

September Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the September Weekend holiday. Our first few weeks back at school seem to have flown by. It has been lovely to see all our pupils back in the building, get to know our new P1s and welcome new staff and pupils across the school.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support over the last few weeks as we all get used to our 'new normal'. We are all still learning the new routines and as the minutiae of the guidance changes, we are still having to make small changes to our processes and procedures in school. This can result in changes being made at very short notice and we hope you will bear with us on this.

Also thank you to everyone who has donated books towards the school libraries. We will be distributing these to classes to add to their library stock. As always your generosity is much appreciated by pupils and staff alike.

You should have received a letter about our Parents' Evenings. For this term these will take the form of a 10-minute phone call rather than a face to face discussion. These phone calls will appear on your phone as an 0300 number or a blocked or withheld number. Please be aware of this and be ready to answer around your given time. Also, just as in our face to face meetings, teachers may be running a few minutes early or late. If you have anything else you wish to discuss beyond the 10-minute call, we will be happy to arrange another time to talk.

Information regarding school uniform was published in May after consultation with the Parent Council. At that time, we stated that the uniform would be red school polo shirt and navy sweatshirt, paired with suitable outdoor bottoms and outdoor footwear relevant to the weather conditions on that day. Therefore, as per the council's general policy on uniform, hoodies and sweatshirts outwith the plain navy should not be worn in class. We understand that you will want you children to layer up for the transitions between indoor and outdoor learning but only the specified uniform should be worn in class. If this is problematic, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Most pupils have settled very well into the routine of being back in school, but we appreciate the challenges that lockdown and the ongoing current restrictions have had on children and families. Much of the work done this term has focussed on settling back in and rediscovering how to socialise and interact in a wider context. If your child or the family in general is struggling to adjust, there are many supports available. We can point you in the direction of the appropriate organisation. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like some additional support.

Currently lunches remain a hot grab and go option, we will let you know when this changes. Pupils continue, with the exception of P1, to eat their lunch in class. This is to minimise the mixing of groups within the school.

We will continue our soft start in the morning from 8.45 a.m. An increasing number of pupils have been arriving before that time and we would ask that where possible that this is kept to a minimum. Also the doors close at 9.00a.m and any pupils arriving after this time should enter through the main entrance to ensure they are registered and have ordered a lunch.

As we continue to use Teams to support homework etc, we are aware that this allows access to the class teachers GLOW email addresses. However, GLOW is for pupil use, parents should not use their

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child's GLOW email address to contact class teachers. Any parent enquiries should come from the parents own email address. Emails should only be sent directly to the class teacher on matters regarding classwork and only where this form of communication has been agreed in advance. All other enquiries should normally be directed to the school using

bishoptonenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

It is great to see so many of our pupils travelling to school and back using their scooters and bicycles. A reminder that pupils should not ride these in the playground. This is to avoid any accidental collisions with pedestrians. Also a request that pupils on scooters and bikes allow pedestrians to exit through the gates before trying to manoeuvre these through.

Please remember that pupils should not attend school if they have any of the 3 recognised symptoms of COVID-19. If your child displays symptoms and you are in any doubt you should contact your GP for advice. If a child is tested, they are not allowed to return to school until they have received a negative result or, if they have a fever, 48hours after the fever has gone. Please remember to call the school office and update them with the test results.

The rules on adult social distancing have also changed with the introduction of the rule of 6. Please bear in mind that you are now only allowed adults from 2 households to meet at 2m social distance. If you are in the school playground, please make sure you are more than 2m from other adults so that more than 2 households are not coming together at any point. We all have a part to play in keeping our whole community safe and well.

We continue to live through challenging times, but I hope you can all take some time this weekend to rest and relax. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school on Tuesday 29th September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs McNaught

Head Teacher