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#### **BREDILAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# August 2020

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### Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



Achievements: We are delighted to announce that we are awaiting full validation for the STEM Nation Award. As a result of the hard work, efforts and tremendous achievements of our pupils we are anticipating certification in the five areas below:

- Leadership in STEM
- STEM family and community learning
- Employability and STEM partnership working
- STEM curriculum and learner pathways
- Equity and equality in STEM

## First week plan for return to school

From Wednesday 12 August	P1* and P7 return to school
From Thursday 13 August	P2, P3 and P4 return to school, in addition to above
From Friday 14 August	P5 and P6 return to school, in addition to above, meaning all pupils at school

<sup>\*</sup>P1 staggered start and finish during week 1 (info to follow).

### Physical distancing between children in primary schools

On the basis of the scientific advice, and subject to all other risk mitigation measures set out in this advice being appropriately implemented, there is no requirement for physical distancing between children in primary schools.

### Entry and exit plan

We have attached an entry and exit map which supersedes the one that you received in June.

- All pupils will attend school from 9am 3pm.
- Children in P3, P3/4 and P7 will enter/exit through gate 3 and the yellow door.
- Primary 7 will no longer be in the ICT suite and will be based in room 10 in the main building.
- ONLY parents/carers of our primary 1, 2 and 3 children will be allowed to enter the playground and must stand in their designated area (see map), ensuring physical distancing.
- To alleviate congestion at 3pm, the children in P4, P5, P5/6 and P6/7 that exit via the blue door will exit via gate 2. The car park will be closed from 14.45 each day and pupils must stay on the yellow path, with staff supervision.
- Parents/carers must remember to physically distance in line with government guidelines outside the school gates.

### P1 Photos

Each year, we invite our parents/carers in at the end of the first day to take photos of their child at their desk. Unfortunately, we aren't allowed parents/carers in the building and won't be able to facilitate this this year. However, on their first day, we will take a photo of your child at their desk and send it to you via email. We will also stagger the start times of the primary 1 children (more info to follow), to allow photos to be taken in the playground. Hopefully the sun will be shining!

### Hygiene and handwashing

- Robust hygiene and cleaning procedures have been introduced across all schools. This includes
  regular hand washing and cleaning surfaces and equipment throughout the day. The school will also
  have its own day cleaner who will maintain the continuous cleaning procedures.
- We ask that children wash their hands before they leave home in the morning. On arrival into school, children will wash their hands again. They will be asked to do this regularly throughout the day, including after break time and lunchtime.

<u>Uniform</u> — As we said in the June newsletter, uniform is to be worn as normal with comfortable shoes.

School Bags — the children will not need to bring a school bag with them.

- This is to cut down on storage space, which will be very limited and will in turn avoid creating tripping hazards.
- Every child must bring with them a plastic bottle with water in it and their name on it. There will be no access to water coolers at this time.
- Each child will be given their own plastic tray, with their own pens/crayons/pencils, with rubber, ruler and writing pencil all provided for them, to be kept in school.
- Snacks must be sealed in plastic and kept in the child's own tray.
- We have bought a plastic folder for every child to bring homework home with them; this can be wiped down at home.

### Physical Distancing between adults and children

Maintaining 2m distancing between adults and children whenever possible will help mitigate risk, but it is acknowledged that this is not always possible or desirable, particularly when working with younger primary school children or children with additional support needs who may require personal or intimate care.

As per government guidance, children and young people do not have to physically distance while in school. However, we will encourage physical distancing where possible to further minimise any risk. In addition, we will avoid bringing children together in large groups, such as at school events or assemblies. We are awaiting guidance on physical education. Physical distancing will be in place between staff and between staff and children where possible. Visitors coming into school will be by prior arrangement only. If you would like to pass on a message or speak to a member of staff, please email <a href="mailto:Bredilandenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk">Bredilandenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk</a> or phone the school office.

We are really looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to school and are very excited about the successes and achievements that lie ahead this session. Although it will be different, the whole staff team is determined that school will be enjoyable. We are fully committed to making sure all our children catch up and our standards of attainment continue to be high.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs MC Temple, Head Teacher