



St Charles' Primary School
Parent Information Update
4th March 2021

Dear Parents,

We are absolutely delighted to be able to welcome our P4-7 children back into the building from Monday 15th March, as the Scottish Government has made the decision that it is now safe for all Nursery and Primary children to return to school.

Please be assured that the safety, health & well-being of our children, staff, & families will be our primary focus as we recognise the challenges faced by many during the period of school closure.

The times of the start and end of the day remain those issued in August.

All children in Rooms 1,2 and 3, 14 and 15 should attend from **8.45 – 2.45pm**.

Rooms 4,5,6,7, 12 & 13 should attend from **8.55am – 2.55pm**

Rooms 8, 9,10 & 11 should attend from **9-3pm**.

As before siblings can come to school at the earlier time and leave at the earlier time. Only P1 parents and carers can enter the school playground at 2.45pm. We would ask them to pick up and leave the school grounds as quickly as possible, to avoid congestion at the gate. All parents should wear face coverings.

These staggered start & dismissal times are necessary to minimise congestion & maximise pupil safety.

We would ask adults to wear face coverings at the school gate. Please be on time to drop off and pick up children, children cannot re- enter the school and should be picked up from the gazebo if parents are running late.

REMINDER

Please find below the school specific information & guidance which was previously issued.

Please note there are some minor changes.

It is important to remember, while children need not physically distance in school, staff are required to do so. All adults must continue to distance from the children & from each other.

Are there any changes to the curriculum on offer in St Charles' Primary School?

Children will continue to have in-school learning experiences & lessons which are age & stage appropriate & meet their individual needs. We are however unable to organise excursions, hold assemblies, host family learning or parent events until further notice. P4-7 pupils will continue to access Google Classrooms for remote learning, some will attend hubs in the school. This will be reviewed by the Scottish Government in 2 weeks' time.

What will my child's learning environment look like?

Classrooms & other teaching spaces have been reorganised to ensure current physical distancing guidelines are implemented as much as possible. All unnecessary equipment and resources have been removed to allow effective cleaning at the end of each day.

All children will have their own designated workstation in the room.

Each workstation will be set up with resources to be used only by the child assigned. Children will not be permitted to share resources.

A cleaning station will be set up for each teaching space & all children will be encouraged to keep their own workspace clean & tidy.

Staff will encourage children to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. Hot water & soap, alongside hand sanitiser, will be available to children across the school for this purpose.

There will be signage displayed at strategic points inside the building to reinforce key safety messages for children & staff.

What should my child wear to school?

On the days your children attend school we recommend they should wear the following: -

- white school polo shirt (with or without school badge)
- grey sweatshirt or jumper (with or without school badge)
- black or grey trousers/leggings/joggers (suitable for outdoor activities)
- grey fleece (with or without school badge)
- sturdy footwear (suitable for outdoors)

No PE kit is required as changing rooms will not be in use & all PE lessons will take place outdoors. A change of shoes should be brought into school each day – soft shoes, plimsols or trainers. Children will change into these, only when necessary, & keep their outdoor shoes inside their schoolbags. Where available, cloakrooms will only be used to store outdoor jackets.

Should my child bring a school bag/ lunch box /water bottle to school?

Children may bring a school bag to school which will be kept beside them at their own workstation. Mid-morning snacks will be kept in school bags until playtime.

If your child will be bringing a packed lunch from home each day this may be brought to school in a lunchbox which must be taken home each day to be cleaned.

All children should bring a water bottle to school and take this home each day to be cleaned. This will be kept at your child's own workstation.

Should my child bring a pencil case / other personal belongings to school?

A pencil case can be brought to school, however there will also be stationery available in school for pupils. We ask that children do not bring any other unnecessary personal items to school. This includes items for Golden Time or toys for use in the playground. This will help support our good hygiene & cleaning protocols.

What will the playtime & lunchtime arrangements be?

Recreational play times will be staggered across the day. Children will be taken outside by an adult – teachers and/or support staff. Our playground will operate in zones to maximise the safety of children & staff.

As it is not possible to gather in the dining hall, children will remain at their own workstation to eat lunch each day. **Lunches will be delivered to each teaching space.**

Children may continue to bring in a packed lunch from home. As always, we would request no items of food containing nuts as we have several children with serious nut allergies.

Will my child be given homework to complete?

Homework will be issued by class teachers in line with current practice. Seesaw & Google Classrooms will continue to be used for this purpose.

What about children with additional support needs?

Pupils with Additional Support Needs will continue to have their needs met as outlined in their individual support plan. Parents will continue to be fully involved in the support planning process.

Will First Aid be provided if required?

For minor scrapes & injuries children will be supervised by an adult & encouraged to be self-sufficient in cleaning scrapes & scrapes. First Aid will be available for more serious injury in line with our current practice.

What about administration of essential medication?

Only children who require medication for specific conditions, as detailed on their health care plan, will have this administered. Parents will be contacted directly to discuss this should this apply to their child. Children who require to use an EpiPen or an inhaler should always keep this on their person.

What happens if my child becomes unwell in school?

If your child becomes unwell in school, you will be contacted to collect them as soon as possible.

If your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 they will be required to remain in isolation in a specific room away from others, which has been identified for this purpose. Alternative toilet facilities will also be provided. Your child will be supervised by an adult during this time.

Can Parents still visit the building?

Regrettably **no visitors** can be received into the school building at present.

What if I need to pass on information to my child's teacher?

Teaching staff can be contacted directly using Google Classrooms or Seesaw as both will continue to be used to support home learning.

Information can be passed to the school office by telephone (**0300 300 0181**) or emailed to **stcharlesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk**

When emailing please clearly mark correspondence with the staff members name that the information is intended for.

What if I need to speak to a member of Senior Management Team?

Should you need to speak to a senior member of staff team this can be done by arrangement by telephone or video call. Please contact the school office by telephone (**0300 300 0181**) to arrange a suitable time for this to be scheduled.

What are the arrangements for pupils requiring school bus transport?

Children arriving on the school bus or by contract taxi will be met by staff on arrival & enter the building via the car park. At no time can parents park in this area.