



Newsletter

August 2020 – part 2!



An appendix to the newsletter distributed on 21/8/20

Wearing of masks

The Scottish Government have published new guidelines for the wearing of facemasks in schools.

These guidelines only apply to pupils and staff in secondary schools.



The advice remains the same for pupils in primary schools: masks are not required.

However, we are in the unique position of sharing a building with a secondary school.

Therefore, Golfhill staff are being advised to wear masks while moving through any areas *shared* by both schools. These include:

- the corridor to P2, P3 and the GP Room (*which is currently operating as our staff room*)
- the corridor to the dining area, and the door being used by P2 and P3
- corridor and stairwell being used by P4 and P7
- the dining area

Outdoor learning

As you know, we are getting our learners outside as much as possible. With this in mind, we recommend that all pupils come to school with a waterproof jacket, and appropriate footwear. This might include wellington boots, with soft shoes to change into in class.



The latest advice from the Scottish Government's Scientific Group is for physical activity to remain outdoors only just now, but we understand this will be reviewed mid-September.

Please note that in the event of severe weather pupils *will* be kept inside.

Wellbeing

We have pupils at Golfhill with severe nut allergies.

Please ensure that playtime snacks and packed lunches do not contain nuts.



This includes any products containing Nutella or peanut butter, and sweets like Kinder Bueno, Snickers (*or own-brand equivalent*), and Reese's Pieces.

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Xpressions app

We would like to encourage all families to download the **free** *Groupcall Xpressions* app, which is available on smartphones and tablets.



Many of you have downloaded it since we asked in the newsletter, and it would be great if even more of our families would do the same!

Remember, sending messages via Xpressions is free for the school, meaning it will save us money. Plus, you can also reply to messages for instant communication with us.

Homework

It is our intention to resume homework after the September weekend.



Our focus since returning has had to be on settling our learners back into the routine of school and rebuilding relationships. We have been undertaking lots of work on recovery and reconnection, while carefully transitioning back into the more formal aspects of learning.

Details of what homework will look like are still to be finalised, but will focus on numeracy, literacy and life-skills. It be issued and received via *Microsoft Teams*, which was our online learning platform during lockdown.



Parking

Our car park is busier than ever, so we must insist that families do not use it to drop off their children. Thank you in advance for your support in this.

Traffic remains an issue on and around Onslow Drive. Appeals have been made to local councillors for support in making things better, but we can all play our part in the meantime by observing street markings and signage.



Parents' Evening

Our first Parents' Evening will be done remotely via telephone call.

Conversations with class teachers will take place between September 30th and October 8th.

This is a whole new way of working, and will require some organisation, so we ask for your patience and understanding while we get things arranged. Please contact the school office if you change your phone number.

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