



# Hyndland Headlines

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## WELCOME BACK TO OUR WINTER TERM

Dear Parent/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to our second term of the 2020/21 Session. We hope you all had a pleasant (if quiet) October break and we are delighted to see the pupils back in school and progressing so well on their learning journeys. Although some procedures have been different and our curriculum is refined in line with Local Authority guidance, the ethos remains happy, positive and motivated.

This is a longer school communication as there are many changing aspects of the school year arising from the health focussed context we are operating within. Our shorter monthly newsletter will appear on our website on the Friday of the last week of the month (next issue will be 27<sup>th</sup> November) and will be digitally available on Groupcall and Twitter as well as our website. If you require a paper copy of our communications then please let us know and we will arrange for one to make its way home by school bag post. May we also remind you that as well as digital letters, updates and Groupcall, we are also using our school Twitter page to communicate information. We look forward to another term working in partnership with you to ensure our children continue to develop as: Successful Learners, Responsible Citizens, Confident Individuals and Effective Contributors.

### Updates to our Pandemic Procedures and Protocols

#### **Reporting Positive Cases of COVID19**

Please contact us as soon as possible if a member of your family has either symptoms or a positive test, this helps us inform others in the community if it is deemed necessary by our colleagues in Public Health. No conclusions regarding extent or limitation of self isolation recommendations are taken by the school; we communicate the conclusions Public Health have reached, to you, based on the information they have gathered and analysed. You can contact the Headteacher by email at [headteacher@hyndland-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@hyndland-pri.glasgow.sch.uk) and please also call our school office on 339 7207. You should also contact the GCC Absence Line 0141 471 3710 or 0141 287 0039 or by completing the online form on the GCC website.

**If a member of your household has symptoms then everyone in the house should stay at home and self isolate until the test result is received.**

Arrangements will be made through the two Depute Headteachers; Mr Frame (P1-3) and Mrs Wynn (P4-7) to provide home learning activities for your child (if they are well enough to engage).

#### **Drop off and Pick Up**

Thank you for supporting the new mitigation measures we have in and around school to reduce risk of virus transmission. The staggered start and exit are working well; but we would ask again that adults strongly consider wearing masks (if you do not already) within the campus and around gates and maintain social distance while dropping off/collecting children.

We request that families waiting for older siblings ensure younger children stay with parents/carers at all times and do not play in other parts of the school grounds or move the markers designating pick up zones (these will be replaced by markings this term).

Please keep the gates clear so individuals/groups can easily access or exit the playgrounds; we ask that adults avoid cutting through the playgrounds to enter adult wait zones. All carers and children coming from the back entrance, please exit at Gate 4 (in front of bike shed) then use the pavement to access Gate 1,2 or 3 points.

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Pupils who arrive early for the second entry should either go their own playground after 9am or wait in the top playground where there is daily supervision from 9-9.15am. No pupils waiting out on the street please as this aggravates the congestion on the pavements and makes it difficult for families to pass safely.

**Please do not bring dogs (even in arms or on leash) into any of the playgrounds at any time.**

### **Glasgow City Council Care Free Zone**

GCC have introduced a new vehicle restriction measure on Fortrose Street; police officers will be onsite on a regular basis to ensure implementation. Please do not move any cars, vans or motorbikes in or out of the street from 8.30 until 9.15am then again from 2.45 until 3.30pm. This may cause some families difficulties, but the level of dangerous driving around Glasgow schools at busy periods has made this a necessary intervention in many areas. Hostile or aggressive interactions will be reported to the police.

### **Reporting to Parents**

We really miss our informal interactions with families, and we had been exploring different ways of replacing our Parents Evening before the October break. However advice from LNCT for Glasgow has taken this out of our control for the moment and guidance shared just before the autumn holiday has clearly directed that all parents meetings should not be replaced by either phone calls or online meetings. So this term we shall be sharing your child's successes via a short interim report at the start of December.,

### **P1 Enrolment Week**

**Children aged five, between the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 are eligible to enrol for primary school next month. Enrolment week opens from 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> November and all forms can be found online. Mr Frame and the staff are working on a new way of communicating with potential new parents this session, as due to restrictions the usual school tours are not possible.**

### **Housekeeping**

Please make sure every item of your child's clothing has their name and class on it. Lost Property (which had been very well controlled at the start of term) is growing again. Unfortunately we cannot organise our usual monthly playground table pickups so if your child's clothing is unlabelled, it is very difficult to return to you.

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle (or two), snack for break and winter weather jacket, clothing and footwear-remember we are a nut free zone and this includes many chocolate spreads/snacks.

**WATERPROOF TROUSERS, JACKETS AND WELLIES/BOOTS ARE AN IDEAL ADDITION TO YOUR CHILDS SCHOOL WARDROBE; BEING DRY COMES BEFORE SCHOOL BRANDED.**

Latecoming has become more prevalent in the last few weeks; please try and make sure your child is in line and on time so that we can keep all our children and staff safe. If your child is late, please remember to use the intercom at the main door for your child's entry point and do not come into the school building unless it is an emergency. All visitors must complete a Track and Trace form if they are inside the premises, even if just dropping off a child or delivering a forgotten item-so please try to make sure your child has everything they need for the day before they leave home.

Unfortunately, at this time, parents/ carers are not able to speak to school staff at doors or in playgrounds at drop off or pick up – you have no idea how much we miss this! If you have a matter of concern please let one of the Senior Leadership Team know; either by email, telephone or **in an emergency** at the beginning or end of the day (retaining social distance) in the playgrounds.

### **School Bags**

We review all our guidance and protocols regularly and as a result we have revised our initial advice to only bring carrier bags to school. From this week children may bring a school bag (as small as possible); this is to ensure that children can bring necessities in winter without worry of damage to contents. However we need to continue to reduce the amount of clutter on pegs, corridors and in classrooms and still minimise the number of items going between home and school.

School bag recommended items are; iPads for P7s, water bottle (s) , snack, lunch box/ pack/ thermos/insulated container (which should fit inside the one bag). Spare pair of trousers and socks in case of very wet weather (change of underwear for little ones) and waterproofs if you have them. Children should not bring any toys, games, soft toys, books or stationery into school this term-and any additions to bags such as keyrings etc should be avoided. Thank you for your support.

### **Fond Farewell to some of our Hyndland Family**

Many of you may have heard that before the October holiday, Mrs Claire Campbell and Ms Karyn McGhee, devoted and much loved members of our school community left our team. Mrs Campbell and Ms McGhee spent the vast majority of their careers in Hyndland Primary and dedicated over four decades between them to Education services. Their expertise, dedication and compassion made a huge positive impact on generations of young people in Glasgow. We will miss them very much but wish them many joyful decades of being able to focus on self, family and friends.

### **New Roles for current staff-Congratulations are due!**

After the excellent appointment of Mrs Julie Wynn as our Depute Headteacher during the summer holidays, we have more wonderful news; we are celebrating the appointment of Mrs Fiona Batista, Mrs Kate Kitson and Miss Victoria Moir as our new Acting Principal Teachers! The new PTs will be working closely on developing key aspects of our curriculum this session; Outdoor Learning, Diversity and Equity in curriculum design and delivery and Digital Learning. More to follow in our November Newsletter.

### **Homework and Curriculum Overviews**

Our focus in Term One was to ensure that all our children and staff were back safely and everyone was settled back into their learning routines and friendship/peer groups while rolling out a number of new health and safety procedures and methods for working.

Our team are very keen now to re-establish Homework across the school; to allow our young people to develop their independent learning skills and grow their study habits. Homework will resume from the week of 2nd November, but may look a little different in some contexts as we continue to limit the transfer of physical resources between home and school and adopt safe methods for feedback and marking. Curriculum Overviews will also be available on our website for each stage from the same week to give our families an insight into what is being explored in class.

### **Hallowe'en**

There may be restrictions for celebrating this Saturday and changes to guising in our community, but we will still be partying for Hallowe'en at Hyndland! You will have received a letter last week on Groupcall letting you know that class parties and a virtual assembly will be held this Friday (30<sup>th</sup>) in school-unfortunately this year is not quite the same and we would ask that costumes are more practical and weather worthy and please remember nothing too scary and no weapons. If all children could bring an extra drink on Friday for the afternoon session then it would be much appreciated-it can get very hot in a costume! Please contact our office, if for cultural or religious reasons you do not wish your child to participate in the parties and events.

### **Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices**

Mobile phones, alongside other forms of technology are changing the way and speed in which we communicate. They can provide security and reassurance; however there are also associated risks.

We would prefer that mobile phones in school are kept to an absolute minimum, but are happy to support parental choice in allowing pupils to bring their mobile phones to school provided that they follow a few simple guidelines and understand that the school is not liable for loss or damage to mobile phones on our premises. This includes school trips and extra-curriculum activities – mobile phones are not permitted on residential trips.



- Where possible, mobile phones should not be brought into school.
- If as a parent you wish your child to bring a phone to school, mobile phones must be switched off at the start of the school day and handed into the pupil's class teacher; handsets will be locked away during the school day and collected at the end of the day. Mobile phones should not be used before or after the school day on school grounds to take images or record other pupils.
- Children are not allowed to use their mobile phones on site at the start or end of the school day – unless permission from school staff (or attending supervising parent) is given.
- Children should not bring any electronic devices into school (unless agreed between parents and a member of the SLT.)

### **Community Partners**

Our neighbours in the local flats are having real problems with litter on Fortrose Street and the surrounding areas; we very much value our positive relationships within the community and are always striving to help

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our children see themselves as local, national and global citizens-can you please support our respect for the environment by keeping our Partick and Hyndland streets litter free.

### **Pupil Absence Line and Head Lice Alert!**

School is back, heads are down and of course that means head lice are on the move again! Please check your child's hair as often as possible and treat as soon as possible to keep cross contamination to a minimum.

A reminder that if your child is absent you should use the City Council Pupil Absence Line to notify us rather than call the school directly. I appreciate that the line can be busy in the morning but this way across the city absence is communicated electronically and efficiently. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### **School Meals and pre 9am playgrounds**

Breakfast Club is open 8am until 8.40am through the glass doors-only pupils in receipt of free school meal entitlement can access this service without charge, for all other pupils a charge of £2 per day is made. For siblings, the oldest child pays £2 and subsequent children pay £1. School lunches are free for all P1-4 pupils and £1.90 for pupils in P5-7. Free school meal applications can be made through Glasgow City Council Website and applications should be renewed every year before October.

There is no adult supervision in the playground before 9am; please keep this in mind when dropping children off especially on dark and wintry weather mornings. Please be aware that there are no ball games or 'wheels' allowed in the playground before 9.15am and only owners of bikes and scooters should be using these modes of transport. No-one should remove or use another pupils property from the bike shed.

### **Celebrating Achievement**

Just a wee reminder that every class will have a 'Celebrating Achievement' wall in or outside of their classroom in order for pupils to share and celebrate their wider achievements. Pupils are invited to bring in their certificates /medals/trophies and have their photographs taken (and shared on Twitter if appropriate permissions are given) for safety, only the holder of the achievement will handle the photos or medals etc. We look forward to celebrating the children's successes both 'in and out' of school.

### **P7 Transition Programme**

P7 parents will already have received a letter from our colleagues at Hyndland Secondary. We have begun discussions about how to safely manage the arrangements for our P7 transition programme this year. Mrs Wynn and our P7 teachers will be meeting (virtually) with HSS Departments to creatively respond to the current restrictions but prepare our senior students for their next big step. Further information can be found on the HSS website for P7 parents and pupils.

### **Our House System**

We will be hosting elections with a difference for Captains, Vice Captains and Junior Captains on the 13<sup>th</sup> November. Our P3, P6 and P7 classes will be invited to produce an individual poster or leaflet (instead of the usual presentations) in school one afternoon during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November to present to their House before the voting begins on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. The posters will be displayed in the gym hall and each class will have a chance to visit the exhibition before casting their vote in class. Good Luck Candidates!

### **Medical Information**

#### **Reminder that we have our Whole School Flu Immunisation on 11<sup>th</sup> November**

If your child has an inhaler then from P4-7 it would be very helpful if pupils could carry an inhaler in their bags for breaks and easy access in class. We are only able to administer essential medications at this time and will not be able to give any medicines that mask high temperatures. If your child requires essential medication during the school day then this should be handed in to the school office and a parental consent form signed-**please phone the office to make an appointment** .

**NO MEDICINES CAN BE ADMINISTERED WITHOUT THESE FORMS BEING SIGNED.AND NO SELF ADMINISTERED MEDICATION SHOULD BE IN CHILDRENS SCHOOLBAGS AT ANY TIME.(Form can be found on our website under Parents Tab, then Forms)**

If you are in the school building for any reason, you must report to the Reception Office, to ensure staff and pupil security. This includes during Breakfast Club time or after the school day has finished.

Please do not walk through the school building without speaking to our Reception staff and completing a Track and Trace form at the main door.

**Fundraising**

We have made the conscious decision not to make any repeated ,explicit requests for funds or set up any events for fundraising from parents and families since we returned in August; we know that so many of our families are facing difficult financial circumstances as this pandemic continues and that as the economy struggles to recover, we do not wish to put any further pressure on our community. We have also been asked not to have money in school unless in exceptional circumstances, to reduce the risk of transmission to our clerical and catering staff. There will be a small Fundraising Focus next month, to support children's parties and experiences around the festive period, and more information will follow from Mrs Batista and Mrs Wynn very soon.

If you have a look on our website there are a few initiatives (Easy Fundraising/Scholastic) that may not cost parents any extra but would help contribute to treats for our wee ones.

**If your family is struggling financially, please contact Ms Brown or a member of the Senior Leadership Team; we are here to help or sign post you to partner agencies who may offer support.**

**TO ALL OUR FAMILIES, PLEASE STAY WELL AND KEEP IN TOUCH.**