



### Message from Head Teacher

Let me start by wishing those of you returning to Golfhill a very warm welcome back to school. I hope an enjoyable break was had by all, even if it already seems a long time ago!

A special welcome is extended to all of our new families and pupils. We thank you for choosing Golfhill for your children's education.

Our P1s are settling in well, getting to know routines and making new friends. They have been supported by their amazing P7 buddies, whose class this year is right next door to P1.

Our vision and aims for the school, redesigned and revealed in June 2019, are as follows:

*Golfhill Primary School cherishes its place at the heart of the Dennistoun community.*

*We celebrate our diversity and tolerance, and provide a welcoming and nurturing environment where everyone is accepted and supported.*

*Our aim is to develop resilient, responsible and creative citizens, who enjoy learning and embrace all the opportunities we provide.*

I am confident that as we move forward together, this vision will be realised and strengthened. Your help and support in this is much appreciated.

As always, if there is anything you would like to discuss, or something that I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me. Let's make this our best year yet!



Yours,



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Head Teacher

### Keep in touch...



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### Our values:

Respect

Equality

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## Staffing update

As sometimes happens, our staffing allocation changed over the summer, but we are delighted to have welcomed five new members of staff to Golfhill.



Miss Cullen and Miss Rehman have joined the team as permanent members of staff, bringing with them a wealth of experience from other teaching posts in Glasgow.

Our other new teachers are Miss MacLennan and Miss Harmon, who will be with us for the year, and Miss McCluskey who has joined us on supply. We wish them every success and happiness for their time at Golfhill.

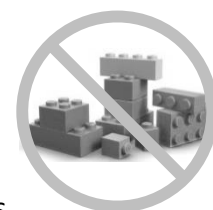
At the end of last term our Depute Head Teacher, Mrs Campbell, was invited to take on the role of Acting Head Teacher at Langfaulds Primary in Drumchapel. I have been in touch with her, and she sends everyone her very best wishes.



I had confirmation this week that a replacement has been secured for her, and we are very much looking forward to Mrs Kirkland joining us in September as Acting DHT. Mrs Kirkland is currently Principal Teacher in Alexandra Parade Primary.

## Toys and slime

Just a reminder from before summer.... we know that children enjoy bringing their toys into school, but they often get lost, damaged or irreparably broken, causing lots of disappointment.



We therefore ask that things like Lego, toy cars, action figures and other such items are left at home. This will save unnecessary upset and distraction.



The decision was also taken to ban slime, because of damage to carpets, furniture, clothes and other personal belongings. Thank you for adhering to this.

## Annual Data Check



Please ensure the *Annual Data Check* forms are completed and returned as soon as possible. It is absolutely vital that we have everyone's latest, up-to-date contact details and emergency information. Thank you those who have returned already!

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## Attendance

Our attendance figures are closely monitored, and when they fall below certain levels (see below), further action may be required. This is Glasgow City Council policy, and we are duty bound to follow it. Please note that almost all absences are included in these figures, including sickness and holidays within term time. Exceptions include appointments issued by the NHS and religious holidays.



**98%** attendance or more

*above national average*

**95% - 97%** attendance

*in line with national average*

**90% - 94%** attendance

*may begin to impact attainment*

**80% - 89%** attendance

*letter sent home*

Less than **80%**

*may lead to visit from Education Liaison Officer*

## Health and wellbeing

We have pupils at Golfhill with nut allergies.



Please try to ensure that playtime snacks and packed lunches do not contain nuts. Thank you.



If possible, please provide your child with a refillable water bottle.

It is important that everyone keeps hydrated throughout the day.

## Dogs in playground

Could we kindly ask that any dogs which need to be brought into the playground are carried? Most people love to see them (and you do have some beautiful puppies out there!) but not everyone is a fan, and it'll also save any wee accidents...



## Clothing

### Labels

Please take a moment to label your child(ren)'s clothes. This will help us reunite jumpers and jackets with their owners when they are invariably left lying around!



### Clothing bank

Please remember about the clothing bank we have in the foyer. Everyone is welcome to help themselves from it, and we welcome any donations to add to it.

### Football colours / slogans



A wee reminder that, as per Glasgow City Council policy, no football strips should be worn at school regardless of team or country. This includes tops, shorts and tracksuits.

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## Dates for your diary

<i>Open Afternoon</i>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September @ <b>14:00</b>
<i>Non-uniform day</i>	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Fundraiser: any donations welcome</i>
<i>September Weekend</i>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September
<i>Non-uniform day</i>	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October <i>No donations required</i>
<i>Parents' Evening</i>	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October
<i>October Week</i>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
<i>School closes for Christmas</i>	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December @ <b>14:15</b>
<i>Christmas and New Year holiday</i>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
<i>Mid-term Break</i>	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
<i>Open Afternoon</i>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February @ <b>14:00</b>
<i>School closes for Spring Break</i>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April @ <b>14:15</b>
<i>Spring Break</i>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
<i>May Day holiday</i>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May
<i>Parents' Evening</i>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May
<i>May Weekend</i>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
<i>Sports Day</i>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June (tbc)
<i>Fun Day</i>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June (tbc)
<i>School closes for Summer</i>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June @ <b>12:45</b>

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