**Kilbarchan Primary School**

**Update 12 August 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful first day back for our new Primary 1 pupils and our returning Primary 7 pupils! The sun was shining and the entrance into the school with our new hand washing procedures was smooth and effective.

As I am sure you will be aware, operating guidance for schools continues to be updated in order to ensure we are working to the highest safety standards for everyone within our school community. We would like to make you aware of the following changes which come in to effect today and will remain until further notice

**Updates**

* We would like to remind families that children will be encouraged to enter the building when they arrive in the morning as children will not be permitted to play in the playground before or after school.
* In order to ensure minimal mixing of classes we will stagger our break and lunchtimes.
* Children in Primaries 1 – 4 will have their break from 1015 – 1030 and those in Primaries 5 – 7 will take theirs from 1030 – 1045.
* All children will eat their lunch in class, assisted by management, support and catering staff. Once they are finished, they will go outside to play in defined zones.
* Children in Primaries 1 – 4 will have their lunch from 1200 – 1245 and those in Primaries 5 – 7 will take theirs from 1230 – 1315.
* At 3pm pupils from our infant classes will be led out in turn. This will begin with Primary 1, then Primary 2/1, then Primary 2, then Primary 3 and then the Primary 3s for the P4/3 class. Each group will be led out of the building by their teacher. We will be calling parents/carers of these pupils forward in turn and once collected we ask that you move away to allow the next group to move forward. We ask that all adults observe and adhere to 2m distancing whilst waiting.
* At 3pm all other pupils will be led out in turn by their teacher and will be asked to leave via the ‘Yellow Brick Road’. If your child is to collect a younger sibling, they will be allowed to walk round to the Infant Gate to be collected there.
* At the moment, current guidance means that we are unable to permit football. I appreciate how disappointing this may be for our pupils but wish to assure you that we will be teaching a wide range of socially distant games and activities that pupils can use instead.

**Reminders**

* We would like to remind parents/carers of the importance of sun cream and/or hat on sunny days. With the increase in outdoor learning, our pupils will be outside at some point almost every day. Unfortunately, school staff are unable to apply sun cream and so this should be applied at home.
* Class letters will go home with pupils on their first day back. It will outline hygiene measures specific to each class, PE days and other pieces of important information. We ask that on PE days, children dress in our ‘relaxed’ uniform as they will be unable to change clothes.
* As we are outside more frequently it is important that children come to school with a suitable jumper, jacket etc.
* Our building will be open from 0850 – 0910. Anyone arriving after that time should enter via the main office.

I thank you all for your continued support and understanding as we move towards a full return of all pupils. Should you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact the school office as we are always happy to hear from you!

Yours faithfully,

Fiona MacKenzie

Head Teacher

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