

# St. David's Primary School

## Newsletter

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## Head Teacher's note

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back!

I am delighted to be with you at St David's Primary as the new Headteacher! Before I came to St David's I worked at St Charles' Primary & ELCC in Paisley. For the last 2 and a half years I was Acting Headteacher in St Charles'. I am looking forward to meeting all the parents and carers so please come up and introduce yourself to me, so I can get to know everyone. Since I started in August the staff and pupils at St David's have been wonderful. I look forward to getting to know everyone and having many happy years here!

Everyone at St David's PS would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our pupils. We would especially like to welcome our new Primary 1 pupils and those who have joined us throughout the school who have already had a very positive start to their learning journey at St David's

As the new session gets under way, I would like to take the opportunity to say a big well done to all of our children. They have been amazing at adapting to the new routines in place and they all look great in their uniforms. They have been enjoying PE indoors and using the school canteen again. They have been fantastic at coping with new challenges.

This brief newsletter today is just a few pieces of key information for you as we start off the session as well as a few reminders of school policies and practices. This year, most of our school communication will be done electronically and will be available via our school website. Please check this regularly and ensure the school have up to date contact numbers for you.

If at any time you would like to discuss a query or issue with us, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Either call the school office to make an appointment or contact the school via email. This information can be found on the front cover of this newsletter. Please note that our Social Media platforms are not monitored and therefore **should not** be used as a way of contacting the school.

Kind Regards

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### Staffing Update

Just a reminder of our staffing at St David's this year:

Head Teacher - Mrs Kirk  
Principal Teacher - Miss Munro  
Office - Mrs Wilson

Support Staff:

Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Lamont, Mrs Lavelle and Mrs Wilson  
Lunch Assistant: Mrs McGoldrick

Teaching Staff:

Primary 1 - Miss Crawford  
Primary 2/3 - Mrs Granger  
Primary 3/4 - Mrs Kerr  
Primary 4/5 - Mrs Foy  
Primary 5/6 - Mrs Miss Duncan  
Primary 6/7 - Mrs McCann

Mrs McFaite and Mrs McArthur will also be working throughout the classes and you may see them in your child's class.

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### Labelling

Please remember to label all your child's personal belongings - clothing, lunchboxes, pencil cases, shoes etc. Lots of pupils have the same or similar items and it is easy to get these mixed up. Clearly labelled items are much easier to identify. If you would like to borrow a permanent marker to do this, please just ask.

It is important that pupils are independent with all their items - please take some time to help your child practise opening and closing water bottles, tying shoelaces, zipping coats, opening snack packets etc These independent skills will help us all to stay safe.

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### Allergies

It is essential that children do not bring nuts to school. We have a number of children in the school who have severe nut allergies, which are very serious. Parents are asked not to allow their child to bring snacks to school containing nuts e.g. Snickers bars, Kinder Bueno bars & Nutella. The safety & wellbeing of all children can only be guaranteed if together we make St David's Primary School a NUT FREE ZONE. Thank you for your support with this.

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### Current drop off and dismissal arrangements

Thank you for your continued patience with staggered drop off and dismissal arrangements. These continue to be necessary to ease congestion in the playground and to keep everyone safe. Current arrangements are similar to the ones in place before the summer and will continue at this time. Here are a few reminders of current arrangements:

#### **Mornings:**

There is currently no breakfast club operating at the moment. When it is safe to do so, we will inform you with details of this. Please also be aware that we are unable to offer any early entry to the building, even on wet mornings. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and does not arrive before their allocated time slot.

We are operating a staggered start for pupils throughout the school to ensure space and time for a safe entry to school. Wherever possible, pupils should only be supported in the playground by **one** adult. Please arrive promptly for your child's start time - we must stress that no-one should be congregating in the playground at any time. If your child starts at 9.05am, please arrive no earlier than this.

Pupils should line up in their allocated space at the front of the building and wait there to be collected by their teacher.

If you are dropping off in the morning, please maintain a safe distance (2m) from all other households and staff in the playground. When your child enters the building, please leave the playground as soon as possible. Parents and carers should continue to wear face coverings at drop off times.

#### **Afternoons:**

We are also operating staggered finish times throughout the school that you will already be aware of. Again, these are to allow a safe exit for everyone across the campus.

As with our morning routines, we ask that the number of adults collecting pupils is kept to a minimum and that parents/carers do not arrive until their child's finish time. Children will not be dismissed early and school staff will be supervising them at this time. Parents and carers should continue to wear face coverings at pick up times.

Children in P1-P3 will be dismissed at their line up point at the front of the building. For safety and security of our pupils, it is essential that school staff can dismiss pupils safely to a known person. Please stand back from the pick up point towards the perimeter fence to allow school staff to have a clear view and to be able to dismiss children safely. We must ask that parents/carers **do not** wait at the pupil exit doors as this causes confusion and distraction for both pupils and staff.

P4-P7 pupils who are making their own way home will be dismissed by the class teacher from the pupil doors. All other pupils will then be brought to the front of the school by the class teacher and dismissed at the pick-up point.

As with drop-off arrangements, please vacate the playground with your child as soon as possible after collection. Always maintain a safe distance from others, including staff. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please wait until they have dismissed all children and maintain 2m social distance from them. If this is unsuitable, please contact the school via telephone or email to arrange a suitable time to speak with the teacher or pass on a message.

It is important that we continue to adhere to the guidance and work together to create and maintain a safe school environment for everyone in our school community.

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### Absence

Please contact us as soon as possible if your child is going to be late or absent - you can call the school office on 0300 300 0198. If you know in advance please let us know. Also, where possible, please send in your child's appointment letter. This helps us to record absences correctly in the register.

During these unprecedented times, our office staff may have to ask a few extra questions to determine how long your child should remain at home and the earliest possible return date for them. If your child is displaying any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 (a new and continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste/smell), we will advise you to have your child tested. Your child will only be able to return to the school if they receive a negative test result or after advice from Track & Trace. Additionally, it is important to note that the whole household must self-isolate until a negative test result is returned for everyone in the household, this includes siblings.

Children who are self-isolating will receive a home learning pack. These will be dropped off to children at home and should be completed while they are off school. Please let the school know if you require a chrome book at home.

More information can be found here: [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/TP-School](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/TP-School)

*Once again, thank you for your continued support of our school and school community. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.*

