**Kilbarchan Primary School**

**Happy New Year**

**06/01/21**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by wishing you and your loved ones a very Happy New Year! I hope that you all managed to spend some time relaxing and enjoying the festivities to the extent that we were able and allowed.

The new year has of course brought further measures, put in place to ensure the health and safety of everyone within our communities. This means that the school will remain open as a hub, for those pupils granted a space, with the rest of our school community engaging with online learning through our Google Classrooms. As many of you will know, this worked particularly well for us during the previous period of lockdown and we will continue in this format moving forward.

**Hub Provision**

For any child who has been granted a place within our hub we look forward to welcoming them into school from tomorrow morning, if this is one of the days you have selected. The following table will show which doors they should enter and the bases in which they will be working.

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| **Class Grouping** | **Entry and Exit Door** | **Working Base** |
| Primaries 1 and 2 | Infant Door | Primary 1 |
| Primaries 3 and 4 | Door at Nursery end | Primary 4/3 |
| Primaries 5, 6 and 7 | Door at rear of building | Primary 7 |

Your child should arrive at school as close to 9am as possible, entering the building through the correct door when the bell goes. Should there be a day of particularly inclement weather we will open the doors from 0845. Children will leave through the same door as they arrived, exiting from the playground via the Infant Gates or Yellow Brick Road as agreed with their parents. A member of staff will be at the Infant Gates to ensure the safety of those being collected.

Your child can be dressed as before, with the option of either school uniform or the more ‘relaxed’ option we had prior to our Christmas break, whichever you feel is more appropriate. They should bring their school bag, pencil case, snack and lunch, unless they are in receipt of a school meal which will continue to be provided. If your child has their own device, then they can bring this with them. For any child who does not have access to a device, one will be provided for them.

**Online Learning**

For those children accessing learning at home, this will take place through Google Classrooms. If your child does not have access to a device, please contact the school so that we can support you.

In order to access Google Classrooms, pupils should log in through Glow. If you have any problems logging in please contact the school office where a member of staff will help you with this. Your child’s class teacher will call every family by the end of next week and will be able to offer you further help and guidance in engaging with the work posted.

Please be assured that our online classrooms will be manned every day however, in order to provide support to those children in our hubs, it may not always be your child’s class teacher who sets and responds to work posted online. Our teachers are working closely as a team and will happily respond and support wherever required.

**Communication**

I will continue to upload letters and information through the school website, sending a text to alert you to any new material. In addition, should you have any questions or worries at all please do not hesitate to call or email the school directly. Our office staff will be present each day to help and support and will ensure the most appropriate person returns your call.

I am aware that the current situation is challenging for everyone and I know the importance of having someone at the other end of the phone to talk to should times get particularly tough. Please know that we as a school are still here, still working, teaching, supporting learners and their families and we will do all that we can to help where possible.

Stay safe and give your wonderful children all our love, let them know we are thinking of them each and every day.

Your faithfully,

Fiona MacKenzie

Head Teacher