



Kilbarchan Primary School
School Update
20/11/10



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware Renfrewshire will move into Tier 4 from 6pm this evening. I wanted to take this opportunity to say that I understand how challenging this can be for many families. Please know that although we cannot currently welcome you into the school, we are still here, at the other end of the phone or email. If you need us, please get in touch. No one should feel alone at this time. We are not alone; we are part of a wonderful community and we will get through this together.

Moving into Tier 4 means that PE must take place outdoors and will be non-contact until these restrictions are lifted. We are conscious of the balance that must be sought in order to provide opportunities for fresh air and exercise whilst also being mindful of the winter weather that lies ahead. In light of this, decisions as to whether children will go outside will be made on a day to day basis. We ask that pupils come to school in gym attire on the days they expect to have PE so that if they can go outside if possible.

Could we remind all parents and carers of the importance of ensuring all pupils come to school appropriately dressed for the winter weather? Ideally this would include a jumper/cardigan, jacket with hood and suitable shoes or boots. We understand the cost implications of such a request and ask any family to contact me directly should they require help to make such purchases.

We will continue with our hygiene protocols throughout the day but also wish to take the time to remind all families of the importance of ensuring your child washes their hands for at least 20 seconds upon their return home. If they have held your hand or touched anything like a dog's lead or pram handle on their walk home, this should also be thoroughly cleaned.

Our water coolers are available for children to use in an emergency but we ask, for their protection, that children are sent to school with a full water bottle to minimise the need to fill up during the day. Children having a school lunch will be provided with a bottle of water with their lunch.

For any families waiting at our school gates, could we remind you of the importance of wearing a mask, maintaining a 2m distance from other families and moving away once collection or drop off has been made. There is a member of staff at the Infant Gates from 0850, allowing you to leave your child with us at this point. By moving away, we can provide space for other families to make their drop offs.

More information on what we are doing to keep schools safe is available on the council website, as is a guide to what to do if you suspect or have coronavirus. Please stay safe at home and follow the latest public health advice. If there is anything else you wish to discuss with us, please contact the school directly.

Your faithfully,

Fiona MacKenzie
Head Teacher