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Newsletter - 24th August 2020

It's been great to have the children back at school for their first full week. They've settled in well especially given the extended period of school closure last session. Staff have been impressed with their positive attitude towards their work and how well they've adjusted back into school life. We are delighted to be back, however, we are of course aware of the need to remain vigilant and continue to manage the risks of COVID-19. As a result, there are particular measures which we have put in place, in line with government guidance, to ensure the safety of children, young people and staff. Please note the guidance provided by the school will be reviewed and updated as and when required. We recognise and understand that some of these arrangements may take a little while to get used to but please be assured that your children will be well cared for and we are committed to ensuring that they are happy and receive the best experiences possible.

COVID-19 Guidance

Symptoms:

- a high temperature or fever
- a new continuous cough
- a loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

Advice from Renfrewshire Council is as follows:

If your child or an adult in your household has symptoms: Please keep your child and siblings at home and self-isolate as a household if they have symptoms. **Please do not send your child to school.** We will treat any suspected cases of coronavirus in line with national guidance. Visit the health advice on Renfrewshire's coronavirus page for the latest advice on self-isolating and booking a test with Test and Protect.

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/10536/Coronavirus-cases-in-schools-or-nurseries>

If a pupil has symptoms while at school

We will:

- contact their parent or carer
- keep the pupil in an isolated room away from other pupils and staff
- send the pupil home (they must not use school or public transport)
- thoroughly clean all rooms used by the pupil

You should:

- contact NHS and follow their guidance

If your child tests negative

You should:

- continue to keep your child at home until they are 48 hours free of fever, after which they may return to school assuming they are fit to do so
- follow all health guidance provided by NHS
- inform your child's school of the test results.

We will:

- welcome your child back to school once they are 48 hours free of fever.

If your child tests positive

You should:

- continue to keep your child at home
- continue to self-isolate as a household
- inform your child's school of the test results.

We will:

- inform NHS of the positive test result
- work closely with Test and Protect
- follow NHS protocol on communicating with parents

For further information please see

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/covid-cases-schools#health%20and%20safety>

We would ask parents to call us on the morning your child returns to school to inform us they are fine to be back at school. These courtesy calls are an important part of the process and much appreciated.

Pick Up and Drop Off

Pick up and drop off is now working extremely well. Thank you for working with the school to create an organised drop off and pick up. Remember it is important for adults to continue with social distancing in the playground and around the entrance and exit to the school so that everyone feels safe.

P1-P2 8:50am-2:50pm

P3-P5 9am-3pm

P6-P7 9:10am-3:10pm

Changes to the School Day

As well as the staggered start and finish times there have been other changes to the school day to help support the government guidelines. Classes have staggered break and lunch times with pupils staying within their own year group bubbles throughout the day. Classes have a set zone in the playground with their own box of playground equipment.

Homework

Homework will begin on **Monday 31st August**. Your child will receive a homework jotter which will stay at home. Homework will be posted on either SEESAW or your child's Google Classroom. Pupils can complete their homework in their jotter and upload it to SEESAW/GC for their teacher to check. Next week your child will receive a homework pack which will include a jotter and your child's login details.

Contacting the School Office

The new government guidelines mean that parents are unable to come into the school building and deliver messages to the school office staff as normal. If you need to inform the school that your child has an appointment, or you would like to update the office with new contact details and so on then please don't hesitate to phone the school on 0300 300 0145. The School Office hours are 8:30am - 4pm. Alternatively you can also email the school on auchenlodmentenquiries@renfrewshire.sch.uk.

Meeting with Staff

Currently we are unable to meet with you in the school building. However, if you would like to speak to a member of the school staff please just phone the office and a member of the Senior Management Team will arrange a time to discuss any concerns over the phone.

PE Days

P1M	Weds	Fri	P1E	Tues	Fri
P2	Tues	Weds	P3	Mon	Weds
P4	Mon	Thurs	P5	Weds	Fri
P6CW	Tues	Thurs	P6SW	Tues	Thurs
P7	Mon	Thurs			

On PE days your child should come to school in the more informal uniform as they are unable to change into PE kit at school. Please ensure jewellery is not worn on PE days as staff are unable to remove jewellery for pupils.

Outdoor Learning

Following the new guidelines, pupils will be spending an increased amount of time learning outdoors. We are lucky enough to have big grounds which can easily facilitate this. Therefore, pupils need to come to school prepared for outdoor learning every single day. They need suitable footwear and a waterproof jacket. Please remember you may opt for the more informal uniform while there is an increase in outdoor learning.

School Lunches

Renfrewshire Council will be serving packed lunches only during August 2020. This is to ensure that pupils can have staggered lunch breaks, allowing them to eat in smaller groups. Each packed lunch will have a choice of:

- Ham sandwich
- Cheese sandwich
- Tuna sandwich

Options are available for special dietary requirements. Please speak to your child's school to discuss any requirements. Please remember all P1 - P3 pupils are entitled to a free school meal.

COVID Recovery Service

If you are worried about your child's wellbeing due to lockdown, Renfrewshire Education Psychology Service can provide support. You can contact the school for a referral and a member of the team will be in touch.

P7 Numeracy Garden

Well done to our Primary 7 pupils who have demonstrated great initiative and leadership skills since returning to school. They have taken on the project of improving our numeracy garden area. Please follow us on Twitter to see photos of their efforts so far. [Twitter @AuchenlodenPS](#)

Assembly and Pupil of the Week

As you are probably aware, we can no longer hold whole school assemblies in the hall. However, we are going to hold an online assembly every Friday for classes to join. This give us the opportunity to celebrate successes within our school. We will be awarding Pupil of the Week for each class. This week the focus will be on our school value '**positive**'.

Thank you,

Denise Newlove
Acting Head Teacher