



Good afternoon everyone, I hope you continue to keep well and feel reassured that your child has had a great week in school. I would like to give you a couple of short updates in relation to:

PE As you will be aware, your child is participating in PE each week however, at the moment in order to follow current health guidance, PE is taking place outdoors only. However, I am hopeful that further detailed guidance will be issued soon from the Scottish Government in relation to **indoor** PE in school. I will of course keep you updated on any changes when they become available. I appreciate that, particularly for our older pupils, participating in outdoor PE in their school skirt/trousers, shirt etc hasn't been ideal but was required in order to follow our safety recommendations so I am therefore really pleased that, as from this Monday (7th), all children can now get changed out of their uniform and into their normal outdoor PE clothes/ uniform when they have PE in school. All children are also welcome to wear a Netherlee polo shirt on their PE days if they choose. As the weather turns a little cooler as we head into Autumn, our Outdoor Netherlee Hoodies (supplied by the PTA) are a fantastic uniform item for PE as they look very smart, create a sense of belonging whilst outdoors and are cosy and warm for our children. All details in relation to Netherlee uniform, including PE items, can be found on our school website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Netherlee/information/uniform/>.

Improvement Plan I have placed a copy of our School and Nursery Improvement Plan for this session on the website. Please note that this is currently in draft format until Friday 11th September and as such, please get in touch if you have any comments or wish to give any feedback on our planned actions and targets for this year.

Pupil Health Thank you, as always for continuing to be vigilant in relation to your child's physical health. We are heading into that time of the year when as well as the common cold and sniffles, several other childhood infections also become more prevalent eg chicken pox, tummy bugs etc. In order to therefore continue to look after the health of all pupils, families and my staff, please continue to be vigilant for any signs of these common childhood infections and follow NHS recommendations as well as alerting the school office if your child shows any signs of infection.

Playgrounds Just a reminder that staff continue to be present in all playgrounds and at the gates **from 8.50am** and will open the doors for children to come inside at this time. Can I therefore suggest that children should arrive at school as close to 8.50am as possible. This is particularly the case for our youngest children as there is no supervision in the playgrounds until this time of 8.50am. At the end of each day, staff will always remain in each playground until all children have safely left the school grounds and/ or have been collected by an adult or older sibling. Please be assured that if you have been held up and are a few minutes late or if you have held back as you feel the area is busy, your child will be safe and well looked after until you arrive to collect them.

Homework We still have a few children who haven't yet logged onto Google Classrooms (GC). As communicated previously, we are using GC as a useful tool for posting homework instructions each week. It will also become our main method of continuing your child's learning should we go into any lockdown situation- I am sure that like me you are very much hoping that this doesn't happen but we do want to be prepared should this occur. If you or your child is having any difficulty with logging onto GLOW and GC, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us via schoolmail. It will most likely be a very easy and quick thing for us to fix and we will be very happy to get this resolved for your child.

P7 Finally, I am delighted that I have now been able to order the P7 ties and I hope to be able to present these to the P7s very soon. Mrs Roberts and the P7 teachers have now gathered all of their great ideas for the year ahead- some of which are pretty aspirational as I am sure you can imagine😊. We will all enjoy creating a plan for some special events and activities throughout this important year for our most senior pupils.

Please do get in touch if there is anything that we can help you or your child with at all. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

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