



**Kilbarchan Primary School**  
**August Return 2021 Newsletter**



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome!**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our parents/carers, families, and pupils as they begin a fresh academic year within our school community! I hope that you have had a lovely summer break; managing to enjoy some of the good weather and finding time to relax as a family.

We pay special attention to our new Primary 1 parents and carers who are joining our school community this session. We hope that the information emailed to you recently from our Depute Head, Ms Amanda Doyle, was helpful and that you have had the opportunity to ask any further questions. Please know that we are always happy to speak with you, no question is too small, no issue that isn't important.

**Changes to Contact Tracing**

You will have read in the Director's letter that there have been significant changes to contact tracing in schools. We will no longer be carrying out 'contact tracing' directly, as was the case before. It is also important to note that any child aged 5 – 18 will no longer have to self-isolate for 10 days if they are identified as a close contact, **as long as they remain asymptomatic and have a negative PCR test.**

**Visitor/Family Access to the School**

For the health and safety of all we continue to ask that parents and carers do not enter the building unless by appointment or in the case of an emergency. We ask that you call or email the school instead using:

0300 300 0163

Or

[kilbarchanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:kilbarchanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

As soon as these restrictions are lifted, we will be in touch. We cannot wait to welcome you back into the school building!

**Operational Information**

I would like to provide you with some updates regarding the way in which the school will operate over the next 6 weeks, or until Scottish Government guidance is updated:

- All pupils should now wear school uniform unless it is a Gym Day.
- A member of staff will be in the playground from 0850. Once you have dropped your child off, we ask that you move away from the gates to minimise mixing of adults.
- The relaxed start will remain, with school doors opening at 0900 and remaining open until 0910.
- All children will wash their hands upon arrival, before and after eating, and prior to vacating the building at the end of the day.
- We will revert to one interval and one lunchtime. Timings are as follows: Interval 1030 – 1045 and Lunch 1215 – 1300. The pupils will be shown which parts of the playground they can use by their teacher on the first day.
- Our pupils will now eat their lunch in the Dinner Hall. Those in Primaries 4-7 with a Packed Lunch, will have the option to eat outside whilst the weather remains pleasant. All children are welcome to eat their lunch in the Dinner Hall should they choose.
- Class teachers and Senior Leadership Team will show children where to go and what to do whilst in the Dinner Hall.
- At the end of the day, infant classes will be called forward as we did before we stopped for the Summer.

### **Pupil Entry and Exit**

- Primaries 1, 2/1 and 2 will enter/exit through the Infant Doors.
- Primary 3 will enter/exit through the doors at the rear of the building which lead directly into their class.
- Primaries 5, 4 and 5/4 will enter/exit through the doors at the rear of the building.
- Primaries 6, 7/6 and 7 will enter/exit through the doors nearest the car park.
- Members of staff will be in the playground to direct children on Monday morning should they be confused.

### **Short Term Updates**

Week beginning 16 August: A focus on health and safety, routines, school values and expectations.

Week beginning 23 August: Class Newsletter sent out, outlining Gym Days, Homework plans etc.

Week beginning 30 August: Homework grids will be given out.

I will continue to send out regular newsletters outlining school procedures, updates, and plans. Due to current measures, we are not able to hold large events or provide dates for Parents' Nights etc. Once restrictions are lifted, we will send details of these plans to all families.

I look forward to seeing you and your children back at school on Monday morning, ready for the exciting year ahead!

Yours faithfully,

Fiona MacKenzie  
Head Teacher