

King's Oak Primary School

August/ September 2020



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Dear Parent/ Carer,

A very warm welcome to you if you are new to King's Oak. We look forward to building relationships with you over the coming years. To all of our returning families a warm welcome to academic session 2020-2021.

All of our children have started this year looking incredibly smart. As a parent myself, I know the time, expense effort and work that goes into sending your child to school with full uniform. Thank you for taking this time to have your child looking so fantastic. Children are welcome to wear either traditional full school uniform OR the more relaxed uniform of joggers/ leggings and a King's Oak top. All children should come to school wearing their gym clothes on gym days to avoid the need for changing. We urge you to ensure your child's clothes are labelled with their name. At present all PE is outdoors.

Our primary one children are settling in well into school and are quickly picking up new routines and systems. It is lovely watching them beginning to make new friendships.

As we settle into new ways of working, I'm sure there will be many questions you may have as parents/ carers. I would urge you to speak to a member of the school leadership team at the gates and we can hopefully answer any questions or queries you may have. You can also contact the school office on 01475 714680 or email the school. The school email address is:

INKingsOak@glowscotland.onmicrosoft.com

Please also feel free to come and introduce yourself if you have yet to meet any of us.

Kindest regards,

Kirstin Glancy, HT

Staffing Updates

At the start of term there have been some changes to staff across the school. We welcome Miss Kane who is teaching P6, Miss White in P4 and Mr McShane for RCCT. Miss Montgomery who worked with us last year is also in school Wednesday – Friday and is employed by the council as a recovery teacher, working with small groups of learners.

At present we have a number of staff who are absent from school. Mr Stevenson from P1 and Mrs Grieve from the Blossom Room and missing our children greatly. Mr Jamieson and Mrs McInness are here with us on supply at present. A warm welcome to them. Our warmest wishes to our absent staff are being sent too. Last week, one of our ASN staff, Miss O'Hara also finished with us. Miss O'Hara will be missed but we wish her well in her new post within Inverclyde.

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Entry/ Exit Routes

P1 – Classroom door and nurse gate at 8:50am/ 2:50pm

P2/1 – Back door on side of building and nursery gate at 8:50am/ 2:50pm

P2 – Classroom door and main gate at 9am/ 3pm

P3 – Classroom door and nursery gate at 9am/ 3pm

P4/3 - Classroom door and nursery gate at 9am/ 3pm

P4 - Gym hall door and gate nearest the lunch hall at 9am/ 3pm

P5/4 - Gym hall door and gate nearest the lunch hall at 9am/ 3pm

P5 - Gym hall door and gate at Craigieknowes Street at 9am/ 3pm

P6 - Back door on side of building and gate at Craigieknowes Street at 9am/ 3pm

P7/6 - Gym hall door and main gate at 9am/ 3pm

P7 - Gym hall door and main gate at 9am/ 3pm

Mrs Binks the corporate director has paid an unannounced visit to the school and nursery at pick up time. She asked for her thanks to be expressed to you for making the use of the large pavement spaces out with the school to ensure you remain as safe as possible. She was also impressed to see a number of adults wearing face coverings (personal choice).

Breakfast Club/ Check In

At present as you know breakfast clubs are not available in schools. This is due to children not being able to remain within their class 'bubble' at these times. As part of our work as a nurturing school we will be offering some wholemeal toast to children as part of their regular morning check in. There is no obligation for children to take a piece of toast but it is available to all should they wish. A separate letter will follow but please inform us if you do not wish toast available to your child. The toast is prepared by our breakfast club staff who still have hours available at present.



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Wet Weather arrangements prior to 9am

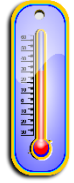


Unfortunately at present we are unable to accommodate children within our school building prior to 9am. Only three support staff begin before 9am and at present the leadership team only has three members due to Mrs Cannon being absent. With 11 classes, this is unmanageable as we are unable to merge classes due to children requiring to stay within their class bubble. I appreciate the inconvenience this brings and can assure you as soon as there is any relaxing of covid guidelines we will re-instate our previous wet weather arrangements of children being able to be in the hall. To keep your child as dry as possible, we would urge children not arriving before 9am and having to remain outdoors.



Children being unwell

We have received further guidance from Inverlyde council about children's general health. The guidance sent to schools is below.



1. If a child has one of the covid symptoms they should be sent home and get a test, if they are not tested they should follow the governments self isolation guidance. Covid symptoms remain as per Government guidance:

The most common symptoms are new:

- continuous cough
- fever/high temperature (37.8C or greater)
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia)

A new continuous cough is where you:

- have a new cough that's lasted for an hour
- have had 3 or more episodes of coughing in 24 hours
 - are coughing more than usual

2. If a child is just generally unwell they should be sent home and come back when well. There would be no need for a test.
3. Parents should be asked not to send their child to school if they are unwell.

Thank you to our parents/ carers who are supporting us with this guidance. We are trying to keep everyone as safe as possible in the most uncertain of times. NHS inform is a useful website that can perhaps help should you have questions: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

Annual Data Check

Please return your completed annual data check including permissions for photographs, social media and website use. We are working behind the scenes on a new school website. More details on this will follow.

Details came out for flu immunisations along with your data check. Please return these to school ASAP.

If you have misplaced your data check, please call the office and they can issue a new one.