



Hi everyone, all pupils will be back fulltime from Monday 15th March. We are delighted and very excited to have all of our children back. It has been a challenging few months for everyone, however, the commitment from families, staff and of course the children has been exceptional. We can now look forward to getting back to some sort of normality, with of course, the safety and wellbeing of everyone at the forefront of our minds. We understand that children and families will have mixed emotions and possibly anxieties about returning to school; we will work through these together and ensure the children receive the necessary supports to allow them to thrive socially, emotionally and academically. There is actually some light at the end of the tunnel (we've been saying this for over a year now) with the government starting to ease restrictions, allowing more people to mix outdoors so hopefully it won't be long until we are able to see our loved ones and have the great summer that we all deserve. Please continue to follow the government guidelines (these are listed below) to help stop the spread of the virus and to allow our community and the rest of the country to get back to normal.

5 important steps

to help our schools and childcare settings stay open



Adults wear a face covering at drop off/ pick up



Stick to one adult at drop off/ pick up



Adults keep 2 metres apart



Avoid car sharing



Self-isolate if anyone in your household has symptoms

For up to date information, support and advice visit parentclub.scot

Protecting all of us, takes all of us




SCHOOL ROUTINE

Now that all children will be back in school from Monday, please ensure you drop off and collect your child at the specific times:

Class	Drop Off	Pick Up
Primary 1 & 2	8.50am	2.50am
Primary 3-5	9am	3pm
Primary 6 & 7	9.05am	3.05pm

UNIFORM

All children are encouraged to wear a relaxed uniform:

- school coloured t-shirt/ jumper (red or white)
- jogging trousers/ tracksuit trousers/ leggings
- suitable footwear (indoor trainers/ sandshoes and a change for outdoors e.g. wellies)
- waterproof jacket and hat, scarf, gloves etc for colder days

OWN DEVICES

Children should not bring in their own devices from Monday. This was something that was permitted in the key worker hubs only.

HOMEWORK

Primary 4-7 will have a break from written homework for the next 3 weeks. Any homework allocated will be reading and oral revision of numeracy facts.

JANITORIAL UPDATE

The Janitorial department across the council is undergoing a restructure. This will result in some changes to staffing at Auchenlodment. We are unable to confirm all of these changes at the moment, however, we can confirm that Emma Blane has been allocated to Auchenlodment in a new role of Senior Operative. Miss Blane started this week and has been getting to know the children and staff. We know that she will enjoy her new role at Auchenlodment.

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 25th March at 3.30pm. All Parent Council meetings are now held online using Google Meet. If you would like to attend the meeting, please send the school an email and we will share the joining code with you.

FOOD BANK SUPPORT

We are able to support families with food parcels and Easter Eggs. If you would like to discuss the possibility of support please phone the school office, email the enquiries line or send us a message on Seesaw. The support is there to be used so please don't be embarrassed or proud; we are here to help.

P7 TRANSITION UPDATE

P7 pupils will be participating in a transition maths event with P7 pupils from across the cluster. This is being organised by the maths department at Johnstone High School.

Mrs Hollywood, HT and Mrs O'Malley, DHT are inviting parents to a live information session for P7 parents on Tuesday 23rd March at 7pm. The link for the meeting is below. Just click on the link and logon as a guest. It will ask for your name before allowing access to the meeting.

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZTEzTFiMTYtZjFjOS00YTRjLTg2ZjUtMTc4NTE4Zml1Nzlh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%220da1dde9-5598-47fe-891e-370cb713d6b0%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%228ca01de3-0783-4cc7-a918-fa8c15cc6e1a%22%7d

VANDALISM

Unfortunately, the school and nursery playgrounds were vandalised a couple of weeks ago. The damage included a smashed window and lights. If you live nearby the school and are able to see into the playground, please let us know if you see anyone in the school grounds at night or at weekends. We have just spent a lot of money on improving various areas of the school grounds and we don't want our new resources/ equipment/ furniture vandalised.

*Thank
you*



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