

St Paul's Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you for your continued support and patience throughout yet another challenging session. Despite these challenges we have had a successful year. The children have made good progress in their learning, staff have engaged in a great deal of training, especially around online tools. As you know we also achieved Digital Schools Award and CRIS (Cyber Resilience & Internet Safety) award. You may also remember that last session we achieved a Gold Award for our Nurturing approaches across the school, being the first Renfrewshire Primary to do so. I think we have proven ourselves to be a resilient school community who rise to any challenge if we work together as a team.

Our school values are RESPECT, HONESTY, NURTURE & KINDNESS. Over this session I have witnessed many children and staff living out these values on a daily basis. Well done Team St Paul's.

As you know nothing stays the same and this session, we have a few people to say goodbye to. Mrs Yvonne Moohan, current Parent Council Chairperson, will be standing down as her youngest child moves onto high school. I personally would like to thank Yvonne for her commitment to St Paul's Primary over the years. She was the person who motivated us to start raising money for Cash for Kids. I am sure you will agree that the amount of money we raised in the last few years, has been beyond what we could have imagined. Yvonne has also gone out of her way to ensure vulnerable children are supported. She has established a partnership with Morrisons Supermarket and collects groceries every week from the store to support some of the families in our community. We wish Yvonne a great future with all her newly found spare time.

Mrs Murdoch is moving on to take up a post in Dargavel Primary. Mrs Murdoch has worked here since August 2006 and took up the post of PT of the Anchor Base in 2018. We thank her for all her support and dedication in working with staff, children and families. We wish her well in her new post.

Mrs Fyfe is also moving to take up a post in Dargavel Primary. Mrs Fyfe has worked here since August 2010 working across various stages in the school. We thank her for her years of dedication to St Paul's Primary and wish her well in her new post.

In other news Laura White and Alison Ramsay will remain off next session as they begin their maternity leaves. I am delighted to share with you that Mrs Coats has had a little girl and she has called her Nina. Mrs Reid had a little boy, Finnlay, on Saturday. All are doing well. Mrs Coats and Mrs Reid will therefore also remain off on maternity leave.



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Miss Gemma Gallacher will be leaving us at the end of the session too. She will be continuing her career in teaching working in another school. We thank her for her hard work in this unusual year, hope to see her again and wish her well.

All of these changes will lead to us welcoming new staff. Miss Docherty and Mr Hemphill who joined us last session, will remain with us. We will also be joined by Mr John Bruce-Kennedy and Miss Anna Higgins. We look forward to them joining our St Paul's family.

Apologies for the length of this letter but I wanted to share all the staffing news with you. Classes for next session are, as always, **provisional and could change** depending on the school roll or other unforeseen circumstances.

Draft Classes for August 2021

Stage	Teacher	Learning Space
Primary 1	Mrs McGettigan & Miss Coyle	5
Primary 2	Mr Bruce-Kennedy	5
Primary 3	Miss Docherty	4
Primary 4	Mr Hemphill	4
Primary 5	Mrs Hassan & Ms Harkness	4
Primary 6	Miss Harrington	1
Primary 7	Miss Higgins	1
Anchor 6 (P1-4)	Miss Hyndman	6
Anchor 3 (P4-5)	To be confirmed	3
Anchor 2 (P6-7)	To be confirmed	2

Mrs Grindlay and Miss Traynor will support teacher non-class contact time and planning and preparation time for our newly qualified teachers.

Mrs McLaughlin will support teacher non-class contact time and individual learning programmes across all Anchor classes.

Learning spaces identified above are based on normal class set-up. However, this may change depending on Government Guidance in August. As yet we do not know if we will still have socially distanced bubbles in place.

Staggered entry and exit - we do not yet know what the guidance will be come August. However, at the moment we have been told to plan for everything to remain the same for August. It is my intention to remain with staggered entry and exit but to merge them slightly. The children (and adults) are much better at following the procedures now, which is allowing us to get into school quicker.

Therefore, the plan in August will 2 groups instead of 3 groups.

We will have Group 1 at 8.45am - 2.45pm and a group 2 at 9am - 3pm.

Your child's group will be issued nearer the time via text message.



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ARRANGEMENTS FOR LAST DAY – EARLY CLOSURE 1PM

Anchor Base – will be dismissed at 12.45pm

Group 1 – P1-6 will be dismissed at 12.50pm

Group 2 – P1-6 will be dismissed at 12.55pm

Group 3 – P1-6 will be dismissed at 13.00pm

All Primary 7 children will be dismissed at 13.05pm. This will allow the whole of P7 to be dismissed at the same time instead of in 3 separate groups.

Parents who wish to see P7 leaving the premises for the last time, should do so at Morar Drive as usual.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and that the sun in Bonnie Scotland shines for us all.

Take care

Kind regards



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HEAD TEACHER



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