



## Dear Families,

We are now in week two of our new school year and all children, classes and staff have settled well. After all of the disruption and challenges over the last three school years I hope that this school year will bring greater stability and normality for us all. It is refreshing to have returned with no restrictions in place.

This newsletter contains some important information and reminders of school procedures, which are essential to comply with Health and Safety regulations and to ensure the school administration runs smoothly.

## School Day

Here is a reminder of our new school day;

	Start Time	Break Time	Lunch Time	Home Time
All	9.00am	10.30-10.45	12.30-1.15	3.00pm

***Our school gates will open at 8.40am.***

## Gates

**Rooms 2 and 3 will use the infant gate (closest to Black Tongue Farm Road)**

**Rooms 5 and 6 will use the senior gate.**

## Breakfast Club Provision

Breakfast Club will be open from 8.15am-8.45am. Children wishing to attend should enter the Dining Room through the side door. Please walk towards the main entrance and follow the path to the left (towards staff car park), the entrance is on your right. Mrs Reilly will greet children here for breakfast. Please do not park in the staff car park when dropping children off at Breakfast Club. If your child attends Breakfast Club and chooses not to eat they are still using the service and will be charged (P6 and P7) for doing so.

## Snack

Children can bring a small snack and drink to consume at playtime. We advise children to store these items in their bag and not their lunch bag so as not to confuse which items are snack with those that are for lunch.

## School Lunches

School lunches are available and will be free of charge to children in P1-P5 this session.

## Absence

Please phone the school before 9.15am on the first day to report an absence. You will be asked to give an indication of how long the absence may last. If we are not informed of the absence, we will contact either yourself or the emergency contact to confirm that your child is at home. The school office will be open from 8.30am to receive calls (Teaching staff are not available at this time).

## Health and Safety

### **Allergy Alert**

**Please do not include any nuts in packed lunches or interval snacks as we have children in the school with nut allergies. This includes nut based cereal bars, chocolate bars and some chocolate spreads such as Nutella. If**



your own child has any specific, allergies please ensure that you inform the school office and provide the school with any medication required. If your child requires a special diet due to medical reasons, please visit North Lanarkshire's website to download a special diet request form.

### **Nails**

A number of children have been coming to school with stick on/gel/acrylic nails. These are often very long and very sharp. Children are struggling to hold pens and pencils to complete written work when wearing these and they are extremely dangerous to both themselves and others during PE activities and play within the playground. Long nail extensions are therefore not deemed appropriate for school and we are discouraging pupils from wearing these. Should your child come to school with nails on they may not be able to take part in and complete various activities.

### **Medicine**

If your child requires medicine during school hours, please deliver it to the school office **and complete a consent form**. Children who have asthma should have an inhaled in school – parents should bring this to the office and again complete a consent form. Children should not carry medication, including inhalers, in their school bags. **No medication can be administered unless the relevant forms have been completed and signed by parents.**

### **PE**

PE will take place twice per week. PE takes place both indoors and outdoors. Children in room 2 will not change for PE at this time and we ask that children come to school wearing their school poloshirt on gym days. Children can wear dark coloured shorts/joggers or their school trousers on a gym day. Black or dark trainers can be worn in place of school shoes on a gym day also. Rooms 3,5 and 6 should wear their school polo shirt on gym days and will only be required to change their bottom half into gym shorts.

PE Time table

Room 2 – Tuesday & Friday

Room 3 – Thursday & Friday

Room 5 – Monday & Friday

Room 6 - Monday & Friday

### **School Uniform**

All of our pupils are looking extremely smart in their school uniform. Please ensure that all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Without items labelled it can be extremely difficult to ensure lost items and reunited with the correct owner.

### **Mobile Phone Policy**

We discourage pupils from bringing mobile phones to school. There is on occasion, however, a legitimate reason for a pupil to have a mobile phone and I would ask that the following procedures are noted.

- Once in the school grounds all mobile phones should be switched off and stored safely within school bags until leaving the school grounds at 3pm.
- Pupils are strictly NOT allowed to photograph or video other pupils or members of staff. Again, devices should be switched off.



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- Pupils caught using a phone during the school day will have their phone removed and returned at the end of the school day.
- **North Lanarkshire Council will not accept liability for the loss or damage of a phone on school grounds.** Pupils bring these at their own risk.

### Communication

All pupils P1-P7 will soon be issued with a Home/School Communication Jotter. If you have a question for your child's teacher, or information to share, please record it in this jotter and send it in to school with your child. It is always a good idea to get your child to carry this jotter into school if you have written a note in it to the teacher. They can then hand it directly to the teacher as they enter the classroom. Otherwise they may well forget. This also applies to returning letters and permission forms. Your child's classroom is a very busy place, so it is not possible for the teacher to check all school bags for notes every day.

### Twitter

Room 2 Twitter link - @MissMackayRoom2

Room 3 Twitter link – @MrsHughesGPS

Room 5 Twitter link – @MrsMurrayRoom5

Room 6 Twitter link – @MrsWildmanRoom6

Miss Scott - @MissScottGG

### Break Times

In light/moderate rain children will be outside at playtime. They will get wet, so please make sure their jackets have hoods and are waterproof. We are encouraging children to be as active as possible and fresh air during this time will help them stay healthy and keep active. If the rain is heavy, they will be inside.

### Water Bottles

We actively encourage pupils to drink water throughout the day. To ensure that there are no spills, a bottle with a sports top is preferable for classroom use. Pupils may still bring cartons or plastic bottles of juice for packed lunch and playtimes, however, **only plain water is allowed to be consumed during class time.** Fruit juice or diluting juice should be kept for morning interval and lunch. Fizzy drinks such as Coke and Irn Bru **should not** be brought to school.

### Indoor Shoes

Please provide your child with a pair of black plimsoles for wearing indoors. These will remain in the school and not travel home each day.

### Homework

We are currently reviewing our current homework programme in consultation with parents/carers and our learners. We are encouraging all families to complete the online survey.

<https://forms.office.com/r/QkHEBBvum1>

Given the progress made in the use of Glow and Digital Learning, it is likely that Home Learning/Homework will continue to be delivered via Teams. All children and parents should continue to login to Glow regularly, as this is



where teachers will share learning from the class and highlight areas to focus on at home with your child - spelling words, phonemes and initial sounds.

Primary 1 parents will receive further communication regarding Homework, Curriculum and the use of Teams.

### **Photographer**

The Photographer will be at school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September to take both nursery and school pupils individual and family photographs. More information TO FOLLOW.

### **Annual Flu Vaccination**

The Flu vaccination team will be in school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October to administer the vaccine to all those children who have returned a form. It is important that as many children as possible take up the opportunity to receive the flu vaccine. The visiting team will only be able to administer the vaccine if you have returned the permission form. These were issued earlier this week.

### **Annual Data Checks**

Please return these to school as soon as possible. If anything changes throughout the school year you should let us know immediately.

### **Parent Portal**

Within the envelope, containing the annual Data Check forms there is information for parents to create a Parent Portal account. It is very important that all parents access this and store their login details carefully. When you login to the Parent Portal you will be able to access and update your contact information held by the school and access ipay impact where you can make payments directly to the school, access attendance data about your child and access letters and permission forms for your child.

### **Parent Partnership meetings**

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - AGM



### **Key Diary Dates: Further Dates & Information to Follow**

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Photographer at school
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	September Weekend
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu vaccination
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	October Week
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Party
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parents Teacher Consultations
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	In-service Day



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Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

School closes at 2.30pm for Christmas & New Year Holidays

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 22 to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 23

Christmas & New Year Holidays

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 23

School re-opens

### **Keeping in Touch**

Text messaging will continue to be used to inform parents/carers of emergency information and attendance only. Our main method of communication will continue to be Newsletters, Twitter and the school blog. The Twitter account can be accessed at [www.twitter.com/GreengairsPS](https://www.twitter.com/GreengairsPS). **It is not necessary to have a twitter account to the view the page.** If you do have a Twitter account, follow us @GreengairsPS to keep up to date with what is happening at school.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns at any time, please get in touch. You can telephone the school on 01236632067 or email [enquiries-at-greengairs@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries-at-greengairs@northlan.gov.uk)

If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher please phone the school office to arrange a mutually suitable appointment.