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

As our first term draws to a close, I want to acknowledge how well the pupils have settled back into school life and also the hard work and dedication of all the staff in the school. They have worked really hard to welcome the children back and to establish our 'new routines', which the children have adjusted to very quickly.

Lots of discussions are on-going at authority and school level about supporting families and children should we go into a 'circuit break', or if **individuals, groups or even classes** have to self-isolate. Please be assured we are working hard on our contingency plans and we will be ready to support you and your children should this happen.

As we are unable to meet together as a whole school. I am trying to keep the team spirit alive by providing on-line assemblies for the children. It is very embarrassing for me but the children seem to enjoy them and have had a 'wee laugh' at my presenting skills.

Finally, I want to wish you all a safe, happy and relaxing week with your children.



Parents Dropping off children

It has been brought to my attention that many parents are not '**physically distancing**' themselves' at the entrances/exits to the school and also blocking the gates when collecting their children. Can I please remind you that:

You need to stay outside the gates -this allows staff to see parents and they can send their child/ren to them, and also it allows adults who work in the school to exit the premises.

I am going to add more signs after the holidays - made by the pupils in Primary 7, that highlight the need to keep our distance.

Safety Concerns

Can I please remind you that pupils are still **not** allowed to bring toys, cards or anything other than essential items such as lunchboxes, school bags or reading books to school. We have systems in place to manage these essential items but this results in children sharing items that have been brought in from home that are not allowed. Sorry.

A gentle reminder—I have been dealing with a high volume of minor cuts and bumps recently and this has been a result of 'rough play'. This is not deliberate but it is leading to pupils being hurt. Please remind your child to be gentle. Thanks.



Attendance / Registration

We continue to monitor attendance at Ibrox but appreciate in the current climate 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**

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.

If you are still unsure how to do this please contact the school so that we can advise you.

* Please remember that Ibrox Primary continues to be a '**nut free**' and '**health promoting school**'. As more and more pupils bring a packed lunch to school it is being brought to my attention that pupils are bringing cakes and packets of biscuits as a lunch. If you are finding it difficult to provide a suitable lunch for your child, please contact the school to see if we can offer any support with this.

Homework

After some discussions with staff, it has been agreed that alongside reading books that are sent home and then quarantined on return, Homework **will** be provided by class teachers on a weekly basis. This will not look exactly the same in each class and is dependant on the learning they are covering in class. Due to COVID reasons this will be marked alongside the children in the room and feedback given in class. Work will not be sent back for parents to comment on.

Staff at Ibrox

A huge welcome back to Mrs McEwan who is now part of the Ibrox family again. We missed you and it's great to have you back with us.

Sadly, Miss Gemmell, who was only with us for a very short time had to leave to work in another school. I know the children will miss her very much but I know they had a lovely celebration on her final day.

Miss Nichol continues to provide 'Support for Learning' across the school on allocated days.

Miss Gibney works in P3, supports various classes throughout the school and is working on some development work that supports children's well-being and behaviour in school.

Miss Masters will continue to support our pupils who have 'English as an Additional Language'.



Road works and local Improvement

Road works are now complete on Edminston Drive and traffic appears back to normal now. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, as parents, for your patience in this situation and also thanks to Scottish Water and Caledonia water for all the support they provided the school during this time. They really were a great support.

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/>

Please note: any correspondence regarding COVID during the October break should be sent to Headteacher email.

Digital Update

- Thank you to all parents who responded regarding digital connectivity at home. GCC are providing all pupils from P7 – S6 with iPads over this session. Our **P7 children will be issued with personal iPads during Term 2**, and after home user agreements are completed will be able to take them home. Younger children will have class sets of iPads, ensuring all children can work on their Digital Literacy, in line with our priorities in our School Improvement Plan.
- In addition GCC are looking to support children from P1-P6 and will be looking at the numbers provided to try and ensure all children have access to a device and Wi-Fi at home. This will allow us to support any children who are needing to isolate at home.

Clubs

Trip Money - Many of you had paid some money for last years trip that sadly we didn't get to go to. We have decided to divide the money between all classes and allow them to have class celebration with their teachers to make up for this.

As **Halloween** approaches we have decided that **'it's not cancelled'** and we would like the children to experience a little bit of normality. Our fantastic Parent Council have once again agreed to support us with this and have permission to decorate a small section of Bellahouston park with age appropriate decorations on the 2 days leading up to Halloween. More information will follow on the week we return to school.

Christmas—The staff at Ibrox have been looking at new fun ways to keep the spirit of Christmas alive for those who celebrate it. We will do our usual calendar and Christmas crafts but at this point there are no plans for a fayre or whole school fund raising event. Please let us know if you have any creative ways to raise funds for the school.

Children will continue in the new term with our highly successful visits to the allotment and park. Thank you to our parent volunteers who allow us to provide excellent 'outdoor learning' experiences.

A wee thanks to 'Harry' Mrs Armstrong's son who helps out the school in so many ways. Too many to mention. We appreciate it.

Dates for the Diary

Halloween Forest Adventures

29th & 30th October

Guy Fawkes Classroom Activities

5th November

Diwali Celebrations

20th November

St Andrews Day

30th November

Supertreat Celebration

17th December

Pyjama & Movie Day

18th December

Christmas Holidays

23rd December