



Merrylee Primary



January 2021

Key worker children

We are able to provide school provision for children of key workers. If you are eligible you should have completed a request form to allow us to plan appropriate arrangements.

If you haven't received a form and think you are eligible for school provision please email me and I will send one to you.

At the moment we have only planned until the 18th but will send out further information following the announcement earlier this week about the extended school arrangements.

I had hoped to contact you all personally to confirm arrangements but with the volume of demand it may not be possible for me to do this before Thursday.

Please assume that your request has been met unless you hear otherwise.

Happy New Year

I hope you all managed to enjoy the festive period and some time with family. We wish you all a very happy new year and look forward to a more positive 2021, despite the already challenging start!

While we are saddened by the recent announcements about extended school closures, we remain hopeful that we can look forward to getting all of our children back to school as soon and as safely as possible. In the meantime please see the following information about our home learning arrangements. Further information, specific to your child's home learning arrangements and activities, will be provided by teachers when this begins next week.

As always, if you have any questions or require any further information, don't hesitate to get in touch. You can call the school office from tomorrow to make an appointment to speak to me or any member of the school leadership team.

Alternatively you can email me at chaddock@merrylee-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

Kind regards and best wishes for 2021.

Colette Haddock

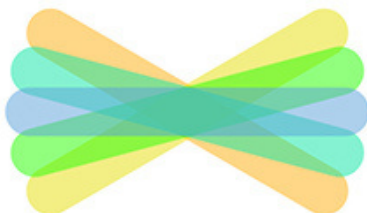
Head Teacher

Arrangements Thurs 7th & 8th January

Pupils should be dropped off at the main front entrance at **9am** where they will be directed to a classroom. Please remember that parents should continue to wear a face covering when dropping off and picking up. **Pick up will also be from the main entrance at 3pm.**

For the majority of pupils, there is an extended holiday as online learning will not commence until Monday 11th January. For pupils coming into school this week, we will organise some games and activities similar to a 'holiday club' experience. Pupils will be accommodated by year group in classrooms and supervised by the school management team and Support staff.

Pupils do not need to wear uniform this week but should dress warmly and have an appropriate jacket and footwear for outdoor breaks. Pupils should also bring a snack and water bottle. School lunches are available following the usual arrangements or you can provide a packed lunch



CLASS

Arrangements 11th January

Online learning will commence this week.

Activities will be posted daily on **Seesaw Class App.**

Please make sure you are able to access this using the QR code information for your child. A copy of this was issued before the October break and reminders sent by request before the Christmas holiday.

You can email Miss Kirk (P1-3)
Gw15kirkcatriona@glow.sch.uk

Miss Shearer (P4-7)
Gw12shearerfiona@glow.sch.uk

if you require another code.

Teachers will support pupils on a rota basis in school and share the responsibility for posting learning activities on Seesaw. For example, if your child's class teacher is in school, then one of the other teachers at that stage will be posting the home learning activities for that day. Pupils who are in school will complete the home learning activities for their class/year group where possible. For example, some activities may be designed to be completed at home using home resources. The teachers will plan closely together to ensure a consistent home and school approach as much as possible. If you have any questions about home learning activities, you can post a comment under that activity and the online teacher for the day will respond. Teachers will approve work and provide feedback where appropriate for their own class on the days they are not supporting in school (three days a week).

Key Worker Arrangements 11th January

Pupils should be dropped off at the back of the school between 8.45am and 9am as per our usual procedures.

Please do not drop off children any earlier as the playground will not be supervised before 8.45am.

At 9 o'clock, pupils will be directed to their classroom door. Again, pupils will be organised in year groups with one of their stage teachers.

Pupils should wear school uniform but should dress warmly and have a suitable jacket and footwear for outdoor breaks.

As pupils may not be in their own classroom, it would be helpful, but not necessary, to bring their own pencil etc. This is for their personal use only. P7 pupils should bring their school iPads.

At the end of the day, pupils will be dismissed following our usual procedures:

P1 – main front entrance

P2 – community exit

P3-7 – to the back of the school (please arrange a meeting point with your child)

Please note that the usual restrictions for cars still apply during this period.

Resources

If you require any resources to support your child's home learning we will make some available for you to pick up at your convenience.

There will be a limited supply of paper, jotters and stationery items available from the main entrance on Thursday and Friday.

As home learning activities are posted on Seesaw, we will not be able to provide paper copies. However, we can offer some generic stage appropriate materials if you are having difficulty accessing activities online. These will be available as paper copies by request only.

