



Kilbarchan Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have really missed not having you in the building! Normally we would be setting up for Meet the Teacher and our Primary 1 classes would have invited their parents/carers in to see their classroom but unfortunately current guidelines prohibit this. I don't want anyone however, to feel that they can't call to speak to us or make an appointment if there is a need. We are always here for you!

Thank you so much to everyone who has already responded to our Parent/Carer surveys on the school website. If you haven't already done so, could you complete by Tuesday so that we can collate the responses and respond appropriately?

We will continue to work with Brian Donnelly this year, with a focus on relationships, values and promoting equality. We will be in touch over the coming weeks with more information as to how you can get involved – watch this space!

Could we kindly remind parents and carers of the importance of sending children to school with appropriate jackets and footwear? As you know, we place great importance on outdoor learning and if children are dressed appropriately, we can continue this good work. If anyone has concerns regarding the purchase of clothing for school, please do not hesitate to contact me so that we can help you with this.

We will begin homework as of next week but do not wish to place children and families under too much pressure at the start of what has been a very unusual first term. Class teachers will send home letters on Monday outlining the first week of homework. You will see that at this stage, we are not looking for any work to be 'returned' as such, the only items to be returned will be reading books. These will be returned to school on Thursday and quarantined for 3 full days. We will be moving our homework on to Google Classrooms, which the children can access through Glow, over the following weeks. All children will be trained in accessing this and will be provided with updated passwords.

I am conscious that for our Primary 1 pupils and families, Google Classrooms and Glow will be completely new to you. Please do not worry, we will provide detailed guidance and subsequent support should anyone require it. This guidance will come out when we are ready to move on to Glow.

I know many families have set up their ParentPortal accounts whilst others have had some issues. We can only apologise for any challenges you may have faced so far. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any problems where we will be happy to try and help.

Following Scottish Government guidelines face coverings should now (unless exemptions apply) be worn on dedicated school transport by all children aged five and over, bringing it into line with guidance for public transport. A letter outlining this change to guidance was issued by Renfrewshire Council.

Should you have any questions regarding the information above please contact the school to discuss further, remember we always love to hear from you!

Yours faithfully,

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