

Safe Ready Respectful

June 2020 updates

Our Lady of Peace RC Primary



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are well. We have just recently, started to gain some momentum in getting our children and staff back to school for August and whilst we do not have everything yet, set in stone, I can offer some information about our plans. Truly, we are eager to get back and see the children thrive among their friends.



August return

Officially, staff will return to work and school during the month of June. This will enable us to prepare for our children's return in August. In service days remain as 11th-12th August and children return on the 13th.

The children will receive a blended model of education; a split between part time in school and Home Learning. The detail of this (e.g. two days in school and three days at home), has not been finalised. I will let you know as soon as it is more definite.

The children will be taught in groups (not whole classes), to support safe practice. The composition of the groups and the teachers assigned to each is being finalised next week by the school leadership team. There may be up to 14 learning areas/classrooms in the school to accommodate this group learning scenario.

Risk assessment, social distancing arrangements, adapted curriculum, Home Learning, ensuring that siblings attend together, etc. are all things we are currently working through.

I will send you further information on procedures for first days back when everything has been decided. This is likely to be in June, via social media, so please keep an eye out for it. I thank you for your patience and understanding.

North East Hub Lochend

The Hub will continue until 5th June. From w/c 8 June, the hubs will no longer be working and children should be supported in their own school setting. Children of keyworkers are entitled to care but if they have a partner who is working from home then similar to other keyworkers, their children should be cared for at home.

If you wish to have your child/children attend and qualify due to key worker/vulnerability status, please email me at Headteacher@ourladyofpeace-pri.glasgow.sch.uk with a few days' notice at least, as staffing levels may need to be re considered. I will send you the relevant form for completion.

Report cards

These will posted this week. Please return your feedback at your convenience, even if this is August. I have included a little more detail in the feedback form and the children are to be encouraged to feedback too. It will help us self-evaluate our service to you and the children, thank you.

Primary 1 new entrants

I will issue a separate letter to those parents who have a child starting in August.

Primary 7 leavers

As explained previously (April news), we are conscious of the fact that the children in P7 missed a hugely important last term. I hope to invite them back when it is deemed safe to do so, in the future.



Showbie-Home Learning

Thank you to the many children and families who are taking advantage of the activities our teachers are providing weekly, for each class. We have nearly 200 children who have registered and this is great but not all are completing the assigned work. I would ask that you continue to try and get your child to engage as it will help, in many ways. The school website continues to be a valuable source of information too. Remember we are here to help should you have any difficulties, questions or suggestions.

I stress once more that the children's health and wellbeing is of prime importance. Please continue to place value on fresh air, exercise, play, family time, story times, reading, art and crafts, baking, setting and maintaining boundaries and so on.

Mrs McPhee, Principal Teacher, will be encouraging the children to participate in a virtual Olympics in June. It looks fun and well worth a go!

Congratulations!

Mrs Adams, class teacher for P3/2 is a proud new mum of a bouncing baby boy! We wish her lots of happy times on her new journey into motherhood!



Staffing news

- Mrs Adams' maternity leave cover has yet to be officially allocated.
- Our four day vacancy has been filled by Mr S McKerrell whom we will welcome in August.
- We say goodbye to Miss Lindsay P5/4 who will take up post in another school, in the city. We wish her lots of luck and thank her immensely for her contributions to the community of Our Lady of Peace. We will miss her lots!
- Mrs Sweeney who works two days a week with us will be retiring and we wish her a happy, relaxing time!

And finally, I offer my thanks for your patience, especially the children as we have had to deal with so many unknowns, since March. I do not have all the answers at this moment in time but assure you that I anticipate the fog clearing over the next few weeks, now that we have a date to return. I will certainly keep you informed.

Please continue to take care and let's hope the summer months are good to us!

Mrs A M McDonald
Headteacher

**Help us to have perfect trust in your protecting love and strengthening power,
so that nothing may frighten or worry us...
St Ignatius Loyola**

