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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well and that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

I am writing to you all today to share information that you may find useful as your young person joins us on Monday for the first time or is returning to their new class.

Staff have been in school two days this week getting prepared for the children returning and we are all looking forward to welcoming them on Monday morning.



Start and End of the Day.

School starts at 9a.m and ends at 3p.m for all classes. Gates will be open from 8:45a.m and 2:55p.m Pupils should be dropped off at the school gates and enter the playground independently. Pupils in P1-P3 should be collected at the end of the school day from the playground. Teachers will look for adults to hand children over to from the designated doors. Please look out for your child being released from school at the end of the day and make eye contact or wave to let teachers know you are there. If you are running late or there is a change of circumstance at pick up time, please contact the school office. P3 pupils may walk home from October with parental permission. Please notify the school nearer the time if this is something you will be considering for your child.

Cones with signs on them will be out in the playground on Monday morning to help pupils find their line up places.

P1 First day

This year we are able to welcome parents and carers of P1 children into the school with the children on their first day. Please come into the playground with your child and wait near the planters at the P1 and P1/2 door. Staff will come out to welcome you into the building and to see your child going into their classes. Please remember your hankies and take lots of pictures of your young person's first day in school.

P2 from P1/2 should come in as normal and line up outside door. Mrs Howie or myself will be there to take them into school.

Breaks :

10:25-10:40 P1-P4

10:45-11:00 P5-P7

We encourage healthy snack options. There is no requirement for huge amounts of food at break times. P1 should have snacks labelled with their name or in a small box as staff collect snacks and store them in boxes for the children to access at breaks.



Lunches - All classes will have lunch 12:30-1:15. Infants will come to the hall slightly earlier with teachers to support the smooth running of the dinner hall.

Those of you that are already linked to ipay impact please make sure that you have topped up funds if required and order school meal selections online. **Reminder - All P1-P5 pupils are entitled to free school**

meals. Even if your child brings a packed lunch, please take time to include this on our system as it does help teachers with organisation each morning.

P1 lunches - we have orders returned from last term, thank you. We are aiming to have ipay impact details out to you early next week to set up online ordering.

Link below provides information about applying for free school meals and clothing grants should this be required.

<http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/schoolmenus>



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. We do not provide cups for pupils to use at water dispensers.



Stationary

All classes are provided with stationary. Pupils will be encouraged to keep their own property safely in their trays but can use it if they choose to throughout the school day.



P.E Arrangements and Information from Mrs Gray

Please find below the times each class have P.E with Mrs Gray our P.E specialist. As well at times with Mrs Gray, the children will also have P.E with their class teachers. These days and times have also been included below.

Mrs Gray is aiming to be outside for P.E between August and October and children will require outdoor kits and change of clothes and footwear.

Outdoor PE kit = joggers or leggings, t-shirt, sweatshirt and waterproof jacket. Children will be outdoors even in a slight drizzle. A change of footwear and socks is encouraged as well as a change of clothes as we don't want children sitting in damp clothing throughout the school day. Mrs Gray also requests that pupils leave jewellery, especially ear-rings at home on PE days, and come to school with a full water bottle.

Mrs Gray Block 1 - 8 Weeks Wks Begin 22nd August - 10th October

	Mon	Tue
9-10:25/10:45	9-10 P7	9-10 P5
	10-11 P6/7	10-11 P3
10:40/11:00-12:30	11-12 P1/2	11-12 P4
1:15-3:00	1:15-2:10 P1	1:15-2:10 P2
	Mrs Gray RICCT	2:20-3:00 P3/4

Class Teacher P.E (Times are approximate)

P1	Thursday 10-45-11:45
P1/2	Thursday afternoon
P2	Wednesday afternoon
P3	Friday 9-10:25
P3/4	Thursday after break
P4	Friday 11-12:00
P5	Wednesday @11a.m
P6	Monday afternoon and Thursday afternoon
P6/7	Wednesday afternoon
P7	Wednesday afternoon

P1-P2 may come in P.E kits all day on their designated days. Please don't send P1 in kits on 22nd of August - pupils to come in uniforms so that you can take pictures on first day of school.

P3-P7 to follow information below.

If pupils have P.E before break times then they may come to school in their P.E kits with a change of clothes/footwear for after the lesson. If having P.E later in the day(after breaktimes), children should come to school in their uniform and will change for P.E at school. Pupils may come home in P.E kits if their lesson has been at the end of the day.



Contacting Staff

Staff emails are all on the staff information page on the school blog. We are continuing to use the class dojo app for sharing learning from the classroom. All classes have now been updated for session 22/23. P1 pupils will be given links to share with you to allow you to join the app very soon.

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.

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

Medication

Medication stored in school was sent home for most children before the summer break.

If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day, please collect a new medication form from the school office for this.



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.

Annual Data Checks and Emergency Closure Arrangements

These will be issued next 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.



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 are unable to store mobile phones in school for children. 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, lose 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.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils to Dalbeattie Primary School on Monday at 9:00a.m. 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