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# Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have thoroughly enjoyed being able to welcome all of our Primary 1-3 pupils and staff back into the school building these past two weeks. It has been lovely to hear lots of little voices and to regain a sense of fun and activity across the school once again. The children have coped wonderfully well with their re-introduction to school life and our staff are delighted to have returned to delivering lessons face-face.



## First Minister's Announcement

The First Minister announced on Tuesday 2 March that all P4-7 pupils will return to school full time from Monday 15 March and we are very excited about having all of our school community back together again in the school building. Please follow the link below to find details of the announcement in full.

<https://www.gov.scot/news/phase-2-of-schools-return/>

All information and guidance from Glasgow City Council related to dealing with the pandemic can be found on the Glasgow website, see link below.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/26214/Coronavirus-COVID-19-advice-and-guidance-for-schools>

I will provide a further update for all Parents and Carers next week with details relating to the return of our P4-7 pupils.



## Breakfast Club

I'm pleased to say that Breakfast Club will be available for all pupils as normal from Monday 15 March. Access to the Breakfast Club is from 08.00 – 08.30 every morning and costs £2.00 for your first child and £1.00 for every other child in your family after this. All pupils in receipt of Free Meal entitlement can access the Breakfast Club for free.

If your child is attending the Breakfast Club they should enter from the Main Reception area on Otago Street. All pupils attending the Breakfast Club will be supervised and escorted into their playground areas at 08.40.

## Digital Inclusion



We asked for families who required digital devices to support remote learning to contact us in January. We were looking to loan school i-pads out for the duration of the Lockdown period and last week we distributed more than 30 devices to families to support access online.

Once the Lockdown period ends on March 15 these i-pads will be returned to school and pupils will have access to these in their classrooms to support digital learning.

Miss Caulfield our Digital Leader of Learning has been making sure the new i-pads are set up and ready to use in classrooms. We also have Apple TV connections in all classroom bases that will enhance our overall digital delivery and we are replacing older SMART boards in five classrooms with new updated SMART boards or Promethean screens.

## Outdoor Education



We have increased our outdoor education provision to support the return of our Primary 1-3 pupils. I'd like to thank our Parent Council for offering financial assistance to ensure we could provide this for all classes equitably.

We are making plans to extend outdoor education for our Primary 4-7 pupils on their return too to ensure we can have pupils working outside as much as possible.

## Physical Education Update



The current advice on Physical Education (P.E) in Primary schools is that it should only be delivered outside. We are not allowed under current restrictions to have P.E in the school building. We will update all parents and carers if this position is amended.

This means that all of our outdoor playground spaces will continue to be timetabled to support P.E delivery throughout the week.

Once the restrictions on delivering P.E indoors are eased we will be able to maximise playground space for taking learning outdoors. Our Forest area will continue to be used throughout the day to deliver Outdoor Education.

## Drop-Off and Pick-Up



Thank you to all parents and carers who are taking great care to maintain 2 metre physical distancing and wearing face masks in line with Scottish Government Guidance during drop-off and pick-up periods.

All pupils from P1-3 can be dropped off into the playground from 08.40 each morning; adult supervision is in place to support this. Can I please ask all parents and carers to move away from the school gates as quickly as possible following drop off and pick up to ensure as few people as possible congregating near the entrance and exit points. It can become very busy and this is improved significantly with parents and carers moving away once their child has been collected safely.

Can I also please ask that wherever possible only one adult attends drop off or pick up times to minimise the number of people gathering at any one time.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

### Primary 1

Pupils will be escorted straight to their classrooms at **08.40** from the playground and their class teacher will be there to welcome them and provide activities that facilitate a 'soft start'. **The official school day begins at 08.50 and ends at 15.00 for our Primary 1 pupils.**

### Primary 2

Pupils will be supervised in the Courtyard playground from 08.40. **The official school day begins at 09.00 and ends at 15.10 for our Primary 2 pupils.**

### Primary 3

Pupils will be supervised in the Piazza playground from 08.40 and collected by their class teachers at the beginning of the school day. **The official school day begins at 09.00 and ends at 15.10 for our Primary 3 pupils.**

### Screen Free Day



We are organising a '**Screen Free Day**' on **Wednesday 10 March** for all of our Primary 4-7 pupils working at home. There will be an Activity Grid with some activities that can be completed indoors and some that can be completed outdoors for all stages (P4-7). Some of the instructions will be shared via Seesaw to ensure they are accessible for all but the activities themselves will encourage pupils to work away from their screens for the day.

### Spring Holiday Dates



- School closes at 14.30 on Thursday 1 April 2021.
- School will return on Monday 19 April 2021

### Family Support



A little reminder that we are able to offer support for any families currently faced with financial hardship. Thanks to some wonderful community spirited parents, we have some Tesco supermarket vouchers available to distribute that could be used to help ease some of the challenges being faced at this time. If you would benefit from this please contact any member of our Senior Leadership Team (see details below) and we will look to offer support for you and your family. Please be reassured requests are welcomed and we will treat all discussions with sensitivity.

If you would like to offer feedback or you require some additional assistance please don't hesitate to contact a member of our Senior Leadership Team.

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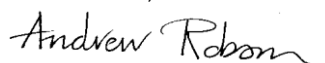
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Thank you for everything you are doing to support your child's learning.

Best wishes,



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