



St. Catherine's Primary School

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Term 4 Newsletter 2021

Drop off/Collection

Primary 1-7 should enter/exit via their usual fire doors. Entry will be from 8.45am-9.00am and collection is from the same door at 3.00pm. Parents/carers must not gather in the playground, must adhere to social distancing and, unless exempt, **must wear a face mask**. I will be in touch regarding Breakfast Club when I am informed of a start date.

Parking Restrictions

Please see the school website for detailed information on the parking restrictions in place around the school at the beginning and end of the day.

School Uniform

It is important that our children are prepared for the Scottish weather as we will be going outdoors when the weather permits.

- Our relaxed uniform continues to be the preferred option (school polo shirt, black/blue sweatshirt/hoody and black/blue leggings, joggers or comfortable trousers).
- Children should be dressed for the weather and **ensure that their jackets and footwear are appropriate for outdoor learning**.
- Where a child is unable to tie their shoelaces, we request that Velcro fastening footwear is worn to avoid unnecessary close contact with staff during the school day.
- A change of shoes should be brought into school each day – soft shoes, plimssoles or trainers.

Making contact

Regrettably no visitors can be received into the school building at present unless there are exceptional circumstances. Information can be passed to the school office by telephone (0300 300 0180) or emailed to stcatherinesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Should you need to speak to a senior member of staff team this can be done by arrangement using telephone or video call. Please contact the school office by telephone (0300 300 0180) to arrange a suitable time for this to be scheduled.

Homework

Homework will continue to be accessed on GLOW. Homework will be published on a Monday and should be completed and handed in by the Friday. Your child's GLOW username and password can be found in their homework diary. Using this platform will also ensure that all children are accessing GLOW in the event of going back to remote learning in the future. Please contact Mrs Henry if you have issues with accessing GLOW and we will help you to address these as best as we can.

Transition

Dates have been set for formal transition from ELCC – P1 and P7 – S1 Trinity High School. St Catherine's and Trinity High School will be in touch with what exactly this will look like as the Government continue to guide the restrictions that are in place.

- ELCC - P1 transition date: will take place the week beginning **31st May 2021**. (date and time to attend tbc) The school's Early Intervention Nursery Officer will be spending two full days with

the preschool children prior to this week. A flip book will be sent out to all parent/carers with important information about starting school.

- P7 – S1 Trinity High School transition dates – **17th/18th June 2021**.

Staff from both establishments will continue to meet throughout this term to discuss how best to support our children in their transition to Primary 1/S1. Useful information can be found on Trinity High School's website under Transition.

P7 Leavers event

We have made provisional plans for our P7 children on the evening of **Thursday 24th June 2021**. We will be in touch closer to the time when we know what restrictions/weather will allow us to do. The children are enjoying wearing their new leavers hoodies! This date for this is provisional and dependent upon following the Government's Covid19 Guidelines.

Health week

Throughout the week beginning **14th June 2021** we have a variety of fun activities planned for our children to showcase and raise awareness of the importance of our health and wellbeing. We will be in touch with what this will look like closer to the time.

Provisional Sacrament Dates

First Reconciliation will take place within the school on **Thursday 29th April 2021** and it will not be possible for parents to attend.

First Holy Communion will be within St Mirin's Cathedral on **Saturday, 5th June 2021**, with two Masses, one at **10.00am** the other at **11.30am**. Further guidance regarding restrictions on how many people can attend will be sent to you nearer the time, as well as notification of what Mass your child should attend.

Confirmation Mass will take place at 7.00pm within St Mirin's Cathedral during the week beginning **7th June 2021**. Further guidance regarding restrictions on how many people can attend and the date/time will be sent to you when confirmed.

All of the above dates and times are provisional and dependent upon following the Government's Covid19 Guidelines.

Provision of snacks/lunches

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide our healthy tuck shop at the moment. We would encourage you to provide your child with a suitable snack for playtime (fruit, cereal bar, light crisps) and a bottle filled with water which can be taken to class and used during learning time as well as school break. Our water coolers are in working order and pupils can refill their bottles at particular times of the day. Lunches will continue as per previous arrangements with sandwiches and a hot meal option.

Bicycle Shed

Please note that bikes left in the bike shed are not the responsibility of the school. They are left at your discretion and we would advise that bike chains are used. Children should not bring a bicycle to school if they do not have a helmet.

Food Bags

Food bags will continue to be available from the school office Simply get in touch or come to the school office hatch to collect one.

Achievements

Although we encourage our children to tell us about their achievements out with school, we are sure that we don't know about lots of things however big or small, for this reason we would like your help. If you feel that your child has accomplished something for the first time, improved in something, or has achieved an award please let us know by completing the tear off slip below. Your child will receive a Head Teacher Award from Mrs Henry. Slips can be emailed directly to Mrs Henry or sent in with your child.

Social Media

I will continue to keep in touch with you all via Twitter **@stcatherinespsy** and text messaging but please also check Renfrewshire Council's website/Facebook/Twitter for regular updates.

Holiday dates for your diary

Monday 3rd May 2021 – Holiday/School closed

Thursday 6th May 2021 - Inservice Day for staff – Election Day/School closed

Monday 31st May 2021 – Holiday/School closed

Friday 25th June – School closes at **1.30pm** for summer break

We realise that this continues to be a challenging situation and we are here to offer advice and support. Please contact me directly by email emma.henry@renfrewshire.school or by phone 0300 300 0180 for any other general guidance you may require.

We thank you for your support, as always.

Emma Henry
Head Teacher

Recognition of Achievement

Although we encourage our children to tell us about their achievements out with school we are sure that we don't know about lots of things however big or small, for this reason we would like your help. If you feel that your child has accomplished something for the first time, improved in something, or has achieved an award (yellow belt in Judo, badges at Scouts/Brownies/Boys Brigade etc.) please let us know by completing the tear off slip below. Your child will receive a Head Teacher Award which will be shared at assembly and added to our achievements records.

Please tick ()

Church	Community	General	Language and Arts	Music	Sport
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name _____

Class _____

Details of Personal Achievement

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

You are welcome to provide feedback on any items contained in our newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is ever anything you wish to discuss.

Mrs Emma Henry, Head Teacher

The newsletter is available on the school website

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stcatherines/>

(If you require a copy with larger print please contact the school office)

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