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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our children back to school after the summer holidays. As always, we are looking ahead to a busy and exciting year across our school community.

I am sure you are surprised to receive a paper copy of school communication, but we wanted to make everyone aware that there are some changes to our parent communication. In previous years, we have used Seesaw to communicate with you but in order to streamline our communication and keep this in one central place for everyone, we will utilise ParentsPortal going forward. Primary 1-4 will continue to use Seesaw to document their learning and P5-7 will now exclusively use Showbie.

To access ParentsPortal, you will need to create a Parent Portal account. The majority of parents will already have done this as we used it to book appointments for parents' night last session. If you haven't already signed up, we would advise you to sign up as soon as possible. Parents Portal can be accessed using this link <https://parentsportal.scot/pportal/>- Parents/Carer will need a MyGov account. You can then use the same login details to access Parents Portal. Further guidance on registering can be found on the Glasgow City Council webpage: <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/5521/Parents-Portal>

This is in line with Glasgow's Digital Citizen policy and ambition to transform communications between schools and Parents/Carers.

Parents Portal provides access to Parents/Carers with information about school and will allow 24-hour online access to:

- Update their address and contact details
- Review the Annual Data Check which contains personal details about their child
- Sign Permission Slips electronically
- Make online booking for Parents Evenings View their child's attendance
- View the school calendar
- Report their child's Absence
- Free Bus Travel application (NEC – National Entitlement Card)

For further help and information please visit:

<https://parentsportal.scot/pportal/pages/content/help>

We will also endeavour to provide school information via our school website and our X (Twitter) account, where possible, to help while we transition to this new system. If you have any issues with signing up, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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