



Dargavel Primary School



Newsletter – 22nd August 2025

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the new school session at Dargavel and a special welcome to all our new families across the school.

The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information about staffing, administration and to share important dates. Please take a few minutes to read over the newsletter to stay informed of what's going on at Dargavel. If you have any queries, please contact the school office on 0300 300 1481 or email dargavelenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk and a member of staff will get back to you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Gerry Carlton

New Car Park and Drop Off Zone

We are delighted that the new car park and drop off zone on Arrochar Drive will be in use from Monday 25th August. Please click on the link below for a short video on how pupils and families should safely use this new facility. Our main priority is keeping everyone safe so please drive slowly and park respectfully.

The original car park is to be used by staff only unless parents/ carers are dropping their child off late or picking them up early for an appointment.



The school bus will still use the drop off zone in the original car park.

Video Link - [DPS New Car Park and Drop Off Zone](#)



Meet the Teacher – Wednesday 3rd September

Meet the Teacher will take place on Wednesday 3rd September. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and to learn about the routines of the class. We will be offering 2 sessions; 3.15pm – 4pm and 4.15pm – 5pm. The teacher will do a presentation at 3.30pm and at 4.30pm and the rest of the time will be spent chatting to parents/ carers. For those unable to attend either session, we will send out the teachers' presentations which will contain all information discussed at the event. If you have more than one child in the school, try to pop into each class so that you get to speak to all of your children's teachers.

To allow staff to manage numbers, please click on the link to select your preferred Meet the Teacher session:

<https://forms.office.com/e/SGaMZEQx3m>

PE Timetable

The PE timetable was shared with parents/ carers on Tuesday. Please click on the link below to access the timetable.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17ZY93xiH1a6vzBSmlAcPtsq9qSYLakSg/view?usp=sharing>



Nut Free

We have a number of children with a nut allergy, and we therefore ask for no nuts or products containing nuts to be brought into the school.

We also request that birthday cakes/ treats are not sent in with children to share with the class. It is a lovely gesture, however, many of these products contain traces of nuts.



Thank you for your cooperation.

Seesaw

We are very excited to be using Seesaw as our main channel for communication and sharing learning.

It should be up and running by the end of next week. Communication will be sent out to help with signing in etc. P1 parents and new parents will also be issued with sign up instructions next week.

The expectations of Seesaw will be explained at the Meet the Teacher sessions.



Be Prepared

Can you please ensure children come to school with everything that they need, for example, water bottles, packed lunches, school bags etc. Children should also know the lunch option they are selecting for that day and what their end of day arrangements are. The office staff will always ensure messages are passed on or items handed in late are delivered to classes, however, it does take the staff away from the office which can result in phone calls being missed etc. Thank you for your support with this.

Medication

If your child requires medication or an inhaler, please contact the school office. You will be required to complete paperwork and to hand the medication into the school.



Label Items

Please remember to label all items of uniform, school bags and lunch boxes/ bags with your child's name and class. A number of items, particularly from P1 pupils have been left behind or misplaced. If things are labelled it is easy to get them back to the child.

Playground Safety – Bikes

If your child cycles to school, please encourage them to park their bike in one of the bike storage areas and also to lock their bike. For safety reasons, we ask that pupils come off their bikes and scooters as soon as they enter the school grounds.



Playground Safety – Dogs

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds. We have children who are allergic to dog hair and dog saliva and it is therefore crucial that these children do not come into contact with dogs. Thank you for your understanding.

Wet Weather

On wet mornings, P4-7 will be brought into the gym hall from 8.50am to wait until 9am.

School Finish Times

Just a reminder that P1-3 start at 8.50am and finish at 2.50pm. P3/4 -7 start at 9am and finish at 3pm. It is only siblings of P1-3 children who have the option of finishing at 2.50pm.

Parent Council

The Parent Council AGM will take place in the school at 7pm on Thursday 28th August. Please come along if you are able to.



Parent Council - Thank You

Thank you to the Parent Council for subsidising half of the Accelerated Reader subscription. This resource is used by our P4-7 pupils and thanks to the Parent Council we were able to renew it for another year.

Staffing

Every teacher receives weekly Non-Class Contact (NCC) time. This is normally planned in 2-hour blocks. We therefore have NCC teachers who teach the classes for these periods of time. Mrs Galbraith, Ms Laing, Mr Galloway and Mr Osborne are the NCC teachers this year. Mrs Farrell and Mrs Chisholm will also be covering some NCC. This therefore means that your child will have two teachers throughout the week. This is common practice in all schools across Scotland.

We also have some staff who work part-time (3 or 4 days per week); and therefore these classes will have two teachers. Our Principal Teachers Mrs Murdoch (P3a) and Miss Rainey (P6a) have management time out of class to fulfil their remit and therefore their classes will also be shared with another teacher. Our newly qualified teachers have a Friday out of class so their classes are taught by a different teacher on a Friday. Staff will talk to you at Meet the Teacher about the key staff who will work with your children throughout the week.

Administration

Parentpay

New pupils will be issued with an activation letter and guide to allow parents/carers to sign up to Parentpay. Once you have signed up, we would appreciate if you would complete the *Local Outings Trip Consent*.

Parentsportal

We are hoping to have all our parents/carers signed up to the portal as this allows you to provide us with the most up to date contact information for your child.

Please use the information within the link to help you sign up if you haven't already done so - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/dargavelprimaryschool/parents-portal/>

The following items are available for completion on the portal for parents/carers who have already signed up:-

- Annual data checks
- Image consent
- Media consent
- Cypad consent

NHS flu vaccine forms (Tuesday 21st October)

The flu vaccine forms have been delivered to schools for distribution and pupils will come home with this in their school bag. The form should be completed and returned to school. If you don't want your child to have a flu vaccine, please complete the form with the box checked NO.

OneRen

OneRen is a local charitable trust providing culture, leisure and sporting opportunities to help people enjoy active and healthy lives in Renfrewshire. They regularly run clubs in school for pupils to attend and they would appreciate if you could take the time to complete their survey using the link - <https://www.cognitofirms.com/OneRenSportServices/PupilSurveyPhysicalActivityAndSchoolClubs2526>



RIGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

Article 2

'All Children have Rights'

This will be launched at Friday's assembly and discussed with children in class.

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CONVENTION
ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Date for your diary! Sponsor Colour Run

We are organising a Sponsor Colour Run on the afternoon of Thursday 25th September. We would like this to be a family event so put the date in your diary. Further information will be issued over the next couple of weeks.



Date for your diary! Pantomime Trip

After the success of last year's trip, we will be taking the whole school to the pantomime at The Pavilion Theatre, Glasgow. The cost will be £10 per child (family discount for families with 3+ children).

Further information to follow.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE YEAR

Meet the Teacher – Wednesday 3rd September

Colour Run – Thursday 25th September

September Weekend – Friday 26th & Monday 29th September (school reopens on Tuesday 30th September)

October Holiday – Monday 13th – Friday 17th. Monday 20th is an Inservice Day. Pupils return on Tuesday 21st October.

Parents' Night 1 – Thursday 13th November

St Andrew's Day Holiday – Monday 1st December

Whole School Pantomime Trip to The Pavilion – Friday 5th December

Christmas Fair – Saturday 6th December (AM)

Christmas Shows (including P1 Nativity) – Thursday 11th & Friday 12th December

Christmas Holidays – Monday 22nd Dec – Monday 5th January (school reopens on Tuesday 6th January)

February Holiday – Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th February. Wednesday 18th is an Inservice Day

Pupil Progress Reports – Friday 20th March

Spring Holiday – Friday 3rd – Friday 17th April (school reopens on Monday 20th April)

Parents' Night 2 – Wednesday 6th May

May Holidays – Monday 4th & Monday 25th May. Thursday 7th May is an Inservice Day.

Sports Days – P1-3: Tuesday 9th June P4-7: Wednesday 10th June

P7 Leavers' Assembly and Dance – Wednesday 24th June

Family Fun Day – Friday 26th June (Families welcome from 1pm)

School Closes – Tuesday 30th June at 1pm

