



## Dunbarney Primary School

Main Street  
Bridge of Earn  
Perth  
PH2 9DY

**Headteacher:** Mary Paterson

**Email:** [dunbarney@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:dunbarney@pkc.gov.uk)

**Phone:** (01738) 474175

**Fax:** (01738) 813006

**Web:**

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/pk/dunbarneyprimary/>

**Twitter:** @DunbarneyPS

Dear Parent/Carer

19 October 2021

I hope you and your family enjoyed the October break. The children have all settled back into school routines and we look forward to busy and interesting term between now and Christmas. Please see below for information about Staff, Covid, community news and dates for your diary.

### Staffing News

**We are saying thank you and farewell to some school staff in the next couple of weeks.**

Hazel Murray, our head cook, is leaving for a new post next Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> November. Hazel has been cooking us lovely lunches here at Dunbarney for the last 15 years. Hazel has been a real asset to our school community always making a special effort to get to know all the children and ensure that they are fed and happy. We will miss her but want to wish her all the very best of luck and happiness in her new job.

John Mckechnie our janitor is retiring on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. John has been with us for the past five years and is always cheerful, positive, and happy to go the extra mile, keeping our school buildings and grounds in good order. We will miss him, but I am sure you will join me in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

### Covid Update

As you will be aware, the First Minister recently indicated that the restrictions in schools would be reviewed for the new Term.

We have been advised by the Scottish Government that following engagement with Local Authorities, members of the Advisory Subgroup and the Chief Medical Officer there will be **no immediate increase or decrease in restrictions in schools** at this time. This situation will remain under close review.

The existing measures will therefore continue:

*Honesty Ambition Respect Kindness*



- Physical distancing of at least one metre between all staff, and between staff and pupils.
- Direct access to all classrooms and staggered start and finish times.
- Face coverings to be worn by all staff in school.
- Face coverings to be worn by those **aged 12 and over** on school transport.
- Enhanced cleaning, ventilation, and hygiene measures.
- Arrangements for self-isolation and contact tracing (as below).
- Hand hygiene.

### **Self-isolation, contact tracing and testing**

- If your child tests positive for COVID-19, or if they display symptoms, then they should isolate as previously advised.
- If your child is identified by Test & Protect as a close contact of someone who has tested positive, you should arrange a COVID-19 PCR test for them as soon as possible and not wait for any symptoms.
- Self-isolation requirements (including contact tracing and testing) are being updated in line with the changes to self-isolation for the wider community. This will mean that if your child is aged 5 or over, and is identified as a close contact, then while they will initially be asked to self-isolate, they can return to school if they subsequently receive a negative PCR test result and remain symptom free.
- If your child is under 5 years of age, then they do not need to isolate as long as they remain symptom free.
- The revised approach to contact tracing means that groupings of pupils (or 'bubbles') are no longer required and will be removed as soon as possible.

### **Continuing to Manage and Minimise Risk**

I would stress the importance of following all measures we have in place within the school to ensure the safety of pupils and school staff. I would appreciate your assistance in reinforcing the importance of this message with your child.

We will continue to monitor any further announcements by the First Minister and will keep you updated if there are any further changes affecting your child's education.

Perth and Kinross Council updates information for parents/carers on its website [www.pkc.gov.uk/coronavirus/schools](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/coronavirus/schools) and its Facebook and Twitter sites.

### **Community News**

#### **Parent Council Christmas Cards**

Christmas cards were sent home yesterday with pupils. Instructions as to how to order cards or other items and for payment are on the accompanying letter. Please pay and/or order promptly to ensure cards are available for Christmas (latest Monday morning).

#### **Message from Messy Church at Dunbarney Church from 3-4pm on Sunday 31st October.**

We would love anyone to join us at Messy Church at Dunbarney Church from 3-4pm on Sunday 31st October.

There is a short session planned that leads everyone around the church and garden. We would love if you came dressed up, you will get a chance to make a lantern to take with you on your travels or you can take it home to make later.

We finish up with hot chocolate and marshmallows in the church hall.

You will also get a wee gift to take home.

*Honesty Ambition Respect Kindness*



Interested? Contact Margaret Bell by email on

[deputysessionclerk@outlook.com](mailto:deputysessionclerk@outlook.com)

Or just pop along on Sunday.

Many thanks,

Anne Larg, Session Clerk and Allan Wilson, Minister

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Inservice Days.** Children should stay at home, staff will be at work

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Parents Contact Evenings** *appointments will be held via Teams or on the telephone. Further information will be issued next week. Nursery staff will have telephone meeting during the course of the week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.*

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November St Andrew's Day of Dance:** *All classes, including nursery, to take part in a Scottish Dance Day. Weather permitting, we will be outside. More information nearer the time.*

Yours faithfully

Mary Paterson

**Headteacher**

Honesty Ambition Respect Kindness

