



Mrs Sarah Burke
Headteacher

Ruthvenfield Primary School
Ruthvenfield
PERTH PH1 3JP
Tel 01738 452990 **Fax** 01738 629512
Email ruthvenfield@pkc.gov.uk

Contact:- Mrs Sarah Burke

Our ref SB/KF

Your ref

Date: 14/08/2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

The staff and I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents/carers for your support in preparing the children for their return to school and also for adhering to social distancing during pick up times which has helped enormously in keeping everyone as safe as we can.

It has been absolutely wonderful to welcome our families back to Ruthvenfield and especially to have the children back in school with us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families. It has been lovely to see your children settle in to their new school.

Friday arrangements – beginning on Friday 21st August

More learning will take place outdoors throughout the year, particularly on Fridays, where each class will have a timetabled slot with Mrs Ritchie. Each class will also have an outdoor PE slot with me and an art session with Mrs Scrimgeour (please see the Friday timetable below). I have included Mrs Ritchie's previous letter with this email as a reminder.

Friday Timetable

9am LEARNING OUTDOORS- SCIENCE Mrs Ritchie P1/2	11am OUTDOOR PE P1/2 Mrs Burke	1:20pm ART P1/2 Mrs Scrimgeour
ART Mrs Scrimgeour P3/4/5	LEARNING OUTDOORS- SCIENCE P3/4/5	OUTDOOR PE P3/4/5 Mrs Burke
OUTDOOR PE Mrs Burke P5/6/7	ART P5/6/7 Mrs Scrimgeour	LEARNING OUTDOORS- SCIENCE P5/6/7



Clothing

Please come to school every Friday dressed in comfortable clothes that can be worn for both outdoor PE and learning outdoors e.g. trainers, plain t-shirt, joggers/tracksuit (you may wish to wear shorts depending on the weather). Please wear clothes that you do not mind getting dirty as we will be outside in all weathers. Waterproofs and wellies can be left at school if this is easier than bringing them each week.

Art Apron – it would be helpful to bring in an art apron or old shirt to leave in school for any messy art/craft lessons.

Earrings – it would be useful if the children did not wear earrings to school on gym days or Fridays however, if earrings cannot be removed, then the health and safety rules are to please cover earrings with a small piece of tape to ensure they do not get tangled in any equipment. Thank you.

Structure of the School Day - wb Monday 17th August 2020

We will continue next week with the same system at the start of the day. Children can be dropped off to **arrive and enter the building from 08:50-9:00**, making their way through the designated/signposted entrances and straight to the classrooms (no lining up outside to begin with, staff will be on hand to direct the children, parents/adults should not linger in the playground once children have been dropped off).

End of day arrangements:-

Arrangements to ensure social distancing and to avoid congestion at the school gates and on the public pavements

3:15pm:- P5-7 learners (either walk home, walk to their parent/carer's car or can meet parents **in the side playground** rather than the playing field– dependent on parent/carer wishes)

Older siblings may also meet their younger sibling to walk them to parent/carer's car dependent on parent wishes

3:20pm – P1/2 parents to socially distance in the **front playground** to collect their children

3:20pm – P3/4 children (either walk home, walk to parent/carer's car or can meet parents **in the side playground** rather than playing field– dependent on parent/carer wishes)

Thank you very much for continuing to socially distance when waiting to collect the children and not gathering/lingering in the school grounds at the end of the school day.

Learning

Staff will have a focus on health and wellbeing, literacy and numeracy this term. Once the children have had a chance to settle in, staff plan to carry out placement assessments which will help to inform the focus for learning and next steps. Class teachers will share pupil learning through Seesaw again this year. Details will be sent out soon.

Gym

Once Seesaw is up and running, class teachers will communicate with you about other gym days and when your child should wear their gym kit to school.

After School Clubs

We usually have a great range of after school clubs running at Ruthvenfield however the current guidance is to limit parent volunteers/other adults in schools. We will keep you updated with any changes to the guidance and hope it is not too long a wait before clubs can start up again.

Climbing wall and trim trail

We also hope that we do not have to wait too long to have our new climbing wall installed in the playground (and the old one taken away!) and also for a start to be made to the trim trail on the playing field. We will keep you informed on any further developments with these.

Equipment

Where possible, it would be really helpful if learners could bring their own pencil case/utensils to school (**pencils, rubber, sharpener, ruler, coloured pens/pencils, glue stick, scissors, a small sellotape if possible**) . ***Please let us know*** if you require us to provide this and we will make up a pack. This helps to limit contact with this type of equipment between learners. Thank you.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Burke

Mrs Burke
Headteacher

