



Ibrox Primary School and Nursery Class

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Ibrox Primary School and Nursery,

The warmest of welcome's back to Ibrox Primary School. Firstly, I would like to say I am so proud of all the children and families and their positive attitudes to returning to school. Our phased return was a huge success and the children have settled back into the new routines and procedures really well.

I was sad that so soon in to my time here at Ibrox I missed the opportunity to formally introduce myself to all the families and meet you in person. However, I am sure as time moves on we will get the opportunity to do that. I am in regular contact with Mrs Young and she is being kept up-to-date on the progress of the school. I look forward to a fun and exciting term ahead.

### Safety Procedures in place

As you know the school is constantly updating and reviewing their safety procedures in line with Government guidance, and I am sure your child has told you of all the new things they have to do in school.

- Regular hand-washing is on-going in classes throughout the day.
- Staggered breaks and lunchtimes for all classes in the school.
- Zoned play areas in the playground with staff ensuring that pupils keep to their allocated zone.
- A 'stay left' system in place in the corridors to ensure pupils move safely around the building.
- Pupils have been allocated their own books and resources to limit the risk of cross-contamination. 😊

### Attendance / Registration

As you know, at Ibrox we always strive to maintain a high level of attendance at all times and although this can be a difficult time for some families we are keen to keep this going.

We are off to a good start but appreciate that some families may be anxious about their child returning to school. Please contact the school to discuss any of your concerns.

If your child is unwell or has an appointment please use the dedicated **Absence Line** to report this **Not** the school

**0141 287 0039**

As well as good attendance, coming to school on time is equally important. This allows the children to settle into their day and to ensure that they do not miss any vital learning.

### Lunches and Breakfast Club

Many of you will be aware of the new payment system for lunch and breakfast club in school. This involves families paying in advance using BACS. The school has sent Glasgow City Councils bank details along with pupils individual reference number to families last week.

**Please ensure you have this information as families will be contacted to make payment if you haven't already done so.**

### New Staff at Ibrox

A huge welcome to our new staff members Ms Gemmell who is in P4/3, Ms Higgins in P3/2, Miss Lewis in P2 and Miss Nicholl who has been assisting in various classes throughout the school. They are a welcome addition to Ibrox and are enjoying getting to know the children.



## Scottish Water On-Going Local Improvement Works

As you are aware, Scottish and Caledonia Water are undertaking major works in the local area. We have been working closely to minimise disruption, and have arranged a drop off and collection area for those families who bring the car to school. The drop off zone is the Rangers stadium car park, directly opposite the school, which can be accessed by driving round the back of Rangers stadium. This is to reduce congestion on Hinshelwood Drive and ensure the safety of our children and families. However, it has been noted that the volume of cars on Hinshelwood Drive has been increasing, causing congestion and reducing safe passage for pedestrians.

Please can we ask that you use the drop off zone while the works are taking place to ensure that all our families can come to school safely. Thank you.

### Communication

Please download our School app to keep up to date with our news and communications. Search 'Scot Ed' in app store/ Google Play then search Ibrox Primary School. See the pinned tweet on @MrsChalmersPT Twitter for help with this. We also share information on our school blog, accessed here <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/ibrox/>

### Violin Lessons

Pupils in primary 7 will be starting violin lessons in school—more information to follow. These will be on the following dates:

**10/9, 8/10, 5/11, and 3/12**



### Clubs

Sadly, due to current restrictions we are unable to provide any before, during or after school clubs. Please be assured that the pupils will have lots of opportunities to get outside and run about with their class teachers.

We also currently have access to the local Allotment and pupils are going there with their class on a rota system.

We also managed to secure 2 days a week from the **'Active Schools Team'** (who are based in Ibrox Primary School). They will be supporting classes on a Monday and Friday with lots of fun physical activities such as orienteering, games and walks to the park.

Primary 1 and P2/1 pupils will also be taking part in the **'Primary Forest School'** Activities in Bellahouston Park on a Wednesday and Friday every week this term. This will provide them with lots of opportunities to play outside in a controlled learning environment. Please look out for the permission slip.



## School Holidays

### **Return date for teachers**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### **Return date for pupils**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### **September weekend**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### **First mid-term**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020 **In-service**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (inclusive)

### **Christmas/New Year**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

(inclusive)

**Please note that schools will close at 2.30pm on the last school day before the holiday**

### **Return to school**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### **Second mid-term**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### **In-service day**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### **Spring Holiday (Easter)**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Good Friday

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (inclusive)

Return to school on

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Please note that schools will close at 2.30pm on the last school day before the holiday**

### **May Day**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

### **In-service day**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### **May Weekend**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday 31<sup>st</sup>

May 2021

### **School close**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**\* Please note that schools will close at 1pm on the last school day before the holiday**