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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. It was fantastic to welcome all pupils back into school on Tuesday and to see everyone settle into their new classes. What an amazing sight also seeing the children wearing their new uniforms throughout the school. We pride ourselves as a school on how smart our children look in their uniforms and welcome your support in maintaining these standards.

I know class teachers have shared some information with you through class dojo pages, but I am writing to you all today to share information that you may find useful for the year ahead.



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. In previous years P3 pupils have had to be collected up until the October holiday however we have had some pupils eager to walk home independently. If this is something you want your P3 child to do then please let class teachers know as we will not let children leave school grounds unless we have had this communication and parental permission.

Breaks :

10:30-10:45 P1-P4/5

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 are aiming to have ipay impact details out as soon as possible to set up online ordering. Menu slips were handed out for next week on Wednesday and should have been returned by today. If not returned yet, please send in on Monday.

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 or cold water taps in the school to refill their bottles throughout the school day. We do not provide cups for pupils to use at water dispensers.



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 and these will be shared individually on class dojo pages.

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(not cropped tops), 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. Long hair must be tied up for health and safety reason on PE days.

Mrs Gray Block 1 - 8 Weeks Wks Begin 21st August - 9th October

	Mon	Tue
9-10:25/10:45	9-10 P7	9-10 P5
	10-11 P6/7	10-11 P4
10:40/11:00-12:30	11-12 P1	11-12 P4/5
1:15-3:00	1:15-2:10 P1/2	1:15-2:10 P2/3
	Mrs Gray RICCT	2:10-3:00 P3 (4 weeks) P6 (4 weeks)

P1-P2/3 may come in P.E kits all day on their designated days.

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 were given links to share with you to allow you to join the app. We hope that everyone has managed to join. Any technical issues please just get in touch, and we will see if we can help out.

Please do not use the app to notify us of absence, these should still be reported to the school office each morning before 9a.m. 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 or earlier this week. If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day, please collect a new medication form from the school office for this. We will require medical forms to be updated on a termly basis and will issue forms as required.

Illness

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. We are very mindful of viruses and the spreading of germs. We continue to promote handwashing throughout the school day. We follow NHS guidance around diarrhoea and sick bugs and children must remain for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea



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, Emergency Closure Arrangements, Blanket Permission Slip and Digital Photo Consent (P1 only)

These were issued yesterday to 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 for collating so that we have up-to-date and accurate records.

Flu Immunisation

We are due to have the immunisation team in school on 15th of November. Forms for this were issued to pupils yesterday. Please complete as required and return to school.



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.



Cycling and Scooting

The playground and pedestrian area is very busy at drop off and pick up times. Children should not be cycling or scooting in these areas. We ask that bikes and scooters are pushed in the school grounds from the yellow bollard. Please discourage pupils from cycling up and down the path next to the nursery if not entering from Haugh Road. If cycling to and from school children must be wearing a helmet.

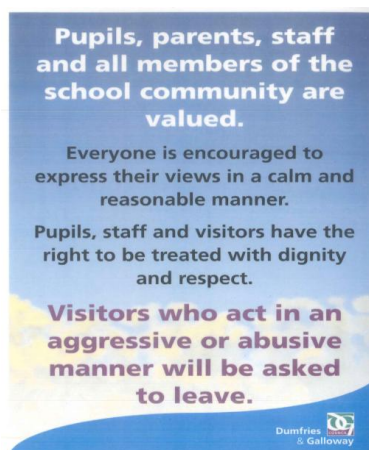


Mobile Phones

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 are also not responsible for lost or damaged phones should children bring them in.

Conduct on School Grounds Reminder

Can I remind everyone about conduct when in school grounds/on council property. Any personal disputes or issues should not be brought into the playground or school grounds. Please see below council statement with regards conduct.



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.

Kind Regards
Mrs E. Duncan