

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to all of our families. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school this week.

The pupils have come back so well and are looking fantastic in their smart uniforms and fresh back-to-school haircuts! They all seem so much more grown up and mature since we said goodbye in June, and it has been lovely to hear about their summer adventures.

We would also like to extend a special welcome to the many new families joining our school community this year, and especially to our new Primary 1 pupils. We are delighted to have you with us. Thanks to our successful transition programme, our P1 children settled in brilliantly on their first day. Not a single tear was shed (well, not by the pupils anyway!).

Uniform

As we begin the new session, we would like to remind families of our school uniform expectations:

- Navy, grey or black skirts, trousers or shorts
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Navy blue school jumper or cardigan

Uniform items do not need to be school branded. Further information can be found on our website using the link below :

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/anderstonprimaryschool/new-p1-information/>

A separate letter will be sent shortly with information about PE days and expectations for PE clothing.

Attendance

As we begin a new school year, we would like to remind families of the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

Every day in school matters. Regular attendance helps children build positive routines, maintain friendships and make the best possible progress in their learning. Even short periods of absence can result in children missing important teaching, discussions and experiences that cannot always be easily replicated. If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office as soon as possible or use the Pupil Absence Reporting Line to let us know the reason for their absence. Prompt reporting of absences helps us to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children and maintain accurate attendance records.

Late coming

We have also seen an improvement in punctuality across the school and would like to thank families for their support with this. Arriving on time helps children settle calmly into the school day and ensures they do not miss valuable learning opportunities at the start of lessons. Late arrivals can also be disruptive to learning and require office staff to pause their duties to admit pupils and update attendance records. Your support in ensuring children arrive on time each morning is greatly appreciated.

Holidays

We would ask families to avoid taking holidays during term time wherever possible. Holidays taken during the school year can have a significant impact on children's learning and attendance. We encourage families to make use of the school holiday periods published by Glasgow City Council when planning family trip

End of day arrangements

To support a safe and smooth dismissal at the end of the school day, please note the following collection arrangements:

- Primary 4 to Primary 7 pupils will be dismissed as normal and should meet parents and carers in the trim trail area.
- Primary 1 pupils will be collected from the door next to the Outdoor Classroom.
- Primary 2 and Primary 3 pupils will be collected from the main infant doors.
- Primary 2/3 pupils will be collected from the door facing the main entrance gates.

Please follow the signage in the playground and school grounds. Members of staff will be available in the playground and will be happy to help if you are unsure where to go.

Staff Car Park

As part of our ongoing review of school risk assessments and site safety procedures, the staff car park will be closed to pedestrians during the following times from Monday:

- 8:45am to 9:15am
- 2:45pm to 3:15pm

The staff car park should not be used as a walkway for children, parents or carers travelling to and from school during these times. Restricting access will help to ensure the safety of everyone on our school grounds, particularly during the busiest parts of the day.

Reminders

A few additional reminders to help the school day run smoothly:

- If you have already received your ParentPay login details, please remember to log in and pre-order your child's lunches. Lunches can be ordered up to three weeks in advance, which helps us with lunch organisation and reduces food waste. Families who are new to the school will receive their ParentPay login details over the next couple of weeks as pupil records are updated on the system. Once you receive your details, you will be able to set up your account and begin ordering lunches.
- Please send your child to school each day with a water bottle clearly labelled with their name. We ask that bottles are filled with water before arriving at school.
- Children may bring a healthy snack for morning break, such as fruit, vegetables, crackers, cheese or crisps.
- As we have pupils with severe allergies, we are a nut-aware school. Please do not send any snacks or lunches containing nuts. This includes items such as Kinder Bueno, Nutella sandwiches, peanut butter products, or any snacks that contain nuts.

School Office Notice – Mon 17th, Tues 18th & Wed 19th August

Please note that the school office will be unstaffed on Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th August while Miss Gormley attends First Aid training.

As there will be no office cover available during these days, we kindly ask for your patience if responses to enquiries are delayed.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

We would be grateful for your cooperation and support in following this arrangement.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe and healthy.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable year ahead.