



Dalry Primary School

newsletter

June 2020

A note from Mrs Carson

I hope you and your family are safe and well. Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time. I must also thank all the staff who have worked so hard at home to provide activities and support for our young people.



The procedures for starting in August are now being put into place at Dalry Primary School, based on advice and guidelines from the Scottish Government and North Ayrshire Council. We are doing everything we can to ensure our children return to a welcoming and safe environment. The health, safety, and wellbeing of our children and staff is our highest priority.

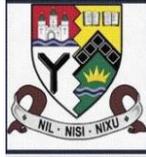
Returning to School in August 2020

Classes:

The school will open on Tuesday 11th August (In-service day Monday 10th August for staff). North Ayrshire Council are following the 2-day model where your child will be in school for 2 days: Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday. We have tried very hard to ensure that siblings are attending on the same days. As always, classwork will be differentiated to meet the needs of all the pupils in the group.

Morning Drop-off Procedure:

To enable children to enter the playground safely and reduce a build up of traffic outside the school, we will be staggering starting and finishing times. Those who have more than one child, will come at the earliest slot and the siblings will be monitored closely in the playground. We also ask you not to come through the school gates. No adults are permitted in the school building. Drop off zones and times will be shared once they have been clarified.



School Uniform:

As uniform helps to create a sense of community and equity, we would still encourage pupils to come to school in a uniform. Due to Government guidelines of an increase in outdoor learning we would like the children to be prepared for both environments. This would mean that pupils should wear a white or red polo shirt (with or without logo) and a red or black sweatshirt (with or without logo). Pupils can wear track suit bottoms or leggings with waterproof shoes / trainers. We also ask that pupils do not wear branded labels and football clothes. A waterproof jacket with a hood should also be worn. Guidelines have also advised that children should wear a clean set of clothes each day and that no ties should be worn in order to minimise the risk of the spread of infection. Please let us know if you will need help with this in any way.

Transport to/from school:

More information to follow, as plans are clarified.

Playtime & Lunchtime:

Breaks and lunches will be staggered to ensure we are adhering to social distancing measures. School lunches will still be provided and the children are welcome to bring a packed lunch. Children should bring a labelled water bottle to school every morning. If your child drinks more than one bottle a day, please put in an additional bottle.



Procedure at Hometime:

Like drop off in the morning, picking up will be a similar format to the morning and will be staggered. Pick up zones and times will be shared once they have been clarified.

Hygiene Measures:

Anyone entering the school will wash their hands immediately. Everyone will wash their hands before and after every interval and before they leave the building at the end of the day. Antibacterial hand gel will be available in all classes and at specific points around the school. Teaching staff will also have disposable antibacterial wipes and will use these as required in the rooms.





Blended Learning:

Blended learning is a term to describe face to face teaching and home learning. Further information on what blended learning will look like will be provided. During the recovery period the curriculum will focus on the following areas:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Literacy and English
- Numeracy and Mathematics
- Interdisciplinary Learning (learning across different curricular areas)



Opportunities for outdoor learning will also be encouraged. Teachers will set tasks for children to complete on the three days they are at home. This will involve reinforcement and revision of work taught on their two days in school. Children will be provided with their own resources to be kept in school, a zipped plastic wallet will be provided for any additional items that need to go between home and school. Your child is welcome to bring a school bag to carry a water bottle, snack and packed lunch.

If your child becomes unwell at school:

Adults will not be permitted inside the school without prior notice. If your child becomes unwell then you will be contacted and asked to put arrangements in place to collect your child. If your child displays symptoms at home then please do not send them to school.



How to contact the school & how the school will contact parents/carers:

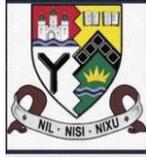
The methods that we would like parents/carers to use when contacting the school are by email, Twitter or phone. Please make sure you have shared your most up to date email address with us. All letters will be uploaded on the school website.



Transitions

Early Years to Primary 1

We are really looking forward to meeting our new P1's this week. It is not the transition programme that we would have wanted, however it is the best we are able to provide under Government guidance.



Primary 7 to S1

Primary 7 pupils have completed a very successful 3 day virtual transition to Garnock Community Campus. Classes will be shared with you shortly and I would ask that you contact Garnock directly if you have any queries. This week there will be a delivery arriving for our P7 pupils. This will be the school tie, a graduation certificate, a gift from the Parent Council and a gift from the class teacher. It has been a huge disappointment to everyone that we have been unable to say goodbye to our P7 pupils in the usual way. We are hopeful that once the children return to school on the 11th August there is a change to Government guidance and we can organise an event to celebrate the children's achievements over their 7 years at Dalry Primary School. We appreciate your understanding with this matter.

We will continue to send you updates and any further information as our plans continue to develop. The method of communication will be through Twitter, school website, text and Parent Council Facebook page.

We hope that you can enjoy a restful time with your family over the summer period and we are looking forward to welcoming your children back in August.

Stay safe and take care

Mrs K Carson
Head Teacher

