



Pirie Park Primary Newsletter

August 2020



Staffing

A warm welcome to our new members of staff, Mr Taylor, Miss Callaghan Miss Mackay, Ms Flavin & Mrs Anderson. We also have Miss Ross return to Pirie Park as an additional staff member to support our recovery plans. A huge thanks also to Mrs McEwan for all her hard work as our acting Depute Head. We wish her all the best as she returns to Ibrox PS.

Learning

The focus for our children is to ensure that they are happy and confident in their return to school. For many children and adults the past few months have been difficult. It is our job to build confidence in our pupils as they continue with their learning journey.

Outdoor learning has been planned for all stages. Where possible children will be learning outdoors on a daily basis. Can you please ensure they have appropriate clothing for all weathers.

We are very excited about our up and coming iPad deployment. Throughout the months of September, October and November, schools should receive iPads for all P7 pupils. This fantastic opportunity will support online learning whilst up skilling our young people for the digital world in which we live.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, Mrs Gillies, HT or a member of our management team, Mrs Clark, Mrs Monaghan, DHT's, Mrs O'Donnell, Mr Singer and Mr Donnelly PT's if you have any concerns.

HELP 😊

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all our staff and pupils, I hope you are all well and managing to return to some kind of routine during these uncertain times. It is lovely to see all our pupils back in their school uniforms and looking so smart. We have ordered ties for all of our P1 pupils and are hoping to receive them soon. Please remember to label all children's belongings; permanent markers are a quick and easy way to do this.

Staying Safe - Planning ahead

You will be aware from the media that there have been very few confirmed cases of COVID-19 in schools. In order to relieve concerns around this we want to share with our parents and carers the procedures we would aim to have in place in the event that we had a case confirmed within Pirie Park Primary.

If a child showed symptoms of COVID and tests positive the school should be notified immediately.

We would then:

Contact Public Health to inform them

Public Health would advise us if the whole class should self-isolate

Parents would then be informed by letter and phone call to advise if their child needed to self-isolate for 14 days

If your child was asked to self-isolate, online learning would be provided and supported by their class teacher

In order to support parents we would make regular contact with all children self-isolating

At the end of the isolation period children would return to school.

Resources

Please remember we are trying to minimise the number of resources going to and from home, school bags, packed lunch boxes and a water bottle is all that children should need. If you wish your child to have their own pencil case this should be left in class in their tray.

Children are not required to change for PE, can you please ensure they have comfortable clothing to wear for any physical activity.

Lunches

Not being able to have money exchanged in schools has been a challenge, however I hope you have managed to set up your BACS payment in order to pay in advance for your child's breakfast club and school lunches. If you are still having difficulties with this please just get in touch and someone in the office should be able to help you.



Due to the current situation in schools there is a reduced menu for children, each day there are only 2 lunch options. If possible it may be a good idea to discuss in advance with your child (the night before) the options for each day to ensure they get a lunch they enjoy.

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