

NEWMAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers/Pupils

Dates for Diary

Monday 12 to Monday 19 October 2020

October Holiday

Monday 19 October 2020

In-Service Day

Tuesday 20 October 2020

Children return to school

Monday 30 November 2020

Holiday

Friday 18 December 2020

School closes at 2.30 pm

Monday 21 December 2020 to 5 January 2021

Holidays

Wednesday 6 January 2021

Children return to school

Changes to parking in Lang Avenue

A letter was sent out early this week outlining the changes to parking outside the school. This is being introduced to ensure safer journeys can take place to school. It will also support pupils, parents, carers and staff to safely distance themselves when children arrive and depart from school.

This means that from 14 October Lang Avenue will be closed to traffic from the junction at Ailsa Road and cars will no longer be able to drive from the Sandy Road entrance through to Newmains Road and vice-versa. Parents/Carers who are dropping off and collecting children should park on Broadloan or Newmains Road or at the additional parking at Tesco car park. Please do not come into Lang Avenue as the only way out is by completing a 3 point turn which is dangerous.

The school bus will park on Broadloan. A member of staff will collect the children from the bus in the morning and walk them to the school. At the end of the day a member of staff will collect Primary 1 and Primary 2 children from class and meet children from other classes at the middle door. Children will be told exactly what they need to do at home time on Tuesday 20 October. Please follow the new temporary measures to help ensure the safety of our school community.

Parents' Meetings

This week parents received a call from children's class teachers to discuss their progress. We were very keen to have contact with parents before the October break. When speaking to staff, many parents noted how well they feel the children have settled back into school which

is fantastic. I know it was not our usual Parents' meetings, but staff were really delighted to be able to speak to parents.

Procedures

This term has been very different as you can imagine. We have worked hard to ensure that we follow the hygiene procedures in relation to COVID 19. It is great to have the children back in school and they have adapted very well to the changes we have made. Our main focus has been to settle the children and make sure that they know how to follow all of our hygiene procedures including washing hands and desks regularly. Space in our school is limited and we work hard to make sure that children and staff keep 2m distance. This means that we do not have assemblies with large groups of children and reflection time does not take place.

Health and Wellbeing

We introduced an Emotion Works programme which was written to support children to discuss their feelings as they started back after the lockdown. This was also to help with children's resilience when dealing with situations.

Now that we have procedures in place we intend to -

- Have weekly virtual assemblies which will focus on class values and vision - these will include stories which will be followed up in class. We will also share an anti-bullying assembly which again will be discussed with children in class
- Set challenges by Nurture Ted with a focus on Nurture principles
- Start up Pupil of the Week and Star Awards again
- Trial a re-introduction of reflection time - this will depend on the availability of rooms to ensure safety.

I want to thank staff for their hard work in ensuring that children are settled in school and working hard. I want to give a special thanks and good luck to Mrs Harrison who is retiring today. We wish her the very best of luck for the future.

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

I hope that you all have a fantastic holiday.

Stay Safe

Carol Cooke

Carol Cooke
Head Teacher

Cycling Friendly

