



Our Lady of Peace



**Respectful
Ready
Safe**

Dear Parents/Carers,

A letter from Maureen McKenna, Director of Education is being issued to you today; to confirm arrangements for the P4-7 children's return to school on Monday 15th March. Please look out for this on the school website, Facebook and Group call. P1-3 will have a hard copy to bring home.

P1-3

The children have been truly amazing upon their return and we have got off to a great start with the learning. They appear thoroughly happy to see their friends and teachers and we are delighted to have them back! Please continue to support your child at home with any homework tasks as we work to help them close gaps in their learning.

Our arrangements for entry and exit are working well and almost all parents are helping us with the rules, especially the wearing of masks. Your support in keeping everyone safe is very much appreciated, thank you.

Please:

- ❖ Keep a 2m distance from others and wear a mask when entering the school estate (this includes the car park area) at the drop off and pick up times.
- ❖ Avoid socialising. Alarmingly, this is still happening at the gates and at times, without masks.
- ❖ Reduce football: e.g. older brothers/sisters should remain outside unless he/she is the person collecting the child.
- ❖ Wait in the playground at the allocated areas only. A clear path must be left for the children to exit.
- ❖ Leave the playground and school gate areas once your child has been collected.
- ❖ Email/call the school if you have a query and we will do everything we can to help. Engaging the staff in conversations in the playground is a risk to both you and the staff member.
- ❖ Arrange that only one adult collects child/children.
- ❖ Avoid going to the office/main entrance as the school is closed to adults unless a visit has been prearranged by the Headteacher.
- ❖ Please be on time to avoid missing the gate.

Breakfast Club

If your child is to attend the Breakfast Club, please call the school office to register him/her. This should be done before Friday 12th March. It resumes on Monday 15th March.

Sacraments

Mgr. Bradley, Diocesan Administrator since the sad passing of Archbishop Tartaglia, has asked that head teachers share with you Covid-19 guidelines for when the children eventually receive the Sacraments. At the moment, the teachers are preparing/will be preparing the children with your support, for the Sacraments of:

- ✘ Reconciliation P3
- ✘ Communion P4
- ✘ Reconciliation P7

You will see from Monsignor's letter that Reconciliation may be in school.


If you wish your child to be presented to receive a Sacrament it is essential to enrol by contacting the parish with your contact details, name, child's name and DoB:

Please send your reply to both:-

stjudeandstjohnogilvie@rcga.org.uk

patricia.cassidy@yahoo.co.uk

07411 365 876



Dear Head Teacher,

The majority of schools and parishes are now preparing to celebrate First Communion and Reconciliation by ensuring that catechesis and sacramental preparation is in place. With that in mind I have attached some general guidance for the celebration of the sacraments for your information. The issue, of course, is that guidance changes according to which tier is in place and we are at the mercy of the authorities in this regard. It would be much appreciated if you could share this guidance with parents ahead of celebrations of the Sacraments, as some of them will not be aware of what the restrictions are.

In the case of First Reconciliation, we are aware that many schools have indicated that they would prefer a simple celebration of the sacrament (involving the pupils, class teacher and chaplain) within the school building, during the school day. As you know, based on guidance that you have received from SCES and the Archdiocese, the school chaplain is considered part of the school community. Therefore, in accordance with local authority guidance being observed, the Sacrament of Reconciliation could be celebrated once preparation is completed.

The celebration of First Communion and Confirmation are dependent upon churches being re-opened. However, we would encourage you to prepare the pupils for the reception of the sacraments so that they can be celebrated whenever the parish, school and parents agree is suitable.

Kind regards,

Mgr. Bradley

Covid-19 Risk Assessment

There continues to be a strong focus on keeping us safe in school. I have outlined below (as previously) some of the things we have put in place to help us. It is not an exhaustive list because risk assessment is an on-going feature of our work. It should give you some idea of what we have in place. There is an official Covid checklist to help schools evaluate safety and measures in place; it is reassuring that Our Lady of Peace scores highly on this. The full risk assessment is available upon request.

Reminder: no one should attend school if symptomatic/feel unwell with suspected Covid-19 and he/she should notify the school as soon as possible.

- Physical and social distancing by adults
- Physical distancing between staff and children, as much as possible
- Multiple staff areas for break times to accommodate a safe, maximum capacity
- Sanitising throughout the school
- Masks worn by all adults/staff
- Hand washing routines throughout the school
- Covid-19 posters/signage throughout the school
- Daytime Covid Hygienist with a clear timetable of areas to be cleaned repeatedly throughout the day
- Children in class bubbles with assigned seats
- Children in class bubbles in Dining Hall
- Staggered breaks/playtimes/lunchtimes
- Use of resources limited and specific to each child, e.g. each child has a wallet of resources for own use
- Regular cleaning of resources as required
- School well ventilated
- Transport of items from Home –School reduced/minimised
- Quarantine of resources when required
- Limited numbers in the toilets at any one time
- Sterile staffrooms
- PPE
- Access to the school by visitors/contractors/parents is minimised to essential purposes
- Strict visitor/sign in screening
- Classes have sanitising products
- Isolation area- for awaiting collection, if showing symptoms
- Glasgow City Council Education Service's processes following any positive case
- Lateral flow tests for staff

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read these updates and requests. Your continued understanding and appreciations of what we do at Our Lady of Peace primary are fully recognised and help us lots!

Yours sincerely,

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