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# **Message from Head Teacher**

Dear families,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope everyone had a fabulous summer filled with joy, laughter and happiness.



A special welcome is extended to our new P1 pupils and their families. We hope you enjoy your time at Golfhill.

We've also had new pupils join us across different year groups. Thank you to everyone for choosing Golfhill for your children's education.

We are delighted to have been joined by two new teachers this year. Mr Swanney will be teaching in P5, and Miss Goodwin in P6. We wish them every success.

We can also let you know that Ms Harley will be joining us as our new Clerical Assistant next week, working alongside Mrs Trotman. Please be patient as she finds her feet!

With that said, our classification this year is as follows...

Nurture	Mrs Blyth		
P1	Mrs Macleod	Miss Munro on Thursday	<b>6</b> 8
P2	Ms Bradbury		
Р3	Miss Allan	Ms Buchanan on Monday	ENI
P4	Miss Jamieson	Mr Hay on Tuesday	LDU
P5	Mr Swanney	Mr Hay on Thursday	
P6	Miss Goodwin	Mrs Duff on Thursday	٧.=
P7	Mrs Smith		



If there's anything I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Our values:

## **Open Afternoon**

We are delighted to invite you to our Open Afternoon on **Friday 5**th **September**.



Join us from 13:45 in your child(ren)'s class and meet their new teacher.

Other upcoming opportunities to engage with the school include:

Parents' Evening
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October

• Christmas Fair Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

• Open Afternoon Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April

Sports Day
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

You'll also be able to keep up to date with what classes are learning via our termly class newsletters, which will be available on our website as follows.

Term 1 w/b: 1st September Term 2 w/b: 3rd November

Term 3 w/b: 19<sup>th</sup> January Term 4 w/b: 4<sup>th</sup> May

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### **School hours**

Reminder... our school day runs from 08:45 until 14:45.

Due to latecoming, some pupils have missed between one hour and one day of education each week. It is important to be in the playground for the bell ringing at **08:45**.

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**.

# **Standards and Quality Report**

We had a lot to celebrate last year, and all our successes and achievements can be found in our Standards and Quality Report (SQR).



In it, you'll also find information about our improvement priorities for this year.



Ours has been highlighted by Education Services as an example of excellent practice, and can be viewed on our website by scanning the QR code.

Our values:

## Labelling things and being outside



Our pupils come to us with a myriad different talents and abilities. However, one major skill which could be better across the school is... **looking after their stuff!** 

You can help us with this by **writing your child's name on everything**, especially items of clothing.

We've also included looking after our own belongings as part of our value of Respect.



Our pupils outdoors as much as possible, so we recommend coming prepared for all seasons. Glasgow's weather can be highly changeable, so this does mean children will be outside in the rain occasionally.

NB: Playground staff are forever asking pupils to put their jackets on outside, but it's a losing battle, whatever the weather. We really do try!

### **Attendance**



We will be continuing to monitor attendance closely this year, in line with Glasgow's *Attendance Matters* campaign. Last year across the school, over 10% of education was missed.

When looking at individual cases, some pupils missed up to 50% of their learning experiences. This has fundamental implications for achievement and attainment.

While we strongly discourage it, we do understand why families might take holidays during term-time. The cost savings can be substantial. However, if you do make this choice, please note that no school work will be provided.

Mr Morrow is happy to support passport applications for families he has known for over two years. This process should be completed **online** (no paper copies will be completed), using this email address: <a href="mailto:headteacher@golfhill-pri.glasgow.sch.uk">headteacher@golfhill-pri.glasgow.sch.uk</a>

#### Reminder

The following should **not** be brought to school:

Trading cards (such as football or Pokeman)



Anything containing nuts



Chewing gum



Fizzy / energy drinks



Football colours (any team / club / country)



Our values:

# **Dates for your diary**

Open Afternoon Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September from 13:45

September Weekend Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Parents' Evening Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 15:30 – 20:30

In-service Day (no pupils) Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

October Week Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

School Photographer Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Hallowe'en celebrations Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October (pupils may wear fancy dress)

Flu vaccinations Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

School closes for Christmas Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ **14:15** 

Christmas and New Year holiday Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Pupils return to school Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Open Afternoon Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 13:45

Mid-term break Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February

In-service Day (no pupils) Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Parents' Evenings Tuesday 31st March 15:30 – 18:00

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 15:30 – 18:00

School closes for Spring Break Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April @ **14:15** 

Spring Break Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Pupils return to school Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

May Day holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

In-service Day (no pupils) Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

May Weekend Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Sports Day Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Reports issued Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Schools closes for summer Thursday 25th June @ **12:45** 

Our values:

Acceptance Kindness

Respect