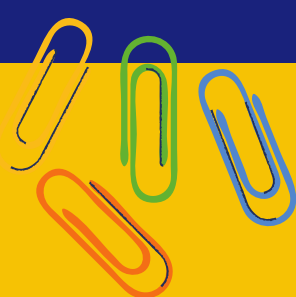




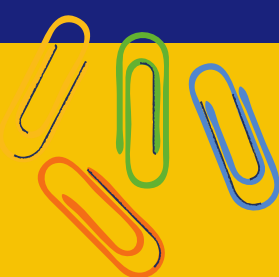
PARENT AND CARER UPDATED INFORMATION

MOSSEND PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLASS

Inservice Day - A reminder that school and nursery are closed to pupils on Monday 16th November.



**PARENT/CARER UPDATE
MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2020**



Flu Vaccinations

The NHS team will be in school on Thursday 19th November to carry out the pupil flu vaccinations for this year for those pupils who have returned their consent form. The vaccination will be in the form of a nasal spray.



Christmas Plans



This year more than ever, we are determined to make sure that the Christmas period is just as special for all our pupils. We will issue a full 'Countdown to Christmas' for you nearer the time, but below are some immediate points:

- + Lines have been issued home for our Primary 1 pupil nativity, this will be a different type of nativity this year and further details will follow.
- + Christmas lunch is planned for P1-4 pupils on 2nd December and P5 - 7 pupils on 3rd December. Lunch must be pre-ordered in advance and therefore we would ask that you complete the attached form no later than 20th November.
- + We are looking for donations of outdoor Christmas decorations, if you have any that you no longer require we would love to give them a new home!
- + As a cluster we are collecting food for those in need as part of a reverse advent calendar. All donations are greatly appreciated.



Children in Need



We are supporting BBC Children in Need and an invite pupils to make a donation and wear something yellow or spotty to school on Friday 13th November 2020. **Due to current restrictions, we ask that pupils do not bring accessories, Pudsey ears or wear face paint.**

Note: A proportion of donations received will be given to the national BBC Children in Need appeal with the remainder used to support children at Mossend Primary School who are in need.



Crossing Patroller

As you are aware, when there are shortages of Crossing Patrollers due to vacancies or absences, then North Lanarkshire Council will redeploy patrollers to priority schools and establishments. Priority schools and establishments are those with no puffin crossings or any alternative provision.

We have been advised that our patroller has been temporarily redeployed and therefore we ask that you take care using the puffin crossings on Clydesdale Road and Calder Road and that you park responsibly (particularly in Ella Gardens) to ensure children can cross the road safely.
We hope to have our patroller back again soon.



NUT FREE ZONE

A reminder that Mossend Primary School and Nursery Class is a nut free zone as we have children with severe allergies. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

DIGITAL UPDATE

All pupils have been issued login details for Glow on numerous occasions this session, these are important as we use these to access Microsoft Teams and Microsoft OneNote, which are the platforms your child will complete home learning on. We have held a WebEx parent/carer Q&A session to support this and created extensive help guides and a video collection on our website.

We encourage adults to help their children with home learning, however Microsoft Teams should not be used as a way for parents/carers to communicate with each other or to address the class teacher directly with questions or concerns, it is for pupil home learning only.

If your child forgets their login details or their account is locked, then we ask that they speak with their class teacher directly (just like they would if they had a problem with their homework). Our office staff cannot reset this information.

Similarly, parent/carers who wish to discuss aspect of their child's learning should email enquiries@mossend.n-lanark.sch.uk for the attention of the class teacher. Please allow 3 working days for a response.

COVID-19 - TIER 3 RESTRICTIONS

At Mossend Primary School and Nursery Class we continue to take precautions to reduce the risk of Covid-19, however you will be aware that cases are on the rise in our local area and that North Lanarkshire has now entered tier 3 restrictions.



What we are doing

- + All staff wear face coverings entering/exiting the building and in office spaces and corridors or where distancing is difficult. Hand sanitisation and regular cleaning protocols are in place and being encouraged throughout the day.
- + Children are kept in strict bubbles throughout the day and are numbered to identify exactly who they are in close contact with. Windows and open doors provide ventilation throughout the school and we have a one-way system in operation.
- + We operate two intervals and two lunch times to ensure that only one class is in a playground zone at any time. Our dinner hall numbers are carefully monitored.

What we need your help with



- + We ask that you remind your children when dropping off that they should line up in their dedicated pod area, in their numbered order. No mixing with other class bubbles.
- + Tier 3 guidelines state that parents/carers should wear face coverings during the drop off and pick up, even if not entering the school yard. If you cannot wear a face mask or covering for any reason then please speak with us and we will arrange alternative arrangements to keep you and others safe.
- + We still have many parents/carers (particularly P1) who are not using the drop and go properly and this puts others at risk. If you are dropping your child at 8:45am, then please do not wait for 15 minutes blocking the narrow pavements and impeding others safely entering the school. The yard is well supervised in the mornings, however if you do not feel comfortable leaving your child you can drop off at 9am.
- + Please do not put our staff at risk during the drop and go or pick up. If you need to speak to a member of staff then you should telephone or email the school for an appointment.
- + Many of our neighbours are elderly or vulnerable and we ask that you continue to be respectful of them and their property.

If anyone in your household develops a new, continuous cough or has a loss of taste or smell or a high temperature then you should **NOT** send any of your children to school. Your household should begin isolation, contact the school by telephone to inform us and book a Covid-19 test.

If your child is contacted by NHS Test and Protect to isolate because they have been in contact with someone who is Covid positive, then you should inform the school by telephone and follow the advice given to you for the isolation period.



LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL & NURSERY COVID-19 FREE

