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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for your support over this first full week and our return to school. It has been wonderful to have all the children back in the school and to see the smiles on their faces. The children have all generally settled well into their new classes and it great to hear the chatter between friends. They also continue to follow routines and procedures very well to keep each other safe during these ongoing times of Covid -19.

Reminders and Updates



Start and End of the Day.

Changing to two start and finish times is working well and proving more efficient to school routines. Thank you for your continued support with this.

8:50 and 3:50 - P1,P3/4,P4/5,P5 and P6

9:00 and 3:00 - P1/2,P2,P3,P6/7 and P7.

Please continue to adhere to mask wearing and social distancing when in the school grounds at pick up time. I am in no doubt that you are all aware of the increase in covid cases in Dumfries and Galloway and we all need to continue to play our part in reducing risk to all and keeping each other safe.



P.E Arrangements and Information from Mrs Gray

Although we are able to carry out P.E indoors, PE will continue to be outside as much as possible this term, so children wear outdoor PE kit on PE days. Outdoor PE kit = joggers or leggings, or if it's a very warm sunny day shorts. Always wearing a t-shirt, sweatshirt and waterproof jacket, even if it's dry when leaving the house, with outdoor strong trainers and having a change of shoes for inside, if possible, would be best. Please leave lovely jewellery and especially ear-rings at home on PE days, and come to school with a full water bottle.

I am really excited to see you all for PE again.

Monday - P7, P6/7, P1/2 & P1

Tuesday - P5, P4/5, P3/4,P2 & P3.

Class teachers will notify pupils of any additional days they will be having P.E throughout the week and changing arrangements on these days



Water Bottles

Please remember to send a filled water bottle clearly with your son/daughter's name to school each day. Pupils can access water dispensers in the school to refill their bottles throughout the school day. Additional cleaning of these will take place throughout the school day. We do not provide cups for pupils to use at water dispensers.

Contacting Staff

Staff emails are all on the staff information page on the school blog. We have found the class dojo app to be a fantastic tool for sharing learning from the classroom. Please do not use the app to notify us of absence, these should still be reported to the school office. If there are to be any changes or messages throughout the school day please call the school office with these too. Class teachers will not be checking dojo throughout the day during learning and teaching time.



Baby News

As I have mentioned staffing above, I would like to share with you that Mrs J Mclean has had her baby over the summer holidays. Mrs J Mclean had a baby boy called Robin. I hope you will all join me in sending her our warmest congratulations and we hope to meet Robin soon.



Free School Meals and Clothing Grants

At present, free school meals are provided to all P1-4 pupils. In addition, some school funding from the Scottish Government is now linked to the uptake of free school meals. If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, you may qualify and we urge you to complete a grant form (www.dumgal.gov.uk/schoolmeals).

Qualifying benefits are:

Income support

Job seeker's Allowance (Income based)

Employment and Support Allowance (Income based)

Child Tax Credit on its own, with an annual taxable income of less than £16,105(subject to change)

Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income less than £6,420(subject to change)

Support under part V1 of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Universal Credit with a monthly income threshold that doesn't exceed £610

I have been made aware that some parents are concerned about not receiving copies of the dinner menus anymore to help children make choices about school dinners. A copy of the menu is available on the council website. <http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/schoolmenus>

Forms for clothing grants can also be accessed through the council website.

Lunches Ordering System

Can I please ask everyone to order school meals with your child using the **ipay impact** website. Please take some time to discuss choices with your child and then they will know what they have and may like to eat. Even if your child is taking packed lunches can we ask that you log this on the site as it does save class teachers time each morning and allows for more learning and teaching time.

Annual Data Checks and Emergency Closure Arrangements

These have been issued last week for all children. We ask that you take time to read and update/complete as required. Please add in any new medical conditions we need to know about in school. Please make sure that we have up to date email addresses for main contacts too. We will be continuing to email letters and information out this session. Forms should be returned to class teachers who will then forward to the school office.



Hair checks

Although we are just at the start of the school session can I please remind everyone to check children's hair for little visitors on a regular basis. If further advice or information is required about head lice, the school nurse team can be contacted at Gardenhill Medical Centre.



Car Parking Issues

May I remind everyone that only cars with access badges should be coming into the school car park. There is also no drop off zone within our car park so please refrain from using the loading bay as such. If new badges are required please contact the school office by email or phone for a form to complete.

May I also remind everyone about safe and responsible parking on the roads around the Learning Campus particularly on Haugh Road. Being respectful of residents' drives and access to their property is very important and we ask for your continued support with this.



Mobile Phones

We continue to be unable to store mobile phones in school in these current time. Please encourage your child not to bring their phone to school unless there are exceptional circumstances. If children do bring phones, they must be switched off as they enter the school playground through the green gates and kept in school bags for the duration of the school day. If anyone is caught using their phone during the school day then we will be applying the same policy as Dalbeattie High School, **see it, hear it, loose it**. If we have to remove a phone from a pupil then parents will be asked to come to the school reception to collect the phone.



Dojo and School Blog

Can I ask everyone to please take time to join the class dojo app for your child's class. We will be continuing to use Dojo through the school. We will also be continuing to use this as our main way of sharing information with parents. We will also group call and email as required. Facebook posts will also be used.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/dalbeattieprimaryschoolblog>

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and positive first term and I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with everyone involved with Dalbeattie Primary School.

Regards
Mrs E. Duncan