



# August 2021 Newsletter



Dear families,  
Welcome back!



Firstly, thank you for your patience as we have tried to get our children back safely into school. The children have been, as ever, very settled and delighted to back in their playground.

Our new Primary 1s are keeping their teachers and helpers busy too, whilst making new friends!

I look forward to a great year ahead and please remember we are here to help so just get in touch if need be,

Kindest regards,

Mrs McDonald, Headteacher.

## Our Classes and Staff

<i>Class</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
Primary 1a	Mrs McPhee Pupil Equity Funded Principal Teacher
Primary 1b	Miss McGuire
Primary 2	Mrs McKenzie/Mr Holland
Primary 3/2	Miss Reynolds
Primary 3	Miss Holly
Primary 4a	Miss Smith
Primary 4b	Miss Linning Acting PT
Primary 5	Mr Elder
Primary 6/5	Mr Zeb Acting PT
Primary 6	Mrs Connolly
Primary 7a	Mrs Hughes PT
Primary 7b	Mr McCoy
Rainbow Room	Mrs Adams
Mr McKerrell Literacy Leader Mr McCusker Support for Learning Mr Holland PE across the school and P2 on Mondays	Mr Vornic—Support for Learning and teaching across the school  Mr McFadden Support for Learning and Digital Leader of Learning

Support staff: Mrs McIntyre, Mrs Murray, Mrs Grant, Mrs McKee, Mrs White ( Maternity Leave), Miss McNeely, Mrs Duffy, Mrs McGrotty, Mrs Dimeo, Mrs Gilmour and Mrs Martin

Office-clerical Miss Rae and Miss McCormack Janitor Mrs Bowden

Headteacher Mrs McDonald Depute Headteacher Miss Black Acting DHT Miss Degan

## P6 swimming

We await information as to when this will start and will inform you as soon as possible.

## Drop-Off and Collection Times



### Gate entry/exit arrangements

All gates are clearly labelled 1, 2 and 3.

**9.00am** all children should enter the main gate 1 in Hallhill road. Parents should continue to remain outside the gate. It will be open from 8.45am.

**3.00pm** exit: Gates will be open from 2.55pm to allow parents to be directed by staff, to designated pick up points. Please keep within the zones set out.

- “ P1: Parents must enter through gate 2 and can wait in the playground, at the shuttered area. P1 children exit from gate 2 also.
- “ P2 and P3: Parents enter through gate 1 ( main Hallhill Road gate) and can wait in the playground, in the areas allocated. P2 and P3 children exit from gate 1.
- “ P4: Parents will wait outside gate 1. P4 children exit from gate 1.
- “ P5-7: Parents will wait outside gate 3. P5-7 children exit from gate 3.

Please support us by avoiding late coming and entering at Office. Parents will not be able to access the school building unless by appointment. Please avoid dropping off forgotten items during the school day.

**It eases congestion if only one adult comes to collect the child/children. Thank you for leaving quickly after dropping off/ collecting your child, rather than remaining at the gate or in the playground, and for wearing a mask. It is supportive in keeping us safe during a period of continued Covid-19 risks.**

Yesterday Glasgow and Clyde had 1023 new cases of Covid-19 with 2964 in the last seven days.

Just this week staff members have had to be tested/self isolate. We have also had a positive case in the school. Let's keep safe, thank you.

## Resources

We must reduce the number of items travelling between home and school and keep these to a minimum.

Children can bring a bag to school after the first 6 weeks of the new school year. All children are provided with everything they need to do their work. Thank you for following this request. No toys are allowed.

Children should bring a full water bottle to school each day and they have access to bottled water from the cafeteria too.



## Showbie

Showbie will continue as the school's online learning platform and be used for homework purposes. Details will be issued on Monday 23rd on signing up. Please encourage your child to complete all homework. We would appreciate your feedback if you feel the homework is not suited to your child's level ( too easy, too hard..) in order to rectify/discuss this.

## School Improvement Plan 2021 -2022

This year, we aim to raise attainment and improve our school practices by focussing on:

- ◆ **Writing developments by participation in Glasgow's Improvement Challenge; *Literacy for all*.**
- ◆ **Developing our Curriculum Rationale**
- ◆ **The Health & wellbeing curriculum developments will continue from last session**

## School Uniform

As always, our families have made tremendous efforts to ensure the children are in full uniform, thank you. Everyone looks so smart and it promotes a real sense of belonging to Our Lady of Peace. Our uniform is:

- Black skirts or trousers
- White shirt
- School tie
- Green school cardigan or jumper
- Green summer dresses
- White t-shirt and black shorts for P.E. (essential). Joggers and leggings will be allowed for outdoor PE if it becomes cold. We will have PE outdoors as much as possible.
- Change of shoes for indoors (suitable for gym) and wellies for outdoor learning if possible.

Polo shirts are for P.E only and not for daily wear in school.

Please label everything; we have quite a collection of lost items already!

All of the above can be purchased from Schoolwear Made Easy 28 Wallneuk Road PA3 4BT online or instore

**\*\* All pupils need to have a change of shoes for indoors.**

Fashion items, coloured footwear, football colours jewellery, piercings, nail extensions/varnish, etc. are not permitted.

Children should be able to get organised for PE, be able to use a zip/buttons independently. They need to be able to tie laces/change shoes/fasten Velcro, etc. Please practise with your child being able to manage his/her own footwear and jackets.

Children will have daily outdoor learning activities and /outdoor PE activities. We would, therefore, encourage clothing to be suitable for all weathers.

## Fuel Zone



P1-7 children may bring a packed lunch or they can have a lunch from the Fuelzone. All pupils in P1, P2, P3 and P4 are entitled to a free school lunch. Your child will only receive a free breakfast if you are in receipt of free school meals. If you think you will be entitled to this, please complete a grant form online.

Please visit [www.glasgow.gov.uk/education](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/education) for clear information on how to do so.

The free meal will eventually be extended to all P5.

Children should also bring one play snack only with them. Additional and excessive amounts are very much discouraged and we monitor this carefully.

## Access to the Building

All visitors and contractors will receive an induction prior to entering the school building. This will include COVID-19 screening questions and following hygiene and distancing rules.

Parents will not be able to access the school building unless this is by appointment.

It will not be possible for parents to drop off forgotten items during the school day unless medication/emergency.

### Road safety

Glasgow City Council's Road Safety Unit in partnership with Police Scotland are running a pedestrian safety campaign to remind parents to set a good example to their children when crossing the road.

The main message is that children will mirror their parent's behaviour and do what their parents do. If a parent crosses between parked cars or doesn't make the effort to walk to a nearby pedestrian crossing, children will assume this is what they should do, when not accompanied by their parents. If, however, parents actively teach their child the safer way to cross, the child will then copy this good example. Radio Clyde adverts will run for 3 weeks from 9 August until 30 August and a Glasgow Times advert will run over 6 days from 18 August until 25 August.



**Please remember not to drop off by car at the gate,  
it is fraught with danger for our children.**

### Young Person's Free Bus Travel

On 27 July, the Scottish Government announced plans to begin the new Young Person's Free Bus Travel Scheme from 31 January 2022. All residents of Scotland aged 5-21 will benefit from the new scheme. Further information and updates can be found on the Transport Scotland website. Work is still ongoing to finalise the application process. It is recommended to wait until further information on how to apply for and access the Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme is provided later this year. Any other queries regarding the Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme should be directed to Transport Scotland at

### Covid-19 Infection control measures

You may know from news bulletins that some of the Covid mitigations that we have in place will remain for **up to six weeks** and then be reviewed. These are:

- ⇒ Risk assessments
- ⇒ Enhanced cleaning
- ⇒ Emphasis on good hand and respiratory hygiene
- ⇒ PPE in specific instances
- ⇒ Face coverings remain for adults in communal areas and when moving around the school
- ⇒ Drop-off and pick-up arrangements
- ⇒ split breaks and lunchtimes
- ⇒ Twice weekly LFD testing for adults
- ⇒ Restrictions on school visitors
- ⇒ No school assemblies
- ⇒ The use of 'bubbles' can be discontinued and the restrictions on drama, music, PE and dance can also be removed.

### Contact Us...

Please keep in touch with the school /seek out information via:

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