



St. David's Primary School

Date: 22/06/20

St David's PS Gold Group – Pupils attend on Thursday and Friday

Dear Parent/Carer,

We appreciate you will be keen to know what your child's new timetable will look like when pupils start to return to school from Wednesday 12 August, and we can now share that.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming pupils back to St David's Primary School and seeing you all again.

We understand the past few months haven't been an easy time and our thanks go to you and your children for your patience and understanding.

This August will look different from any other year in that schools will return to a model of blended learning – with pupils learning in school on some days and from home on others.

We know this is not ideal but are sure you will appreciate the situation is unprecedented. We have worked hard to develop a model which delivers the best possible learning experience while taking every precaution to ensure the safety of pupils and staff, in line with government advice.

We will ensure physical distancing is maintained as much as possible and will do this through reduced class sizes and using all available space – however this obviously means not all pupils can be in school at the same time.

Your child's days in school

In all Renfrewshire primary schools, half of our pupils will attend on a Monday and Tuesday, and the other half on a Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will allow teachers to have their contractual non-class contact time.

Your child will be in the Gold Group and will attend on Thursday and Friday each week, from Monday 17th August.

School days will run from approximately 9am to 3pm but to ensure we maintain physical distancing at the start and end of the day, we will stagger start and finish times for different groups.

	Green Group	<u>Gold Group</u>
Entry Times	9.00 – P5 and P4 9.05 – P6 and P3 9.10 – P2 9.15 – P1	9.00 – P5 and P4 9.05 – P7 and P3 9.10 – P2 9.15 – P1
Exit Times	3.00 - P5 and P4 3.05 - P6 and P3 3.10 - P2 3.15 - P1	3.00 - P5 and P4 3.05 – P7 and P3 3.10 - P2 3.15 - P1

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We have tried to ensure all siblings attend on the same day wherever we can. We realise we may not have been able to satisfy every family's particular circumstances, and for this we both apologise and thank you for your understanding and support.

How long these arrangements continue depends entirely on advice and guidance from the Scottish Government. We will keep you updated on what that means for you and your family as and when that advice changes.

First week back

The first week back will look different because schools open to pupils on Wednesday 12 August so this is a shorter school week.

We want to ensure everyone gets back to school at some point during that week so arrangements for those three days will be different.

In that first week:

Wednesday 12th August 2020	All P7 pupils - 9.05am until 3.05pm P1 Green Group – 9.00am until 11.00am P1 Gold Group – 1.00pm until 3.00pm (P1s can be accompanied into the building by 1 adult until 9.15am/1.15pm – you are welcome to take photographs etc) Pupils requiring an enhanced transition will be invited to attend at particular time slots.
Thursday 13th August 2020	All pupils in the Green Group attend (see information above for start/finish times)
Friday 14th August 2020	All pupils in the Gold Group attend (see information above for start/finish times)

From the week commencing Monday 17th August, the Green Group will attend on Mondays and Tuesdays only and the Gold Group will attend on Thursdays and Fridays only.

Other information

We appreciate the new model throws up a lot of questions. We will be putting in place a new model of home learning, with teachers able to provide a level of support on the days your child is learning from home, and materials will be made available.

Childcare will be available for the children of key workers on the days they are not in school. You can find out more information on the council's website. We know the new model has implications for school transport and these are still being worked on.

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The council's website has a detailed Q&A full of information for parents and carers – so please see <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-schools>

We also know many parents have questions about uniform – during this period, we have made a temporary change to our uniform policy and have relaxed the usual uniform to support increased outdoor learning opportunities.

We ask that on the days your children attend school, they wear the following:

- White school polo shirt (with or without school badge)
- Grey or green sweatshirt or jumper (with or without school badge)
- Grey trousers/leggings/joggers (suitable for outdoor activities)
- Footwear suitable for the outdoors – wellies if possible
- Outdoor jacket WITH HOOD (our pupils will be outside regardless of the weather)

We would ask that clothing emblazoned with other colours/sports logos etc. are not worn and school colours are retained as much as possible.

If you have any questions which aren't answered in the Q&A please don't hesitate to contact us directly at stdavidsenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

We will also be issuing a further information leaflet to provide details about returning to school as well as information about your child's class and teacher for next session.

Once again, we thank you for your understanding at this difficult time. We look forward to seeing you all again in August and we will be doing everything we can to make your return to school as smooth as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Linda Berry

Head Teacher