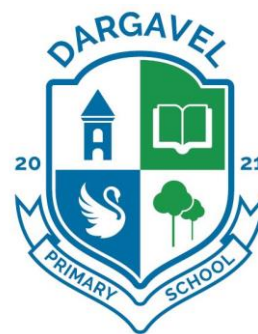


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Dear parent or carer,

I wanted to update you with some welcome news on Dargavel Primary School. In my last letter, I informed you that the site developer had confirmed the ground floor and outdoor space, including outdoor learning areas, will be ready for the start of term in August. I also advised that the ground floor space would be assessed to determine if we could accommodate all pupils in the new building from the start of term.

I am pleased to confirm that following a site visit with Gordon McKinlay, Head of Schools, we have now inspected the ground floor area and we are satisfied that this will provide enough space to have all pupils in the school in August. This is, of course, subject to having all areas of the ground floor and outdoor space available as planned and we still have our contingency plans should these be needed.

Once the upper floor is complete, we will move P4 to P7 pupils up to their normal learning spaces as soon as we can. Depending on when it is available, we may wait until the September weekend school holiday to move learning space furniture into its correct place.

To enable the contractor to work at pace, we cannot offer any site visits for parents or pupils as we normally would for any new school build. However, I will keep you updated as the building works progress.

## Staffing

I am delighted to announce that Louise Chisholm and Tony Mayer have been appointed as the Depute Head Teachers of Dargavel Primary. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating them both and we all look forward to welcoming them to the Dargavel team. A start date has still to be confirmed, however, Mrs Chisholm and Mr Mayer are both very keen to be part of transition activities and to get to know the pupils before the end of term.

We will shortly be appointing the Principal Teacher post. I will keep you posted on the successful candidate.

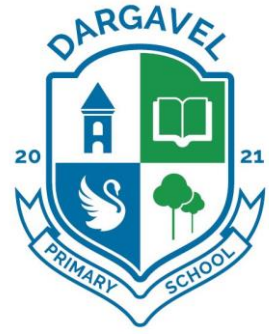
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We also have a wonderful Senior Clerical Officer, Jacqueline Gordon, who took up post two weeks ago. She is based with myself in Bishopton Primary School.

## Uniform

I also have some good news about the school uniform, specifically about the school tie. SET School Wear in Paisley have donated 100 ties for the P1 pupils and are doing a discount for the P2 to P7 pupils. As a goodwill gesture, the school will buy a tie for all P2 to P7 pupils, however, you can still buy an additional tie at a discounted rate if you wish a spare. The ties will be distributed after the 15th June. Once I have a full sample range of the uniform I will post some images of Dargavel pupils wearing the uniform. You will be able to purchase the official badged uniform from School Wear Made Easy, SET School Wear and DB Leisure.

## Transition

You should have received an invite for your child to attend an after school transition session. If you did not receive an invite, please contact Mrs Gordon on 0300 300 1481. I will also be providing dates for Parent/Carer transition sessions; these will take place virtually. I will send out further information on these events next week.

Lastly, we have a new email address and phone number for Dargavel Primary School. Please email [dargavelenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:dargavelenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk) or call 0300 300 1481 if you have any specific questions.

Kind regards,

Gerry Carlton  
Head Teacher