

NEWMAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers/Pupils

Now we have completed week 3 of returning to school, it is good to see the children settling in so well. It is lovely getting to know our new P1 children who have really settled very well. This afternoon Primary 1 children met up with their P7 buddies as they had a disco outside in the playground. Everyone had a lot of fun!

Dates for Diary

Friday 25 and Monday 28 September 2020

Holidays

Monday 12 to Monday 19 October 2020

October Holiday

Children return on Tuesday 20 October 2020

Dropping off and collecting children

Thank you for your support in our new times for dropping off and collecting children. I feel our new times are better with regard to congestion outside the school and for children arriving in the class. We will continue to review the situation. We spoke to all of our children about how they are feeling about being back at school. The response was very positive with most children happy to be back and glad to see their friends. Some children pointed out that they are worried about the number of parents at the exit gate as they leave at the end of the day and the amount of cars parked outside the school. I would ask parents to leave plenty of room at the exit gate and I would appreciate parents not parking outside the school. Thank you for your support.

Safety

We continue to work towards following the government guidelines with respect to keeping a 2m distance between children and staff. Our day cleaner clean common areas regularly throughout the day. Children are also getting used to washing their hands and cleaning tables.

If a child presents with COVID symptoms, they will be taken to a designated area and parents/carers will be contacted to take them home. Staff will follow all COVID procedures while keeping children calm. We would ask that you update us on their condition after 24 hours.

Guidelines regarding face covering was sent out to parents yesterday. It will affect those children who take the school bus. It is still personal choice for children and staff as to whether they wear a face covering in the classroom.

Outdoor Learning

In line with current Government guidance, all children in school will be involved in outdoor learning every day. Children will complete PE outdoors on the following days:

P1a	Monday and Tuesday	P1b	Tuesday and Thursday
P2/1	Monday and Wednesday	P2a	Tuesday and Thursday
P2b	Tuesday and Thursday	P3/2	Tuesday and Thursday
P3	Monday and Friday	P4/3	Thursday and Friday
P4	Tuesday and Thursday	P5a	Tuesday and Friday
P5b	Tuesday and Thursday	P6a	Wednesday and Friday
P6b	Monday and Friday	P7a	Monday and Friday
P7b	Monday and Tuesday		

Our School Sports Coordinator will be working with all classes on Thursdays from August to October. Andrew Mitchell will follow a timetable and work with 5 classes when he visits each Thursday. We are pleased that we can continue to work in partnership in this way.

Children should come dressed appropriately to be outside in all weather. Children should wear wellies and a good outdoor waterproof jacket with a hood. Children can bring indoor shoes in their school bag. We will continue to follow Government guidelines in relation to Physical Education and outdoor learning and adapt if anything changes.

Breakfast Club

Dining hall staff are working to organise a breakfast club for children. As soon as there is further information, I will inform parents.

Parent Council - Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 7 October at 7pm via zoom link

Newmains Primary Parent Council would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning parents of Newmains Primary.

There has never been a more important time to be involved in the Parent Council to help support the school and also actively participate in how the school are working to protect children and move forward with learning and wellbeing during these ever changing and challenging times we are all experiencing due to Covid -19 pandemic.

The Parent Council have regular Parent Council meetings currently via zoom from the comfort of your own home. These meetings allow the opportunity for updates from Senior Management Team, allow parents to provide valuable support of any decision making that requires parental contribution, provide a forum to voice parental opinions, when necessary, and also support the school where possible with necessary fundraising to support every child's learning opportunities.

Everyone's contributions however small is always welcome and as we all accept our children move through the school years on to High School and we are always in need of new Parent Council members to help support the children's learning.

If you wish to receive correspondence from the Parent Council including proposed meeting dates please send an email with contact details to newmainsps.parentcouncil@gmail.com or via Facebook/messenger to Newmains Primary Parent Council facebook. *Parent Council*

Please support our fabulous Parent Council in any way you can as they work so hard to support all of the children in our school. Please attend the AGM on Wednesday 7 October at 7.00 pm.

Homework

Next week, all pupils will be set homework tasks on Google Classroom. They must log in to Google Classroom through their GLOW account. GLOW and Google Classroom login details have been sent via email.

If you choose to download the Google Classroom app, you will need to create a new Google account with your child's GLOW username and the ending @re.glow.scot. e.g. gw20bloggsjoe@re.glow.scot or gw15clarksam@re.glow.scot.

We will send a jotter home so that children can complete their homework. The jotters should **not** be returned to the school. The work can be uploaded on to the Google Classroom.

Office Hours

The school office hours are 8.30 am until 4.00 pm. Please call the school during these times if you need to contact us. Thank you

If there is anything you would like to discuss or clarify please contact me at the school by email - newmainsenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk or phone and I will endeavour to answer your enquiries as soon as possible.

Take care and stay safe.

Carol Cooke

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