



# Parental Information and Update

19<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

It has been a wonderful week welcoming all of our children back into their new classes, or indeed into Giffnock Primary for the first time. Across the school, the children have made an excellent start to the school year and begun the process of building their own class communities together. Likewise, it has been great to speak with many of you in the playground and lovely to see the rhythm of school life beginning again at this exciting time of year.

## School website and Twitter feeds:

As many of you know, our school website and Twitter feeds are great places for you to access a wide range of useful information, alongside seeing a wonderfully visual overview of daily life in school. From 'Starting School' electronic guides, to specific subject information and themes, we very much hope that you will use and enjoy these throughout the school year:

[Giffnock Primary School Website](#)

@GiffnockNursery

@giffnockprimary

## Consent Forms:

In the spirit of being an Eco-School, we will usually aim to contact you via telephone or email where possible. Our office is in the process of sharing the standard set of consent forms for the year ahead with you all, which we have also put into an electronic format this year. Thank-you in advance for returning these to us as promptly as you can.

## Parent Calendar and 'Meet the Teacher' event:

On our school website, our updated parental calendar for the year will also shortly be available. This is a good place to stay ahead of key events to come. One date to immediately mention is our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August, between 6-7pm**. I am delighted to share that we are now able to return to an in-person format for this and it will be great to welcome all of our families back into school to see our children's classrooms beginning to take shape. Our teaching team will of course be there to welcome you. It is not designed as a time to discuss individual progress for your child as this is better placed at our Parents' Evenings later in the year; rather, the event is an informal chance to visit your child's class with your child, so that they can show you around and share with you the start of their year.

## Communication:

We know that our children learn most successfully when home and school communicate well. Throughout the school year, we want to communicate with you in the most useful ways possible and to do so in a range of formats that work best for all of our families. As



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usual, emails, phone-calls, our website and our Twitter feeds will remain important, whilst regular electronic newsletters will aim to give you a great overview of learning contexts and themes across the school. In addition, a variety of parental workshops and other opportunities to be part of your child's learning will be shared, including parental assemblies again this year.

From Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August, we will be restarting our Senior Leadership Drop-ins between 9-9.30am on Friday mornings. This time is an entirely optional one for any parent or carer who wishes to have a face-to-face chat with one of the leadership team, usually myself. Often these meetings have been relatively short in length, however they are important chances to speak together. There is no 'booking' required; should you wish to, please just come along to the school office around 9am that Friday. At times, there may be a number of parents so we will of course always do our best to speak with everyone who attends within the allotted time. If not, we would always arrange an additional, mutually agreeable time to do this.

Importantly, should you have any questions or concerns about your child you can always call the office as usual on 0141-570-7180, in order to speak with one of the leadership team in the first instance. Please do not wait for the Friday drop-in when an issue needs attention more quickly.

## **Whole School Homework - week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> August:**

Our homework for the year will begin with a whole school theme of 'My School Community'. One of the key themes in our School Improvement Plan 2022-23 is 'Community' and it is of great significance in our children's learning. We hope that this will be a fun and engaging start which different members of the family can be involved with. The full information for this will be available in class Goggle Classrooms next week and will also be shared with you via email on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

I look forward to an exciting year ahead and to sharing in this with all of our families.

Kind regards,

Rob Lawson

Head Teacher