



Sacred Heart Primary,

August 2021

Sacred Heart Nursery and Orbiston Nursery

# NEWSLETTER

*Dear Parents /Carers and friends,*

Staff and pupils were delighted to return back to school and their nursery in August. We were particularly pleased at the positive cooperation shown from all parents and carers in keeping everyone safe with the COVID 19 restrictions and regulations currently in place;

- Parents and carers are 'dropping off' and 'picking up' their children beyond the perimeter fence
- Parents and Carers are encouraged to social distance 2m apart at one of our three gates
- Parents are asked NOT to visit the school unless they are invited in for an appointment by the HT / DHT or to collect a sick child
- ALL authorised visitors to wear a mask in the establishment, sanitise, sign the appropriate PROTECT and TRACE paperwork and follow the guidance from staff
- Pupils are accessing their Zones via any of the three gates;  
Early Years / Nurseries      **RED ZONE**  
P1-4                                **YELLOW ZONE**  
P5 - 7                              **GREEN ZONE**
- Pupils arriving in their zones as near to the 9am start BELL as possible
- Pupils are supervised in all playgrounds by staff and SMT from 8.50am
- Breakfast Club children walk to the main entrance door of the school for 8.20am on their own where Breakfast Club staff are waiting.

Our Establishments continue to reflect the current concerns within the Covid—19. Internally classes have essential furniture and receive regular cleaning visits throughout the day. Each class has sanitisation stations, cleaning cloths and sprays suitable for a school environment and anti bacterial wipes. Pupils are assigned a Zone for playtime and lunchtime play. Support staff and SLT are shared amongst the two playground Zones for supervision. Staff socially distance to 2m apart. Signage shows staff and pupils the direction of flow up and down the corridors and up and down stairwells ie 'Keep to the Left'. Signage also reminds us to wash our hands regularly, wipe down common touch point areas after use and sanitise at the many sanitisation stations. PPE is available for every room. Windows are open for good ventilation and doors are ajar for more free-flow and reduction in touch points. Outdoor activities are encouraged for Health and fitness and to allow time out of the classroom for study. Classrooms can visit the hall for activity too. We encourage pupils not to bring in toys from home to school, but keep belongings to a minimum.

**WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!**  
**YOUR COOPERATION IS ESSENTIAL AND MATTERS TO US ALL**

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR P1's and P7 BUDDIES**

Well done to all our P1 new starts and P7 Buddies and monitors. Despite the Covid—19 restrictions, the bond built already in a few days has been outstanding. I cannot thank enough the P7's for their engagement, nurturing, care and example. Primary 1 are settling in quickly and feeling very positive about their school. The Class Teachers are establishing routines and making sure the pupils listen carefully to all they need to know. Throughout the school we are all appreciating each other and doing our best to start our year as we mean to continue. Staff are planning a fantastic year of learning and we know that everyone cares about each other and are building a wonderful atmosphere of care. I am very proud of everyone who are making this start, a positive and significant memory for life.

## **WE ARE A DIGITAL SCHOOL an Nursery**

### **WHAT ARE OUR AIMS NOW?**

**We are looking to the FUTURE.**

The school staff have utilised the [Digital Classroom through GLOW](#). This requires access via wifi and a digital device ie laptop, iPad etc. Staff have built homework and communication to families through Digital links. We are able then to monitor engagement at home and offer support to families. This has been very successful throughout our school and across NLC. At PRESENT, our staff are working very hard with all pupils to continue to measure any GAPS in Literacy, Numeracy, while supporting Health & Wellbeing. In Term 1 we are on a RECOVERY phase, revisiting and consolidating phonemes, common

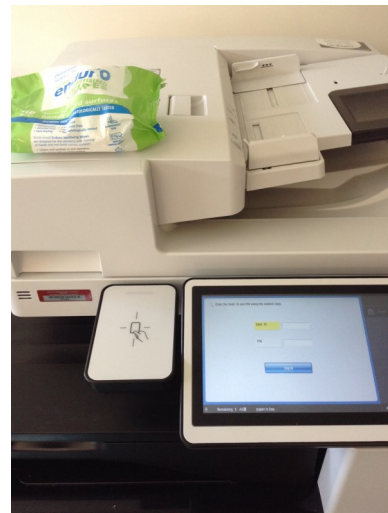
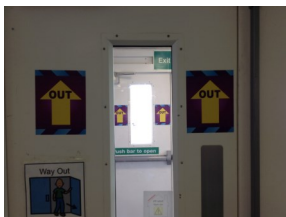


**Medical Room / Isolation Room if someone has symptoms**

**Sanitisation station, 'Protect and Trace' records**



**SIGNAGE KEEPING US SAFE AROUND THE SCHOOL**



**Reminding us to wipe down TOUCH POINTS after use.**



**WASH HANDS AND SANITISE REGULARLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY**





## WE ARE A RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL and Nurseries

We will be working towards our Silver award, led by Miss Rossetti and the staff and pupils of our establishments.



## WE ARE A STEM SCHOOL and Nursery

We are all excited that Mrs Sinclair will be Acting Principal Teacher in our school this year. We will be focused on STEM which looks at **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**. We know that our pupils and staff will love this opportunity and we will work hard to achieve all our targets.

## Congratulations Sacred Heart Nursery and Orbiston Nursery



Our two Nurseries have amalgamated together under one roof in the Sacred Heart building. In anticipating our New Build where all Early Years staff work together in the Orbiston community, we worked with North Lanarkshire to look at the resources we can offer to all our Early Years pupils. We realised that we had the capacity to come together and in doing so enrich the children's experiences within our staffing expertise. Our two Principal Leads; Angela Baker and Sharon Scullion have worked tirelessly leading the team to transform the learning environment. I thank all of the Early Years team, the Primary Staff, Janitorial Staff, Cleaning Staff and our Clerk of Works for the incredible dedication and care shown in achieving this new Early Years environment. Our pupils and families are well set for this interim period of quality in care and learning. From the outdoor grounds to the indoor space, pupils and staff have every resource available to them to achieve excellence. We look forward to inviting you in, once restrictions allow, to see for yourself how wonderful being 3-5 year old is in our Nursery.

## HEALTH PROMOTING ESTABLISHMENTS and AUTHORITY



We are a **NUT FREE** school and Nursery. We have staff and pupils who need your urgent care in keeping everyone safe. Please read the ingredients on snacks, chocolate spreads ie Nutella and biscuits. They should **NOT** be in our establishments. Our staff will continue to monitor packed lunches to ensure we remain a **NUT FREE ZONE!**



10 NUT-FREE  
SANDWICH-FREE  
LUNCH BOXES

ALL pupils in the school will receive a new water bottle. We promote that everyone drinks lots of water during the day to keep pupils and staff refreshed and hydrated. We have several drinking wells in the school and nursery to encourage this. Please do **NOT** provide juices or fizzy drinks and cans. They are not promoted in any of our establishments.

Our Nursery children also have access to fresh water and milk.

If you are providing a healthy **PACKED LUNCH**, please ensure that your child has a limited amount of sweets. Again by reducing the sugar intake each day, helps to grow healthy bodies and healthy teeth.

# GLOW – A Guide for Parents

## Glow - What is it?

Glow is the world's first national safe and secure online community for pupils, parents and teachers. Glow gives access to information and activities including interactive educational games, revision papers, links to other sites and news features. These resources support pupils to learn in innovative and exciting ways. Glow has a number of key features and access to, or restrictions to, these features is dependent on the permissions set by the local authority. Not all features are relevant to all users.

## How does it work?

Each child or teacher is given unique logins to access this trusted, safe environment where they can create personalised programmes of work, share resources or help parents understand and become more involved in their children's learning by keeping up to date with their progress and achievements.



## How does it assist my child's learning?

For children, Glow is:



- ◆ A tool to access the benefits of the internet and a range of online learning resources
- ◆ A space for collaborating with other learners
- ◆ A facility to connect with teachers about learning
- ◆ A space to create and innovate as you learn

## Why use it?

The constantly evolving digital world has transformed the way in which our children communicate, network, seek help and access information to learn. Glow provides tailored resources, appropriate to the children in a safe, secure and engaging way. It is particularly useful in exceptional times of school closures, extreme weather etc.

## What are the benefits?

Glow is a secure and safe setting. It will facilitate continuity of learning during school closures.

## How does my child get access?

Your child will be given access by the school via a secure username and password. This gives your child access to information and resources suitable to them.

A pupil's access to, and view of, Glow will be different from a teacher's view.

## Can my child access Glow anywhere?

As it is web-based, Glow can be used wherever an internet connection is available, such as on a desktop, laptop, tablet or mobile device.

All your child needs is their unique username and password.

## How can I, as a parent, use Glow?

You will be able to view and access the same information as your child.

Through your child's password, you have access to all the national material. Parents cannot be given separate user names and passwords for Glow.

## Wider digital access

Your child will also have been given usernames and passwords for other online learning platforms that the school has deemed appropriate; these could include Sumdog, Active Learn etc. These are unique to your child and teachers will continue to monitor these during school closures.



## **PARENTS' PORTAL** *Please read this information carefully and act upon it!*

In support of North Lanarkshire Council's ambition to continue improvement in parental communications and its broader Digital NL plans we have been working with national organisations to develop a "Parents Portal".

The portal has been and will continue to be developed to provide parents with a clear insight to their child's education and to support transactional communications between parents and the school, this includes attendance, reports and school information.

A national consultation exercise was conducted to include the views of parents in the design of the portal. A copy of the report can be found here:

<http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/parent-views-of-school-engagement.html>

The development was piloted last session in a small number of schools, when it was within its first phase. Since then more features have been added and North Lanarkshire has moved forward its own digital communication

This first phase will introduce basic information about the school and include services such as

- ◆ online school payments,
- ◆ attendance,
- ◆ placing request forms,
- ◆ **the annual data check**
- ◆ general school information

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As the development of the Portal continues, it is hoped to add features such as reporting absences and permission slips for excursions, etc.

**We are live NOW on Parents' Portal... sign up and try using some of the features. All services... ONE password!**

Further details will follow as these services become available and the best way to make them available to you is for you to sign up to the portal.

Instructions for this can be followed in video available via this link:

<http://bit.ly/ParentsPortalNLC>

This portal will become one of the main communications between schools and parents across North Lanarkshire Council and we encourage you to sign up to this service. It is a one stop shop to many of our current and future communications.

*We hoped to have drop-in sessions to allow Parents/Carers the opportunity to get support with signing up. However, in the current climate, this will not be possible.*

**FULL INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO SIGN UP ARE AVAILABLE ON THE LINK ABOVE**



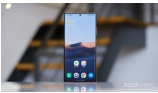
### NEW packed lunch boxes, uniforms and bags

Can you label all belongings to ensure that they will be matched back to their owner if left in the playground, packed lunch trolleys or classrooms. So many pupils come back in August finding out they have the same belongings. Without a name on them, it is very difficult and time consuming to reunite the owner with their property. With 240 pupils, all wearing the same uniform, we can misplace cardigans, jumpers and coats.

It takes two minutes to get this sorted.

Thank you to everyone who has managed to label belongings and supporting a very busy school.

### EV5's due today; 20 / 8 / 21



EV5's are an annual return for all families to update their child's information ie emergency phone or mobile number, medical information, addresses etc This return is so important in-case we have to contact you because your child is sick or in need of your support. If after you have filled in the information, please update us if there are any changes. It is important for the school and / or nursery to be up to date. Thank you for your promptness in this matter.

### KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US... WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

**Parents are advised to stay beyond the perimeter fence whilst restrictions are in place for COVID—19, wear a MASK at the gates and follow 2 m distancing between adults.**

**If you need to talk to us, please contact the school office 01698 274903 and we will get back to you as soon as possible.**

Whilst things may be very different, we can still receive enquiries for Sacred Heart Primary, Sacred Heart Nursery and Orbiston Nursery. Our staff are here for you and we will do all we can to ensure that questions for help with learning / work, support with Free School Meals etc are all answered as soon as possible. By now, I am sure that you will know the various ways to keep in touch, but just to remind you, our contact details are below. You can also...

**ENQUIRIES - [enquiries-at-sacredheart@northlan.org.uk](mailto:enquiries-at-sacredheart@northlan.org.uk)**



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