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Dear Parent/Carer,

The staff and I are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school. We understand the past few months have not been easy and our thanks go to you and your children for your patience and understanding. The purpose of this letter is to share information to allow you to plan for the weeks ahead.

Steven Quinn (Director of Education) recently shared information for Renfrewshire Council's plans to return to school. A copy of this letter can be found at <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/schoolsreturn31July>

A reminder of the days that your child will return to school:

From Wednesday 12 August: P1 and P7 return to school

From Thursday 13 August: P2, P3 and P4 return to school, in addition to above:

From Friday 14 August: P5 and P6 return to school, in addition to above, meaning all pupils at school.

From Monday 17th August, all pupils will return to school on a full time basis. Information below regarding start/ finish times.

If your child is in a composite class, they should come in on the day for their own stage.

Staggered start/finish time

In order to ease congestion and support the safety of our school community,

P3 and P4/5 will start school at 8.50 am and finish school at 2.50pm.

P1 and P6/7 will start school at 9am and finish school at 3pm.

All children using school transport will be escorted to their bus/ taxi as usual. We understand that there may be families with different times, and we will do our best to support you with this arrangement. If you require support with this arrangement, please contact the school office.

We kindly ask that children arrive for their start time and line up in the allocated place for their class:

P1/2 in main playground.

P7 in main playground

P3 at the fire door of their class

P4/5 at the fire door of their class.

Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn

School Building/ Playground

Unfortunately, we are not permitted to have parents/ carers in our school building at this time. Should you wish to speak to the school, please contact the school office on 0300 300 0165.

We also ask that no parents/ carers enter the school playground. In the morning, staff will be at the school gates to welcome the children and assist them in lining up at the correct area. At the end of the school day the children will be dismissed by their class teacher and children walked to the school gates.

Primary 1- Specific arrangements for the First Day

To ensure an enjoyable first day at school we ask that P1 arrive at school at 9.10 am. On the first morning, only P1 parents/ carers will be permitted to enter the school playground with their child. It is important that no more than 2 adults accompany each child into the playground and that adults in attendance maintain 2m physical distancing from other household groups and staff. You are welcome to take photographs in the playground. All P1 children will finish school at 3pm and a member of staff will bring your child to meet you at the school gate. Please can we ask that you stand back to allow the teacher to ensure that the children are safely dismissed. From Thursday 13th August the school day for P1 will be 9am- 3pm. Drop off and pick up will take place at the school gate.

Break time/ Lunch time

During the school day, the classes will have staggered break and lunchtimes. This information will be shared later in the week.

Uniform

In June, I informed you that our uniform policy for the session would be temporarily relaxed and this is still the case. As always, please consider the weather and ensure that your child is dressed suitably for the weather.

Resources

All children will be provided with their own stationary pack however they can bring a school bag with their pencil case, snack, a filled water bottle and a packed lunch. All personal belongings will be kept at their own desk and should not be shared with anyone else.

School Meals/ Clothing Grant / Best Start Grant

A reminder that these grants are available from Renfrewshire Council Website. A packed lunch will be available for purchase for those who wish, and for children who are entitled to a free school meal (P1-3). There will be no hot food served initially.

During these unprecedented times things can change and I appreciate your continued support and understanding with this.

As always if you have any questions regarding this letter or indeed any aspect of your child's education please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,

M Ferguson

Michelle Ferguson
Head Teacher