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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to school in August and we have been very busy working to ensure the school is ready and prepared for the safe reintroduction of our children. Thank you for the information you provided for us, this has been used to organise our groups and we have placed great importance on ensuring that siblings are placed on the same days and your child has at least one friend allocated to the same group.

There will be 58 groups of pupils, with each group attending school for two extended days of learning every week. Every class teacher will be involved in teaching these groups with all available space in the school being utilised to deliver this model. This includes using the Media Suite as a base and repurposing our Gym Hall, Dining Hall and Piazza to provide a learning hub for our new Primary One pupils. The Social Space and Studio (GP Room) will also be used together to provide a further learning space for one group of pupils.

Every entrance and exit point to the school will be used to ensure a smooth transition in and out of the building at the beginning and end of the school day. **More details will follow and will include a detailed map showing where specific groups of children will enter and exit the school and the staggered start and finish times for different groups of children.**

Unfortunately, parents/carers will be unable to enter our playgrounds at this time and all pupils will be collected and returned by school staff to the designated entry and exit points at the beginning and the end of the school day. This is in line with the current Health and Safety guidelines to support the health and wellbeing of all members of our school community.

Please note, we will continue to run a Breakfast Club from 08.00am every day but places will be limited due to a proportion of our Dining Hall being used for a class base. We will therefore be asking parents/carers to book places in advance and will be prioritising pupils in receipt of free school meals, followed by children of Key Workers.

Blended Learning

Pupils have been organised into two groups, Group A and Group B. Group A (approximately 50% of pupils) will attend school on Monday and Tuesday. Group B (approximately 50% of pupils) will attend school on Thursday and Friday. No pupils will attend school on a Wednesday, giving time for cleaning to take place between groups.

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Group A	Group A	Group B	Group B

❖ Learning in School

While in school, pupils will be working in small groups with the teacher planning learning appropriate for your child. As well as considering friendship choices and family arrangements, we have looked carefully at the groups your child works in for Literacy and Numeracy/Mathematics and have used this to help us form the groups. Each teaching group will be less in number than our usual class sizes, with teachers well placed to provide the support required by all children as they return to learning and working at school.

❖ Breaks

It is important that children can play outside during break and lunchtimes on the days they attend school. Primary One will have exclusive use of the Piazza Playground (off Gibson Street) and there will be 12 further activity zones with separate groups having a safe place to play while maintaining the appropriate physical distance from other pupils. We will also provide regular access to our Forest Area which will be available to pupils on rotation. Our Football pitches will also be used to increase opportunities for physical activity and

play. We are very grateful for the support of our Parent Council who are investing in new playground equipment for the children as they return to school.

❖ **Learning at Home**

Children will receive Home Learning packs provided by the school to continue their learning on the three days they are not attending school. This will be prepared by their teacher and will develop and extend the direct teaching they have received when attending school. Learning will be targeted and will be planned to meet the needs of pupils in each group.

The Structure of the School Day from August

Please find below an example of how the school day will be structured as the children return to school in August. This includes an extension of the school day by 30 minutes to maximise teaching and learning time. Each set will incorporate a number of separate teaching groups who will enter and exit the school at the same time using different entry and exit points.

	Start and Finish time for School
Set 1	08.40- 15.20
Set 2	08.50-15.30
Set 3	09.00-15.40

08.00 – 08.40 – Breakfast Club (Pupils will be escorted from the Dining Hall to their Class Bases)		
Set 1 – School day runs from 08.40 – 15.20	Set 2 – School day runs from 08.50 – 15.30	Set 3 – School day runs from 09.00 – 15.40
08.40 – Set 1 pupils are met by their class teacher, enter the building and start their school day	08.50 – Set 2 pupils are met by their class teacher, enter the building and start their school day	09.00 – Set 3 pupils are met by their class teacher, enter the building and start their school day
10.15 – 10.30 Break (Group 1)		
10.35 – 10.50 Break (Group 2)		
11.50 – 12.30 Lunch (Group 1)		
12.30 – 13.10 Lunch (Group 2)		
13.45 – 14.00 Break (Group 1)		
14.10 – 14.25 Break (Group 2)		
15.20 Set 1 pupils are escorted to their exit point (this will be the same as their entrance)	15.30 Set 2 pupils are escorted to their exit point (this will be the same as their entrance)	15.40 Set 3 pupils are escorted to their exit point (this will be the same as their entrance)

Commonly Asked Questions and Answers

Q. Is my child able to bring a school bag and pencil case to school?

A. Children can bring a school bag to school. Pupils are unable to share materials for health and safety reasons and we would encourage all children, where possible, to bring their own pencil case. This should include pencils, coloured pens/pencils, a sharpener, a rubber, a ruler and a glue stick. We will of course, provide these items to any pupil who does not manage to bring their own resources. A safe place will be provided for your child to store their bag and work, usually with bags stored on the back of your child's chair and work kept in a personal tray.

Q. Will children be able to physical distance at school?

A. All desks have been organised 2 metres apart. Children will have breaks within the 'bubble' of their learning groups. This distance can also be maintained during break and lunchtimes, where children will play in their specific playground zone and are able to eat lunch in their learning base or outside playground zone, when the weather permits.

Q. Is the Dinner School still able to provide lunches for pupils?

A. Lunch will be provided for all pupils in receipt of Free Meals, this will include P1-P4 pupils whose meals are funded by the Scottish Government (P1-3) and Glasgow City Council (P4). All other pupils should bring a packed lunch to school. Cordia are developing a new menu and we will share this with all parents as soon as it is available. Space in the Dining Hall will be limited and will be prioritised for our Primary 1 pupils.

Groups allocated to Teachers - Session 2020/21



Primary 1 Team

P1a – Melissa Caulfield

P1b – Fiona Marquis

P1c – Emma Beattie

P1d – Melissa Caulfield

P1e – Fiona Marquis

P1f – Emma Beattie

Primary 2 Team

P2a – Inigo Grijalba

P2b – Inigo Grijalba

P2c – Pamela Park

P2d – Pamela Park

P2e – Julie Watson

P2f – Kirsty Graham

P2g – Kirsty Graham

P2h – Sian Bartholomew

P2i – Sian Bartholomew

Primary 3 Team

P3a – Elizabeth Macdonald

P3b – Elizabeth Macdonald

P3c – Fran Cuellar

P3d – Mark McDonald

P3e – Mark McDonald

P3f – Gary Thomson

P3g – Gary Thomson

Primary 4 Team

P4a – Vacancy

P4b – Vacancy

P4c – Laura Mackie

P4d – Laura Mackie

P4e – Iona Macdonald

P4f – Iona Macdonald

P4g – Kate Wilson

P4h – Kate Wilson

P4i – Lizi Dunn

Primary 5 Team

P5a – Rachel Currie

P5b – Paul Cairns

P5c – Paul Cairns

P5d – Catherine Rodger

P5e – Etta Leslie

P5f – Karen McMath

P5g – Karen McMath

P5h – Vikki Simpson

P5i – Vikki Simpson

Primary 6 Team

P6a – Nam Forrest

P6b – Nam Forrest

P6c – Geri O'Sullivan

P6d – Colin Sinclair

P6e – Colin Sinclair

P6f – Wendy Watt

P6g – Wendy Watt

Primary 7 Team

P7a – Sarah Rossi

P7b – Libby Munro (Probationer)

P7c – Libby Munro (Probationer)

P7d – Kerri Simpson

P7e – Kerri Simpson

P7f – Sharon Lancaster

P7g – Sharon Lancaster

P7h – Sean Rankine

P7i – Sean Rankine

On Tuesday 23rd June all parents/carers will receive a text message confirming your child's group, the class teacher responsible for them and the days they have been allocated for direct teaching in school.

Thank you and best wishes,

Andrew Robson

Andrew Robson
Head Teacher