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Dear Parent/Carer,

IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH & PUPIL ENROLMENT INFORMATION

I hope this letter finds you well. I apologise in advance for the length of this letter!

I am writing to provide you with some information on end of term arrangements and enrolment procedures for next session. The enrolment procedures include both new P1 beginners and Nursery. Please pass this information onto anyone you know who it affects. **Please pay particular attention to the information around Public Health.**

Dismissal Arrangements 22nd Dec 2020

On Tuesday 22nd December the children will be dismissed as follows:

- Children who usually finish school at 2:50pm will be dismissed as 2.20pm
- Children who usually finish at 3pm will be dismissed at 2.30pm
- ***Please stick to these times to avoid congestion and over-crowding!***

Update from Public Health

Public Health colleagues called an emergency meeting on Friday 11th December regarding isolation advice and have updated their position as follows:

- All newly identified close contacts from Monday 14th December 2020 will be required to isolate for 10 days.
- Additionally, close contacts who are currently isolating **will be able to end their isolation early** if 10 days has elapsed since the start of their self-isolation period.

We are proceeding with due caution as we are aware that, although the isolation period has been shortened, the ten days would impact on arrangements for Christmas Day for anyone identified as contacts of a positive case from Wednesday 16th December onwards.

Covid Symptoms or Positive Cases

Parents/carers are reminded that **anyone** with symptoms must not attend school or work, should book a test and that all members of the household should self-isolate until test results are known. Please notify the school if your child is displaying symptoms and then make further contact to advise on the outcome of any COVID test. If this is out with school hours please make contact with myself via email:



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ht@johnpaul.n-lanark.sch.uk until Tuesday 22nd December. These contact arrangements will resume on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

Positive Cases during the Festive Period

I have been informed that North Lanarkshire Council will be issuing communication to parents outlining procedures for the reporting of positive Covid cases over the festive period. I will forward this on to you in due course. All class seating plans and dinner hall seating plans will be sent to the Authority to support the track and trace process during the Christmas holiday.

Ventilation

Classes will continue to have windows opened periodically across the school day to facilitate air changes. I am aware that with the colder weather this will cause temperatures to fall in classes. North Lanarkshire Council have taken measures centrally to increase the heating in schools to combat this and temperatures are monitored over the course of the day.

Registration of Infant Beginners Aug 2021

Children who attain the age of 5 years between 1 March 2021 and 28 February 2022 should register for starting Primary 1 in August 2021. North Lanarkshire Council have devised a new system for Registration of Infant Beginners to support the ongoing response to COVID-19.

You will not be invited into school to complete the registration form.

Enrolment and Placing Request forms are now available for parents/carers to complete online and email to individual schools. The enrolment form and a list of email addresses for returning forms are attached to this email. Please complete the enrolment form to register your child for starting Primary 1 in August 2021 by **22nd January 2021**. Completed forms should be sent directly to your catchment school. Email addresses for all primary schools can be found on the attached document. The email address that should be used for parents living in the St. John Paul II catchment area is:

enquiries@johnpaul.n-lanark.sch.uk

All applications need to be supported by a copy of **your child's birth certificate and proof of address**. This should be a council tax bill. An up to date Council Tax Bill can be obtained from the NLC One Stop Shop. A picture can be taken and emailed to the school along with the completed application.

Please note you have the right to make a placing request to a school of your choice. Further information, including an application can be found on the NLC website here.

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/placing-requests>

You can also enrol at the Gaelic Medium provision at Condorrat Primary School.

If you wish to defer entry for your child for another year, please contact the nursery Head of Establishment/Centre to discuss next steps.

Parents/carers who wish to make an early entry request should contact their catchment area school for an application form or download from www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk following the links for 'Early Entry Requests'.

Transport forms are also available online and paper copies can be requested from ef.transport@northlan.gov.uk

A deadline of 22nd January 2021 has been set for return of all forms.

Early Learning and Childcare Admissions Process 2021

The admissions process for session 2021-2022 is now open.

Please note that the closing date for applications is Friday, 12 February 2021.

How to Apply

- Due to COVID-19 we are looking, where possible, to have applications completed and returned electronically.
- The application has been updated to allow for online completion.
- Supporting paperwork can be sent as a photo attachment for those that don't have access to a scanning facility.
- The completed application and supporting paperwork should be emailed to the first choice provider. N.B. three choices must be provided.
- www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/ELC this link will provide access to all info detailed above
- Paper applications can still be accepted where parents/carers do not have access to IT. All paperwork (only copies of the supporting paperwork to be provided) should be returned in a sealed envelope - the envelope should be dated.
- Hard copies submitted by parents/carers will be quarantined for 72 hours.

Whilst this has been a term like no other, it has been a great term! I cannot commend our children and our staff team enough for the way in which they have embraced the last few months! I also wish to thank you all as Parents/Carers for your support and for the way in which you have adjusted to support the school and our COVID procedures.

I hope that you all manage to stay safe and healthy over the holidays and that you are able to enjoy some lovely time with your families. I am sure that we will continue to work together in 2021 with an extra special effort to keep our school as 'COVID free' as possible by following the safety measures in place.

With renewed good wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Mr K. Thomas
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