

**September 2020**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the new school year here in Cranhill Primary during these strange and challenging times. The children are have settled in so well to their new routines with lots of hand washing and wiping down desks and equipment; we have never been so clean! We welcome the new Primary 1s who have settled amazingly well, as well as a few new members of staff – Mr Boyd (Principal Teacher), Ms Henzie and Ms Berwick (Probationer Teachers).

We know things are a bit different now and we are so grateful for your support and understanding. The guidance is still that bags should not be used, however, if you feel your child needs to bring a bag to have a successful day in school then they can bring their bags. We are now also encouraging all children to bring their own water bottles – this will help to make sure children are not sharing plastic cups.

Despite all the challenges, the whole staff team are really excited about the year ahead and about working with you over the course of the year. We hope to create our Parents Group very soon so that you can all help us to provide the best educational experience possible for your children.

****Yours sincerely,

Mrs McLauchlan

**New Cranhill Primary Website**

We have launched our brand new website here: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/cranhillprimary>/

This is where we plan to share key information and up to date news with you. We will also be introducing Seesaw for all classes so that you can have direct contact with the class teacher. This will also help to prepare us for better online learning if we need to go back to home learning at any time. Have a look and see what you think! Leave a comment for us so we can continue to improve.

**Bug Club**

We have invested in an online reading programme. Children will be able to access this from home and it is likely that this will be homework for most children in the school. Each child will have their own unique password and user name which we will share with you. Their teacher will allocate books to them that they can read at home and they can earn rewards when they read them. You can access this through the internet on tablets and PCs.



**Attendance**

Absence can still be reported through the Absence Line on 0141 287 0039 but we would ask that if this is due to self-isolation regarding COVID symptoms or a positive test result of the child or a household member you contact the school office directly on 0141 774 2821. If you have any concerns regarding attendance and late-coming please get in touch and we will see how we can support you with this.

**Breakfast Club**

We are offering breakfast club again this year and we have noticed that no one is using the service at this time. If you receive free school meals, then this service is free and gives the children a great start to the day. Please consider sending your child /children in the mornings so they can fill up on breakfast before they start their learning. Doors open at 8am and children are cared for until 8.45am at which time they can go to their class. The service will be removed from the school if numbers are too low.

**Uniform**

Thank you so much to everyone for making such a fantastic effort with uniform. The children look fantastic. A reminder that we have asked that children wear light blue polo-shirts or shirts and navy blue trousers or skirts/pinafores. The new tartan pinafore is also welcome. Please can you make sure that you write your child’s name on EVERYTHING**!**

**Healthy Snacks**

We ask that all children bring healthy snacks to school when possible, any type of fruit, yoghurts, items with as little sugar as possible. We also ask that children only bring water to drink in school and no fizzy drinks – this has often caused children to be too excited when trying to learn.

**No dogs please**

Just a reminder that we cannot allow dogs in the campus including the playground and also the car park. We love dogs but not all children feel safe around them and not all dogs are suited to the noise of school so please make sure they don’t come inside the perimeter fence. Thank you for understanding.

**Be prepared – Scottish weather**

COVID -19 guidance is that children should be outside as much as possible including during rainy weather. We have always had a policy of going outside even when it is wet. Children can use the shelter area to keep dry and we can change children who get really wet. Please help us by making sure your child has a jacket each day. If you need help with this, please let us know as we have a selection of jackets we can share when needed.

**Hopes for this year**

Please share with us your hopes for this year in terms of events across the year if/when COVID restrictions are lifted in the feedback sheet or in the comments on the website. We’d love to know what matters to you. Please also let us know if you have ideas for events online whilst restrictions are in place.

*Please complete and return to the school at your earliest convenience.*

My child’s name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Their class is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I have read the content of the newsletter and I don’t have any questions.

 I have read the newsletter and my question is:

 I have read the newsletter and I will contact the school with my

 question. (Telephone 0141 774 2821; email Headteacher@cranhill-pri.glasgow.sch.uk)

Comments (including ideas about events for the year):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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