

18.6.20

# Back to School Information



Dear parents and friends,

I hope everyone is bearing up and feeling hopeful of getting closer to normality, as we progress through the phases of lifting lockdown. It is hard to believe how long it has been since our children have been at school. This has been a very long period of school closure. I continue to thank you, your families and most importantly, the children for your resilience and patience.

Since June 8th the staff have been able to access the school building in small groups to begin planning for an altered return to school. I know families have lots of questions about this return. We are making great progress through risk assessments, planning and other decisions.

We must return to school with care. The safety of everyone working and learning in our building is so important. It will take some getting used to, but my hope is that this is not forever. We will ensure our children have the most rewarding back to school experience possible.

My letter outlines the arrangements for August, I have enclosed your child's report card and classification for returning.

Thank you for your support and understanding in these challenging times. I wish you a contented and hopeful summer.

Kindest regards,

Mrs A M McDonald

Head Teacher



## Returning to School

### Week 2

#### 17.08.20 onwards

Children will return to school on a model of blended learning. They will be in school for 2 days and have home learning for the other 3 days.

- ◆ Groups 1a-14a will attend on Mondays and Tuesdays & Groups 1b-14b will attend on Thursdays and Fridays
- ◆ School will be closed on Wednesdays for deep cleaning. The school will also be deep cleaned on a Friday.

Half our children will be in school at a time. Group sizes will be around 12. Groups have been very carefully composed. Class Teachers will have handover conversations with previous teachers as well as being able to consult transition information. We will use our 11 classrooms, both our GP rooms, the Media Suite and open areas, as teaching spaces.

When organising groups we first ensured that siblings were in school on the same days, we then grouped children into working groups. As always we do not classify necessarily by friendship groupings. The groups are non-negotiable and we cannot accommodate parental requests. Grouping has been a challenge. There are no empty spaces in our classes to allow for movement. Please help us by supporting this.



## Staggered Drop-Off and Collection Times



Drop-off and collection will be different next session. We will have staggered drop-off and collection times. There are 2 different time-slots in total. The information for your child's group and days, gives information on your child's school entry and exit time. Please see enclosed.

- ◆ Children from **Groups 1-6** will start at 8.45am until 3.15pm and enter/exit clearly marked **Gate 1** ( this is the main gate).
- ◆ Children from **Groups 7-11** will start at 9.00am until 3.30pm and enter/exit clearly marked **Gate 1**.
- ◆ Children from **Groups 12-14** will start at 9.00am until 3.30pm and enter/exit clearly marked **Gate 2**. ( this is the smaller gate nearest to the local shops).

Children will be allowed into the school grounds just before their start time and will make their way to their line up area. Parents will not be allowed entry into the school site so will be requested to leave children at the gate. We request that after dropping your child at the gate you leave, rather than remain at the gate or fence. 2m distancing from other households must be observed at all times. Also, only 1 adult from each household should drop the child in order to limit the number of people around the school at the same time.

There will be numerous groups entering and exiting at any one time and we will split classes between gates to minimise contact and congestion. Sibling groups should enter/exit from Gate 1 only. Please support us by sticking to your time slots and avoid late coming.

There will be adults in the playground each morning and after school to support children. We will be at the gates too for entry and exit.

At exit time, class teachers will escort their group to the designated gate for collection. This is to ensure children adhere to the 2m distancing rule and that all are collected.

There will be a Breakfast Club run by Cordia. Places at the Breakfast Club will be organised by Glasgow City Council centrally and must be applied for online. I will provide further details of this as, and when, I can. Those attending must adhere to behaviour expectations. Entry will be via Gate 2 from 8.00-8.15am and access through main door.

## Resources



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

Children can still bring a bag to school but they should not bring a pencil case. All children will be provided with a wallet of resources to use and keep in school. This will not be shared between pupils. No toys are allowed.

Children will still get a reading book. This will stay with them both at home and in school. When books are finished they will go to a drop box for 3 days. Again, these will not be shared.

Children will have a wallet or folder for Home Learning. This will contain jotters needed for learning from home. This should come to school each day.

Children must bring a full water bottle to school each day. The water fountains are out of use in order to reduce pupil contact with shared surfaces. Children will have access to disposable cups of water in the cafeteria.

## Teaching and Learning



Teaching and learning in school will be a little bit different. We will not be able to work with the same physical closeness that the children are used to. Children will spend more time in the classroom at desks and class teachers will direct much of their teaching and learning from the front of the room. Please let me reassure you that school staff will not wear face masks.

Work introduced in school will be reinforced with home learning activities. Children will continue with Showbie so please engage with this learning platform and they will have a Home Learning grid alongside a personal project.

Home Learning will be revision and reinforcement activities.

### School Uniform—Please label everything

When we return to school in August, school uniform should still be worn. Fashion items, coloured footwear, football colours jewellery, piercings, nail extensions/varnish, etc. are not permitted.

Children will be unable to change for PE activities therefore PE kits should be worn underneath or as part of uniform.

Children **should have a pair of clean indoor shoes**. Children's shoes will remain under his/her table and not in shoe lockers.

Children must 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.

Please apply, if eligible, for your child's clothing grant/Free Meal entitlement. This will ensure you receive the summer top.

### Break time and Lunchtime



In order to support physical distancing, children will have their break times in smaller groups and separate play zones.

The gym hall will also be used for lunch breaks as the capacity of the dining hall is reduced. Children will still have a 15 minute playtime and a 45 minute lunch break. There will be an additional 15 minutes break in the afternoon with their teachers.

P1-4 children may bring a packed lunch or they can have lunch in the Fuelzone. Only P5-7 children in receipt of a free school meal can have lunch. Others must bring a packed lunch. We request that children stay in school for lunch. Children should also bring **one** play snack only with them to be eaten indoors. Additional and excessive amounts will be returned home.

### 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. Please make a telephone appointment, unless this is by invitation.

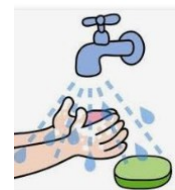
It will not be possible for parents to drop off forgotten items during the school day unless medication.

### Hand washing

The greatest importance is placed upon good hygiene measures. Before the school closure the children were already familiar with these procedures and these will continue.

Children will wash their hands:

- When they arrive in school
- Before they leave school
- Before and after break times
- Before and after times for outdoor learning and physical education
- Before leaving and upon returning to the classroom after using the toilet
- Children should not use sanitiser but emollient is permitted and should remain in your child's tray.



### Toilets



Each group will have a designated toilet to use. Toilet charts will be in use to monitor high frequency of visits.

Only one child will be allowed to go to the toilet at a time. Toilets are clearly labelled. We will operate a 'Wait time' spot if busy.

Children will be directed to use the toilet sensibly during the day to minimise the need for unplanned trips. i.e. just before/after break time. Please encourage your child to go to the toilet before leaving home, for school.

# Important

## Week 1 attendance detail

### Week beginning 10th August

Please be aware that **week one** will look different from the other school weeks, as detailed in the enclosed classification list.

- ◆ Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th August - In service days for staff
- ◆ Wednesday 12th August Groups 1a-14a will attend at the given times.
- ◆ Thursday 13th and Friday 14th August Groups 1b-14b will attend at the given times.
- ◆ Please adhere to your allocated entry and exit times. Late coming will create further challenges.
- ◆ **Primary 1 children, whether Group A /B should only attend from 9.30am-11.45am in this first week.**



## Summer Holiday

The summer holiday begins at 1pm on Wednesday 24th June. Please ensure you have updated all contact details, particularly mobile phone numbers and email addresses. We may need to contact you prior to the school reopening in August, especially our new P1 children.

Please use the Head Teacher email account to make any urgent enquiries. I will monitor this at points across the holiday and will endeavour to respond where I can.

## Infection control measures

A full, comprehensive Risk Assessment will be in place.

This will include protocols for any child/adult displaying Covid symptoms.

Parents will be required to collect children immediately if a child became unwell.

Re entry to school would be after consultation /screening with the Headteacher (or DHT in her absence).

Safety for all is of the utmost importance, Please be assured that we will look after your child/children. We can't wait to see them back!

## Contact Us...

Please keep in touch with the school via:

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