



Newsletter

March 2021



Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

As you know, last week saw the full-time return to school for all primary pupils across Scotland. We were delighted to welcome everyone back to Golfhill, to start reconnecting and resuming direct teaching, and getting back to some sense of normality.

My deepest gratitude goes out to all our families for supporting the recent period of remote learning. We know it was not easy, but whether you completed every task set by our teachers, or dipped and out of activities, the very fact you all kept any learning going at all was incredible. The key thing was that you protected and nurtured your children during these most difficult of times.

I know there were a range of emotions surrounding the return to school, but please know that we have worked hard to make our school as safe as possible, by following all local and national guidance. The various measures we have in place are there to protect everyone - our learners, our families and our staff.

All the information issued over the last few weeks can be found in the *Return to school after Winter Lockdown* section of our website.

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.



Yours,

Iain Morrow
Head Teacher

Staffing update

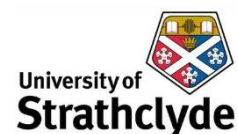


I am delighted to share with you that Mrs Duff is expecting another baby! This is wonderful news, and I know you will join me in sending Mrs Duff and her family every best wish.

Last week we welcomed five PGDE teaching students from Strathclyde University. They will be working alongside class teachers from P5 – P7 until early June, taking on increasing levels of responsibility as their skills and knowledge develop.

P5BD Mrs Amiwero
P5J Miss Sharma
P6 Miss McCaffrey

P7C Miss Smith
P7H Miss Alabi



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New one-way system in the morning

For those families who enter via Onslow Drive, we have a new system in place in the morning. Thank you for helping make this run so smoothly already.

Families should enter through the small gate, then leave via the side gate.

The big (main) gate is only to be used by Whitehill Secondary.

NB: The path leading to Cumbernauld Road can still be used for entry and exit in the morning, and afternoon arrangements remain unchanged.

Golfhill Primary School
New **morning** arrangements for entering and exiting playground
Effective from Monday 22nd March
Please note: at home-time, any entrance/exit can be used.

New ONE-WAY system
Enter via Onslow Drive and exit via Cumbernauld Road
To be reviewed w/b: 26/4/21

Please do not use the big gate at the corner of playground!
This side is for the exclusive use of pupils from Whitehill Secondary.
This will be a very busy area, as Whitehill pupils must remain outside until 09:00.
There may be games of football and other activities taking place, so to minimise risk, please stay on our side of the MUGA.

THIS GATE ONLY FOR USE BY WHITEHILL

THIS side of the MUGA is only for Whitehill pupils

THIS side of the MUGA is only for Golfhill families

GOLFHILL ENTRANCE

GOLFHILL EXIT

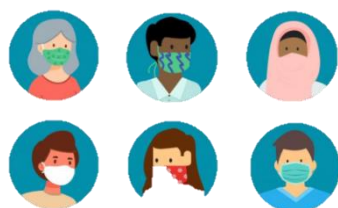
08:45 / 14:45
P1, P2, P4, P5i and P7c
Please leave playground **immediately** after the first bell in the morning, and when you have collected your child at home-time.

09:00 / 15:00
P3, P5&D, P6 and P7H
Please leave playground **immediately** after the first bell in the morning, and when you have collected your child at home-time.

As far as possible, only families of pupils in P1 – P4 should be in playground.
We recommend that older children make their own way to school, or are dropped at the gate.

The entrance and exit via path towards Cumbernauld Road can also be used by Golfhill families

Physical distancing and face coverings



We kindly remind adults to wear a face covering whenever they are in the playground, and to maintain 2m physical distance from each other.

Please also stay behind any barriers which may be in place.

We remain grateful that these measures have been followed so well – thank you everyone!

Attendance

Just a reminder that no-one should leave home if they, or anyone else in their household, display any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19:

- new and continuous cough
- fever or high temperature
- loss or change of taste/smell



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Uniform

At Golfhill we encourage all pupils to wear a school uniform. Doing so helps foster a sense of community, cohesion and pride in our school. It also takes away the anxiety of deciding what to wear every day.

We are very flexible in our approach to uniform, being mindful of the cost of the school day and different clothing preferences.

Our school uniform is your choice of:

- sky blue shirt or polo shirt
- navy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- navy trousers
- navy pinafore or dress
- navy skirt
- school tie



Sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts with the school badge, and ties, are available for purchase at the school office, or online at <https://www.schoolwewearmadeeasy.com/>

Please note, there is no obligation to buy these. Plain clothes without the badge, but in the school colours, are perfectly acceptable. These are available in supermarkets and other clothes shops.

Our uniform was agreed in consultation with all stakeholders a few years ago. It is expected that all children attending Golfhill Primary School will adhere to this dress code.

Easter Eggs

The Lord Provost of Glasgow, Philip Braat, recently wrote to us to let us know that every primary pupil across the city will be receiving a chocolate Easter egg.



The official text reads:

This has undoubtedly been an extraordinary year for all of us, including our children and young people. Therefore, I wanted to provide our primary school pupils with an egg to provide some cheer to them during these difficult times. It is a small token to thank children for what they have had to endure during the last 12 months of this pandemic.

We will distribute these next week.

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Homework



We have taken the decision not to issue any more formal homework for the rest of the school year. Over the last twelve months, the line between school and home has become too blurred, so for the next term, we're going to make the distinction clear.

There is still flexibility, though, for individual classes to send home specific tasks, such as reading books, mini projects, unfinished work etc.



As the weather brightens and restrictions begin to ease, we hope you take the opportunity to get out and about a bit more, to enjoy fresh air and outdoor activities.

Other reminders

We kindly remind families that the following items **should not** be brought to school:

- Energy drinks
- Fizzy drinks
- Chewing gum
- Items associated with football teams



Thank you for your support in this.

Dates for your diary

<i>School closes for Spring Break</i>	Thursday 1 st April @ 14:15 / 14:30
<i>Spring Break</i>	Friday 2 nd – Friday 16 th April
<i>Pupils return</i>	Monday 19 th April
<i>May Day</i>	Monday 3 rd May
<i>In-service Day (no pupils)</i>	Thursday 6 th May
<i>May Weekend</i>	Friday 28 th and Monday 31 st May
<i>School closes for Summer</i>	Thursday 24 th June @ 12:45 / 13:00
<i>Pupils return</i>	Monday 16 th August



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