofpeace-pri.glasgow.sch.uk if this is more convenient. Advance notice is required to ensure we have the correct staffing ratios in place.

Showbie-Home Learning

As promised this is now ready for launch on Monday 27th! The staff has been amazing in getting to grips with how it is used and thank you to Mr Vornic for coordinating the whole thing. He deserves a medal! I ask that you bear with us as it is a new way of working, for most staff.

Look out for a signing up code for your child's class, being sent via text, from Miss Rae. There is a video on the school website to explain how to use Showbie/sign up, expertly produced by Mr Wotherspoon! Watch the tutorials or ask teachers for help. Please try it out and remember we are here to help should you have any difficulties, questions or suggestions.

I am conscious of the fact that not everyone has internet access/enough, if any, devices at home. If this is the case for you, please advise me by email and I will seek to accommodate, in some other way. We will continue to update the website and will add class pages imminently. Mr McFadden thankfully leads on this and he would be open to any suggestions. We will issue glow logins to P6 and P7 children again, as not everyone is aware of his/hers. Sumdog is a valuable resource too but not everyone is using it! All children were given a password for it before the school closed.

The children's health and wellbeing is of prime importance. Only when this is catered for, will they be enabled to learn. Please continue to place value on fresh air, exercise, play, family time, story times, reading, art and crafts, baking and so on. I've bumped into a few pupils whilst on my daily walks and seeing them so cheered me up. So, I know you are exercising and I'll be looking out for you! On leaving school yesterday, I spotted a P3/2 boy on his bike with dad alongside, in Hallhill road...you know who you are and keep it up!

As always, please just get in touch should you have any matters that you would like to discuss, if you feel I can be of any help or need support in being pointed in the right direction during this challenging time.

Mrs A M McDonald Headteacher

P.S. Watch out for a special message on OLoP Facebook & website tomorrow. Thank you Miss Lindsay for the rogue's gallery!