



Dargavel Primary School

Newsletter – July 2021



Hi everyone,

I hope that you're all enjoying the summer holidays and making the most of the sunshine (however, as I look out the window, it has started to rain ☹️).

The Dargavel staff team are looking forward to meeting the pupils on Monday 16th August. The Senior Leadership Team and Ms Gordon our Senior Clerical Officer, have been working hard over the summer to make sure things are ready for the new term. I hope you find the information in this newsletter useful and please get in touch if you have any questions on the lead up to the 16th August. Please enjoy the last couple of weeks of the summer.

Kind regards

Gerry Carlton

Staffing

The recruitment processes for all teaching staff and support staff are now complete. We are delighted with the team and can't wait to start working together.

The permanent Head Teacher post will be interviewed at the end of August. We will keep you updated on the outcome.

Building Update

An update was sent out to parents/ carers last week. Positive cases and the requirement for site workers to self-isolate has resulted in a slight delay to the handover date, however, this does not currently impact on the date that the children will start in the new building. You can find the building update by clicking on this link:

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/Dargavel-Primary-2307>

Class Structure Letter and Ties

In the last week of term, your child should have received a letter, a QR code and their Dargavel school tie. If you have not received this can you please email the Dargavel enquiries mailbox and we will arrange for this to be sent out to you as soon as possible.

Dargavel Enquiries Mailbox

As the school office is closed during the summer, the Dargavel Enquiries mailbox is monitored by Renfrewshire Council Business Support staff. Emails are then forwarded onto Mr Carlton to respond to.

All emails will be responded to but please be patient if it takes a few days for a response. The email address is:

dargavelenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

School Transport

SPT will be communicating directly with Dargavel parents with regards to the school transport. All Dargavel pupils will be entitled to a school bus. You should expect communication over the next week or so. For those families who will have one child at Dargavel Primary and the other staying at Bishopton Primary, both children will be entitled to the bus service. Please note this is a temporary arrangement and will only be in place whilst the Dargavel pupils are located in Bishopton Primary.

Information for the new term

I provided updated information on the last day of term with regards to uniform, day one arrangements, entrances and exits etc. You can find this information by clicking on this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/v2uxhvpa>

Primary 1

Mr Mayer has created a SWAY document for P1 pupils and parents. It contains a summer holiday update from the P1 teachers and a reminder of day one arrangements. The link to the SWAY will be sent out over the next few days and also posted on the Facebook page for other pupils and parents to read.

Some P1 parents have been in touch with regards to an additional visit to the school prior to the 16th August. Appointments have been sent out to parents. If you would like an additional visit for your child week commencing 9th August, please email the enquiries line.

Covid Guidance

We are expecting updated Scottish Government guidance to be issued next week. This will then inform any changes that need to be made to the current Covid risk assessment.

Once this has been updated, the risk assessment will be available for parents to access.

Bishopton Primary Update

The refurbishment of classrooms and resurfacing of the playground is going well. The works will be finished week beginning 2nd August.

Thank you to the parent volunteers who will be helping clear an area of the Bishopton playground. This will create more space for the P1 and P2 children to play. Laura Digby, our Parent Council Chairperson will be in touch with the volunteers over the next few days to confirm the date for doing the work.

Uniform

All of the information relating to the school uniform can be found on previous correspondence and by accessing on the link above.

However, there have been a few enquiries by parents regarding some items:

The tank top has not been promoted as an official item of the uniform, however, if it is a royal blue tank top then it is fine for children to wear.

There is no expectation that uniform items need to have the badge. It is more important that your child wears the school colours (royal blue) so that they feel part of the school community.

The relaxed uniform can be worn on PE days. You will be advised of your child's PE days at the start of term. Normal school uniform should be worn the rest of the week. Normal school uniform can either by shirt and tie or school polo shirt.

Thank You

I would like to finish off by thanking the Senior Leadership Team (Mr Mayer and Mrs Chisholm), Ms Gordon and other staff members for working over the summer holidays. Their commitment since taking up post has been exemplary. We have a very dedicated team at Dargavel and we are all eager to start working together with our pupils and families.

See you on Monday 16th August.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. 😊