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Dear Parent/Carer,

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2021

I hope that you are well and it is good to be back at school, giving us all some sense of normality once again. It is lovely to see our pupils settling back into their routines and everyone is now getting to know their teachers and becoming used to the routines and procedures. Everyone at Langcraigs is committed to making sure that all our pupils are safe and happy at school and here's hoping we have a full and uninterrupted school year.

As with Government guidelines, some mitigations will continue until September/October. These include staggered start/finish times, adults continuing to wear face coverings in the playground, staff to wear face coverings in communal parts of the school (e.g. corridors) and no mass gatherings inside of school (e.g. assemblies). These will be reviewed in a few weeks and hopefully I'll also be able to give you details on other issues such as arrangements for parents' meetings and school trips.

Learning and Teaching

We are aware that the last eighteen months have been very disrupted and stressful for many of our pupils and, although remote learning was effective, it didn't replicate the experience of pupils being in school and learning and mixing with their friends.

You will have read from the curriculum information letters, which you have received, that over the course of the school session, we will be covering the full curriculum. However, to aid pupils' recovery, our main focus will remain the Health & Wellbeing of our pupils, along with additional support work on the core subjects of Maths, Reading and Writing in order that any identified gaps in pupils' learning are closed as quickly as possible.

You can play your part in helping close any gaps by encouraging your child to complete their homework as per the homework plans which were issued recently – details of which are on our school website.

Pupil Achievements

We are always interested in what our pupils get up to out with school and it is great to share their achievements with other pupils. Therefore, please continue to send your child in with any medals, trophies, certificates etc whereby we will take their photograph and add them to our 'Wider Achievement' wall, which is much admired in our entrance foyer.

School Uniform

It is great to see our pupils dressed in full school uniform every day. They look so smart and it really helps promote a community ethos within our school. Please note that apart from P7 pupils wearing hoodies as a treat in their final term of school, **hoodies are not school uniform and should not be worn inside the school building**. This helps us to identify pupils by name in the event of an emergency. A reminder of our school uniform is below and thank for your ongoing support in helping us keep standards high at Langcraigs.

Formal School Uniform:

White shirt / blouse with blue and yellow Langcraigs school tie

Grey cardigan / jumper

Grey trousers / grey skirt / grey pinafore

Grey blazer with school badge

Black school shoes

Informal School Uniform:

Blue sweatshirt

Yellow polo-shirt

Grey trousers / grey skirt / grey pinafore

Black shoes

Water Bottles

Pupils are encouraged to drink water throughout the day but please remind your child to bring a water bottle to school. Diluted Juice/ fizzy drinks /energy drinks should not be brought to school.

No Dogs in the Playground

In the interests of safety for all our pupils, please be reminded that dogs are not permitted within the school grounds at any time. Even the most well behaved dogs can behave out of character when surrounded by excited children. Although many of us are dog lovers, we must respect those pupils who are not and indeed, become anxious when a dog is in their presence. Therefore, please respect this request and keep the school grounds a dog free zone.

School Roof

Our school roof is very dangerous and is undergoing repairs at the moment. Although children should never be up on the roof anyway, it has been known during the holidays, at weekends and in the evenings for this to be the case. The roof is rotten in certain places and anyone up there is at risk of falling through the roof and seriously injuring themselves, so please remind your child that they must not go up there!

Allergies

As some of our pupils have nut allergies, I would be very grateful if you would not send your child to school with any foods containing nuts. As far as possible, school kitchens try to ensure that all pupils who have a medical diet are catered for and it is also helpful if they are also supported by the school community. Thank you for your help with this important matter.

Parent Volunteers

If you would like to become more involved at Langcraigs, have the time and would be willing to take a sports team for an hour per week, our active schools' co-ordinator would like to have a chat with you and she'd be grateful if you could contact her by email:

nicole.brown@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Communication

Most of our whole school communication is now done by text message, email or through our school website. Therefore, please look out for information through these channels as opposed to letters in bags.

Also, please be reminded that more than ever before, it is essential that the school has your up to date contact details including emergency contact details. You will have been issued with Annual Data Forms and various parental consent forms and I urge you to complete these with all the required information and return them to the school as instructed.

For health & safety reasons, you will appreciate that no parents are permitted to come into the school building but it is important that you are still able to contact myself, Mrs Hill or a class teacher to discuss any issues relating to your child. Therefore, please call or email the

office at langcraigsenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk if you have a query or concern. Both Mrs Hill and I are also out in the infant and senior playgrounds respectively in the mornings, so please feel free to come and speak with us if you have a query or concern.

Pupil Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, it is important that you contact the office before 9.30am. This will prevent you being contacted by text.

Also, if your child is unwell in school and needs to be sent home, please give the office a ring the next day to let them know how your child is and when they are likely to return to school.

Out of School Care Parent Survey

Renfrewshire Council has launched a parental survey on out of school care. They are looking for your views and experiences of out of school care. The survey also asks about nursery and childminding experiences for children under 5. Your views will help us shape how we provide our future services. The survey is anonymous and will take five to ten minutes to complete. Your answers will be treated confidentially.

Please [fill in the early learning and childcare survey](#)

The survey is open from Wednesday 25 August until Wednesday 15 September.

Flu Immunisation – you will have received some letters and you are strongly encouraged to give your consent to allow your child to receive their flu vaccine this year. The nurse will be visiting on Tuesday 16th November. For further information please visit www.nhsinform.scot/childflu

Finally, I want to thank you for your continued support during the last eighteen months and I sincerely hope that the next eighteen are more settled and pupils and staff can progress with the business of learning and teaching.

Yours sincerely

Graeme Maclean

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