



St. Gerard's Primary School

COVID19 Coronavirus Update

It is nearly 2 years since Covid19 started and we may be weary of the continual updates and increased / decreased mitigations within school as well as in society as a whole. Along with many people, I welcome recent returns to "normal". The school however, does not move at the same pace as we still have class outbreaks, most recently in P7. However, after guidance from the Scottish Government and Local Authority we feel it is safe to begin and end the school day for the whole school community at the same times. This will begin on Thursday 17th February. The school day will begin at 8.50am and finish at 2.50pm. School bubbles need not continue but we will retain them given the outbreaks within our school and the high prevalence with North Lanarkshire as a whole. All other arrangements such as school assemblies, school visitors and parents' meetings will remain the same. I will continue to update you as and when arrangements change.

Primary 3 First Reconciliation

Our P3 will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 9th February at St. Gerard's Church. The teachers, parents and children have been working very hard in preparation for this sacrament. Miss. Rattigan, Miss. Brown and Mrs. McCallum have been visiting the church to ensure our children are ready for this next step in their faith journey. Debbie Brennan as ever has been coordinating the music liturgy. We continue to be ever grateful for her contribution to our children and families. Please keep our P3 children in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

School Attendance

On Friday of this week I will send out a copy of your child's attendance to date. This will be accompanied with an explanatory letter. I appreciate that Covid has been the huge factor affecting child attendance at school. Now that absence procedures have lessened to a degree, I want to remind you that your child can attend school with a negative lateral flow test even if a member of the household has tested positive for Covid.

Half Term February Break

I hope everyone has a lovely long weekend and a nice break. Spring is not far away and the lighter mornings and evenings will be with us soon; hopefully you can enjoy some outdoor time.

Monday 14 th Feb	Holiday
Tuesday 15 th Feb	Holiday
Wed 16 th Feb	Inservice Day
Thurs 17 th Feb	Return to School at 8.50am

Contact Details

Parents should not come into the school office unless instructed to. If, for any reason you need to contact the school please email or phone the school office.

Email : enquiries-at-st-gerards@northlan.org.uk

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Home Learning (Homework)

Since Covid 19 began we have moved home learning to Teams and supported much of home learning through online support such as Sumdog and Education City. Given the disruption to home life over the last 2 years, many families may be finding the addition of homework at the end of a busy day excessive and stressful which is understandable. Our own records show that on average 45% of pupils complete home learning tasks. As a result we are going to review our home learning procedures. We will send out an online survey that you can complete through the QR code attached. Please complete as honestly as you can to ensure we have a complete picture of where home learning fits in to general education. We will get back to you with further details and the responses to our home learning survey.

