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BREDILAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



Achievements – some news from our children!

Scarlett Namini has the honour of winning a Blue Peter badge, however, this Blue Peter badge is green! This is because it is a badge for sustainability. She pledged to look after her local area by collecting litter, planting seeds and to save energy by turning off lights when she leaves a room. She is a climate hero!

We had the pleasure of welcoming our new Primary 1 children to Brediland last week. Each child met their new teacher and had the chance to visit their classroom. We had so much fun meeting them and their families and the outdoor visits were enjoyed by all!

Focus on Health Week – This week all children took part in our Focus on Health Week. Each class took part in a variety of physical activities alongside emotional and mental wellbeing activities adapted to the needs of the children. Each day had a theme that we focussed on in school; Thoughtful Tuesday, Wellbeing Wednesday, Thankful Thursday and Fitness Friday. If you completed any of the activities from our Guide for Families booklet, we would love to hear/see about it, so why not share what you've been up to either on Twitter or via Google Classrooms. We hope that everyone has enjoyed the week, especially with the good weather ☀️

Class Photos – We have booked Tempest Photography to take class photos **outside on the 9th June**. Weather permitting, each class will have a group photo taken which will be available for purchase. I know that many children have grown out of their school uniform and will wait until August to buy a new one, so for class photographs, if your child does not have a uniform that fits, they can wear something smart for their photograph – this has been a year like no other in schools, so the photographs will be a record of that!

School Lunches – The normal lunch menu will resume from 14th June. Menus will be added to the school app, so that you can help your child to choose the option they like best or alternatively you can find the menu on the Renfrewshire Council website. We will continue to seat the children in their allocated seat, within their class bubble.

The Exchange Counselling Service is a therapeutic counselling service which is available to all children in Renfrewshire schools. In Primary Schools, they provide a highly collaborative model of support for the psychological and emotional wellbeing of children and their families, built around developing resilience. Referrals can be made by school staff. Their approach following a referral is:

- To meet the child to complete a resilience assessment and create an agenda for support
- To work with child for up to 6 sessions (8 in total with assessment and end meeting)
- Throughout the process, the service will keep school staff informed of concerns and progress.
- If required, they would meet the parent/carer to provide a summary of progress and outline a plan of continued support, (this might include activities that parents can complete with the child).

If you think that your child may benefit from this service, please contact Mrs Robertson.

Just a reminder that **physical distancing and wearing masks** continues to be a priority for safety within Brediland. This extends to the playground and the street outside the school when dropping off or collecting your child.

From August

Class bubbles and playground bubbles will continue from August, until such times as we have more updated information. Also, plastic school bags and a range of stationery will again be provided for your child in August. Each child will continue to use their own resources, provided by us, to avoid sharing and risking the spread of the virus.

We will also continue to operate a staggered entry and exit, meaning that Primary 1 to Primary 4 will come in to school from 8.50 AM and leave school at 2.50PM. All other classes will come in at 9.00AM and leave at 3PM.

Uniforms – I am looking forward to seeing all our children back in uniform in August. The Brediland uniform is grey trousers or skirt, white shirt or polo shirt and blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan. Trainers are allowed, as we continue in our drive to learn outdoors in all weathers!

Information about classes for next session will come to you when I have all staff arrangements finalised. Again this year, I have used the Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) from the Scottish government to bring in extra staff to support teaching and learning and to assist any children who require additional support.

PTFA – I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA), who have continued to support the school in the background this last year. They have, in keeping with tradition, bought each Primary 7 child a tie for their secondary school and graduation cup cakes for the Primary 7 celebration. Also, earlier in the term, they bought a personalised hoodie for each Primary 7 child; all children have enjoyed wearing these in the last term. Thank you to our PTFA – we hope when the world returns to normal that we will be able to gather some new members to support the excellent work you do for the children of Brediland!



Teachers have been phoning parents to report on children's progress and this will continue over the next two weeks, followed by your child's final report coming home in week beginning 14.6.21.


Also, we have several children with severe allergies in the school. With this in mind, we ask for your support to make Brediland a nut-free environment, as this can cause a very severe allergic reaction to those children whom it concerns. Therefore, children should avoid bringing items to school that contain nuts, either for snack or for their lunch. We also discourage the sharing of snacks.

We love to hear about children's achievements, so if you would like your child's name and achievement published in the next school newsletter, on twitter and on our school app - please use the slip provided below to inform us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Temple

Mrs MC Temple
Head Teacher

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 Achievement

Child's Name Child's Class Date
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Comment/Suggestion:

Name Child's Class Date

Latest Coronavirus (COVID-19) information and guidance from Renfrewshire Council website

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-schools>

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-schools/covid-cases>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in schools or nurseries

Information on what to do if your child or another pupil has symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for the virus, and how the NHS Test and Protect programme will manage this.

Our single biggest priority is to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of all pupils and staff.

We have put a lot of new measures in place to keep our pupils and staff safe and help minimise the risk of coronavirus. We are closely following Scottish government guidance on coronavirus health and safety in schools and nurseries.

See the latest guidance and information on [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) health and safety in schools and nurseries](#) .

You can also read about [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing in schools for staff and pupils](#).

If your child or someone in your household shows symptoms of COVID-19

If your child or someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19

If you or your child tests negative for COVID-19

You should:

- tell the school or nursery your child has tested negative for COVID-19
- keep your child at home to self-isolate for 10 days if they are a close contact of someone who tested positive
- keep your child at home until they are 48 hours free of fever if they aren't a close contact - they can return to school if they are well enough and are not otherwise required to self-isolate
- [follow all health guidance provided by NHS](#).

If there's a positive case in your child's school or nursery

If a pupil shows symptoms of COVID-19 while at school

If your child is a close contact of someone who has tested positive

If your child has been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive, we will contact you and advise your child needs to self-isolate for 10 days and you should [book them a test](#). This call will come from either the NHS Test and Protect team or our staff.

You should keep your child at home to self-isolate - do not send them to school until the full self-isolation period is complete.

Even if your child tests negative for COVID-19, they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days. However, if they start to show symptoms, you should [book them another test](#).

Only the child identified as a close contact needs to self-isolate. The rest of the household, including siblings, can continue to go to school or work as normal, assuming no one in the household develops symptoms or is otherwise asked to stay at home.

How we will keep you informed

Should we need to contact you, we will do this directly - via phone call (if your child is a close contact) or text message (if Test and Protect is active in your child's school).

For that reason it is crucial your school has the correct contact details for you. You can [check the contact details your child's school has for you using Parents Portal](#). You can also contact your school to update your contact information.

If you believe you should have had a text message from us and haven't, please contact your child's school to check your details are up to date. You can see all the Test and Protect schools letters we have issued on our [NHS Test and Protect schools letters page](#).

Tests and temperature checks Surveillance and testing programme

We have an enhanced coronavirus monitoring and testing programme available to staff, children and young people across the country.

This includes:

- mobilising the NHS Test and Protect programme immediately when we identify a positive case in a school
- outbreak management
- rapid testing for anyone in schools and nurseries who has symptoms
- close monitoring of the virus in schools and nurseries, and among nursery and school-aged children and young people, and staff.

If you have been identified as a close contact of a person with a confirmed, positive test result, we will ask you to self-isolate for 10 days from when you had contact with that person and to [book a test](#). Even if your test results are negative, you still have to self-isolate for 10 days.

We will keep parents, carers, schools and nurseries informed of any changes to restrictions, testing, health advice and guidance.