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Dear Parent/Carer,

Change is in the air. Springtime is upon us, our P1-3 children are thrilled to be back in class and the First Minister has confirmed that all P4-7 children can return to school on Monday 15 March. Our staff and families are delighted with this news.

P4-P7 Back to School Questionnaire

A [questionnaire](#) has been designed to help staff gain a greater insight into P4-P7 children's experience of the recent lockdown, as well as their thoughts and feelings about a return to school.

We understand that children will have experienced a variety of emotions about being in lockdown, which is to be expected. This questionnaire will provide information to help guide staff in preparing support for children which is targeted and tailored to their individual experiences and views.

Please provide your child with whatever support they need to record their views. We ask that you please try to avoid influencing your child's expressed views, so that we can have maximum confidence that the responses reflect their genuine opinions, which may differ from yours. It is important that the child feels that their views are heard and taken seriously. The questionnaire has an optional final section for parents/carers to add a comment.

I will post a short video message on Seesaw (Announcements) on Monday to welcome P4-7 children back to school, to offer reassurance about any concerns they may have about returning and to encourage them to complete the pupil questionnaire.

Thank you to relevant families for your responses in the P1-3 Back to School Survey. Click [here](#) for a report summarising the feedback.

Protective Measures

The safety of our school and wider community remains paramount. The gates at Woodcroft Avenue and Elmwood Avenue can get *very congested* at arrival/home time, so please ensure you wear a face covering, maintain 2m distance from other families and only one adult picks your child up. Older children should be encouraged to meet you a short distance from the school gate. Drivers should plan to park away from the school vicinity. Children and adults will benefit from the short walk.

We will continue with the wider range of mitigations in place before lockdown including: good ventilation; regular hand-washing; adults wearing face coverings in shared areas; school cleaning throughout the day; physical distancing between adults and 2m distancing where possible between adults and children; classes not mixing indoors; online staff meetings and; support for shielding individuals.

Self-testing kits are now available from the Scottish Government to enable staff to test twice weekly.

Our updated [Risk Assessment](#) (version 9) is available on the school website.

School Timetable

The school gates at Woodcroft Avenue and Elmwood Avenue will be opened and supervised from 8.45am. P4-7 children can play in the playground until lining up at the 8.55am bell. P1-3 children should go straight into class at 8.45am. Staggered school hours and break times will be as follows:

	Class starts	Playtime	Lunchtime	Home time
P1-3	8.45am	10.15-10.30am	11.45am - 12.30pm	2.45pm
P4-7	9.00am	10.35-10.50am	12.30pm - 1.15pm	3.00pm

Where required, P1-3 children finishing at 2.45pm should wait in the school pitch for older siblings finishing at 3pm.

BOSCA

It has been confirmed that BOSCA childcare can resume their after-school service from 15 March. For more information, please contact Susan Brown, Manager, Broomhill Out of School Care Association, 07815 007657

School Uniform

Where possible, children should attend school in the Broomhill Primary uniform. We appreciate that some children will have outgrown their uniform. We have many items of gently used school uniform available free of charge. Please contact the school to enquire about available sizes. Children can wear additional layers of clothing in class for warmth when required.

Children will not change for outdoor PE. They should come to school on gym days with suitable clothing and outdoor footwear.

Indoor soft shoes/plimsoles for class use should be kept in school.

School bags and filled water bottles should be brought to school daily. Personal belongings should not be brought to school unless required.

All items of clothing and other belongings should be marked with the child's name.

P7 children and others with a school iPad should bring their device to school daily, fully charged.

Learning and Teaching

P4-P7 will be taught by their teacher/s in their usual classroom. (P6/5 will receive additional information about staffing for this class.)

Literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing - including play, outdoor learning and PE - will be prioritised when children return.

Homework will not resume until the week after the Spring holiday, except reading for enjoyment library books.

Any child having to self-isolate will be signposted by school staff to activities to complete from home during their absence. These tasks will be aimed at consolidating and applying skills, rather than introducing new learning concepts. Please contact the school as soon as possible if your child has to isolate.

Online Safety Newsletter

Click [here](#) for the latest copy of our Safer Internet newsletter. Remember to check out our monthly editions on our website for the latest information on online games, apps, safety issues etc. We ask that you regularly make time to discuss relevant aspects of online safety with your child/ren.

School Meals

Breakfast Club will resume on 15 March. Please visit page 11 of our School [Handbook](#) for further details about opening hours, payment and food choices.

A limited lunch menu will continue to be offered. This is to ensure distancing can be maintained by kitchen staff. Check out our Twitter page each Sunday for menu choices for the week ahead.

Lunchtimes and breaks will continue to be staggered to reduce interaction.

Designated seating areas for our dining hall will continue.

Free School Meals - Key Payment Dates and Updated Information

The following is an update on key dates for the money being paid to families whose children meet the criteria for free school meals.

For P1 to P3 children, your last payment was £25 paid on 19th February 2021. For P4 to P7 and S1 to S6, you also received £25 last week and you will receive a payment on the 5th March which is £12.50.

There is an additional £100 plus £25 for the spring break for all children with entitlement P1 to S6. This £125 will be paid between 19th March and 22nd March.

If you think that your family might qualify for free school meals please visit the council website to find out more details on the eligibility criteria and fill out an application at <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/schoolsandlearning> - there's also a list of frequently asked questions which may help with any enquiry you have.

Please note that any new applicants who meet the criteria and **apply by 12 March 2021** will be paid the additional Spring payment as soon as their application is processed. Applications made after this date (12 March 2021), if eligible, will receive free school meals for their children and not the additional £125 Spring payment.

Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council Meeting will be online, via Zoom, at 7.15pm on Wednesday 17th March. If you wish to attend please contact the Parent Council representative, Colin Hamilton, at broomhillparentcouncil@gmail.com. The headteacher updates will include school recovery measures, reporting to parents and classification.

Thank you once again for all your efforts to support home learning. The staff team and I are really looking forward to welcoming all our P4-7 families back to school.

Kind regards,

Wendy Cameron

Headteacher

