



Newsletter

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Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

As we approach the 3rd anniversary of entering the first lockdown, I thought it would be good to reflect on some of our positive achievements since then...

- *Golfhill Live!* (assemblies on YouTube)
- Creation of Anti-bullying Policy, Equality Policy and Uniform Policy
- Accreditation as an LGBT Charter School
- Charitable work (Ukraine war, Türkiye/Syria earthquake, Marie Curie, foodbank)
- Streamlined planning and reporting procedures
- Re-established Parent Council, Pupil Council and Eco-committee
- Hugely successful HMIE revisit
- Wide range of staff professional learning opportunities

We have become known across the city for our work around equality and inclusion, a big part of which is how we celebrate our wonderfully diverse community:

- Families from 25+ countries, and a wide range of languages spoken
- Families of colour / families from BAME backgrounds
- Different family arrangements (same-sex parents, adoption/fostering, kinship)
- Faith communities, and those of no faith
- Equality of opportunity for girls and boys

All members of staff work hard to provide the best experiences for our learners, and are proud to call Golfhill their place of work. We hope you are equally proud to be part of our community.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

School hours (another reminder!)

We operate from **08:45 – 14:45**. While this is unusual, it is not a new development.



The start of the school day is vitally important, as routines, expectations, learning intentions and news are shared at this time.

The expectation is that everyone lines up outside at 08:45.

There has also been a rise in the number of pupils being collected early. Please try to make appointments for after-school.



All time out of school adds up. Some children are now regularly missing between **one hour** and **one day** of education *each week*. This affects attainment, progress and wellbeing.

At the end of the day, a number of pupils are often not collected on time. Please ensure arrangements are made to have your children collected at **14:45**.

Some families rely on older siblings who attend Whitehill to do the collecting. However, as they do not finish until after we do, this is **not** a suitable option.

Physical activity

As per Glasgow City Council policy, no jewellery is allowed to be worn during PE lessons, such as gym sessions, dance workshops and swimming lessons.

This includes (but is not limited to):

- bracelets
- necklaces
- earrings
- nose-piercings

The full Health and Safety document for physical activity can be viewed by scanning this QR code.



All jewellery needs to be removed before taking part. This rule applies to boys and girls. Thank you for your co-operation.

Help us raise money for school funds with *easyfundraising*! Simply do your usual online shopping, but do it via the *easyfundraising* website.

Visit: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Click on: Find a cause

Search for: Golfhill Primary School – Glasgow

Click on: Sign up and support this cause



Create an account (takes moments), or log-in to an existing account.

Once logged on, choose your retailer, do your shopping, and let *easyfundraising* do the rest!

Financial Inclusion Support Officer

Don't forget...! Marija Arbeitere, from Bridgeton Citizens Advice Bureau, is available to help all our families with a range of money matters, including:

- Benefit entitlement
- Fuel support
- Debt arrears
- Employability programmes
- Consumer advice



If you need any help or advice, please contact Marija directly on 07564 726 309. or fiso@bridgetoncab.org.uk. She is available Mon to Fri, from 9am until 5pm.

The drop-in service in school is no longer available but arrangements can be made to meet here.

This is a great opportunity for everyone, especially during the cost of living crisis.

Car park



Please remember that our car park is for the use of **staff only**, and should not be used as a pick-up and drop-off facility. It is already incredibly busy, with staff from Westercraigs, Golfhill and Whitehill using it, and there is simply no room for extra traffic.

Parents' Evening

Appointments have now been issued for our Parents' Evening on **Thursday 30th March**.

We're looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible!



Dates for your diary

Marie Curie fundraiser	Friday 31 st March (<i>wear yellow non-uniform</i>)
Close for Spring Break	Friday 31 st March @ 14:15
Spring Break	Mon 3 rd – Fri 14 th April
Re-open for Term 4	Monday 17 th April @ 08:45
May Day holiday	Monday 1 st May
Coronation bank holiday	Monday 8 th May
In-service Day (<i>closed to pupils</i>)	Thursday 25 th May
May Weekend	Friday 26 th and Monday 29 th May
Sports Day	Wednesday 14 th June
Fun Day	Wednesday 21 st June
Close for summer	Friday 23 rd June @ 12:45

Our values:

Respect

Safe

Equality