



24th August 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new Primary 1 families! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school after a long summer of lovely weather and the children have been delighted to be back with their teachers and friends.

We have some new teachers this year and an increasing number of pupils enrolling over the next few weeks and so there may be some final changes to class organisation this week. I will keep you informed if this affects your child.

We remain in a similar situation in schools as we left and many of the COVID mitigations remain. However, children are no longer required to be in bubbles or to distance from each other and we can return to teaching singing, music, drama, dance and PE which is wonderful for our children. We hope to be able to run after school clubs too soon so look out for information coming home.

Please continue to send your child with a bottle of water and a snack – our water coolers are still not able to be used. All children in primary 1-4 can receive lunch for free. Children in Primary 5-7 who are eligible for a free lunch will also receive lunch for free. If you usually pay for lunch, you will now need to do so online as we are operating a cashless system. We can give you details of this separately if needed. Please contact the office for details and your child's unique reference number. Some families' circumstances may have changed over the past year and your child may now be eligible for a free meal. Please look at this website for more information and how to apply:

www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/17885/Clothing-Grants-and-Free-School-Meals

If your child takes medication please inform the school office who will send home an administration or medication form. You will need to complete and return this with the labelled medication so that we can safely administer to your child.

We ask all parents to complete the letters which went home yesterday and return no later than **Friday 27th August**. We are updating records so that we can contact you by phone and email and so that we have an accurate note of any allergies, dietary requirements or other changes. Email will be our default point of contact for you from this point as we aim to reduce paper use.

Thank you for continuing to keep a safe distance from other parents at the school gates and please continue to make appointments via the school office if you wish to speak to a member of staff as we continue to work hard to keep everyone safe.

Please also be aware that our Parent Council will be holding their recruitment drive and first meeting soon and we will be in touch to let you know the dates. This is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in exciting decisions about your child's education and their school of St Mungo's and we would be delighted to welcome each and every parent who would like to get involved in our fundraising and other community events throughout the year.

Finally, I am delighted to be working with you as co-educators of our children this year and look forward to meeting you in person as we continue to open up and move towards a hopefully, more normal school year.

Kindest regards,

Mrs P McNulty

Acting Head Teacher

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