**Greyfriars RC Primary School**

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 **Newsletter**

16th August 2022

**Welcome Back to School**

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely summer break and are well rested for the school year ahead. The staff have all been busy in school getting ready for the children’s return tomorrow and are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back into class.

We extend a warm welcome to our children in Primary One and to the new children throughout the school.

I would also like to welcome two new members of staff who are joining us this session. Mrs J. Alexander is our new Support for Learning teacher, Miss E. Gourlay who will be teaching P2/3 and Miss C. Grace who will be supporting classes throughout the school as well as teaching P2/3 every Thursday.

**Arriving at School**

**Please use the gate from Lamond Drive/Roundhill Road** when arriving at school. The children should go straight to the back playground where they will line up when the bell rings. Cones will be placed to show where each class should line-up. Parents are very welcome to wait with the children. Our P7 Buddies will be there to help bring our P1 children into school. **Please note, there is no access to the school car park for parents. On no account should children be dropped in, or at the gate of the car park and left to walk across the car park.**

### Attendance

As this is the start of a new school session, I would ask you to be vigilant about your child’s attendance at school. There is concern nationally about the tendency towards casual absence. Unnecessary absences mean that children miss out on important teaching input which is difficult for teachers to replicate. This also applies to children who are consistently late for school. Please try to ensure that your children arrive on time.

As before, please let us know as soon as possible why your child is not at school and how long you anticipate he/she will be absent. You should contact the school using **Groupcall 07860 003754/ school office 01334 659418/ Greyfriarsrcps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk/ Parents Portal**.

If we do not hear from you early on the first morning of absence we will phone to check that all is well. Your child should bring a note on his/her return explaining the nature of the absence. This information, along with late-comings, will be recorded and reported to you at the end of the school year.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you over the coming days and weeks in my new capacity as Head Teacher. If there is anything I can help you with, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Collette Crompton

Head Teacher