



**St. Peter's Primary School Newsletter/updated guidance
August 2020**



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely summer spending time with your family. The way we live our lives has changed quite dramatically over the past few months and this has meant lots of adjustments for both adults and children. I am sure you have lots of stories to share and we look forward to hearing them in the near future. We have sincerely missed the regular contact we have with you and your children and while this will take a very different form at the moment, we look forward to being in closer contact with you again.

Staffing and Class Structure Update

You will be aware that the Scottish Government has indicated that all children should return to school on a full time basis by the end of this week. The advice we are following suggests that children no longer need to physically distance. This means that we must structure classes on this basis resulting in us returning to our original plan to have 9 classes as follows:

Primary 1	20 pupils	Mrs Annmarie Mitchell
Primary 1/2	20 pupils (8 P1s and 12 P2s)	Mrs Joyce Thomson
Primary 2/3	24 pupils (17 P2s and 7 P3s)	Mrs Caitlin Maclean and Mrs Yvonne Quinn
Primary 3	20 pupils	Mrs Grace Everett
Primary 4	26 pupils	Miss Monica Stevenson (Mon-Thurs am) and Mrs Clair Duckett (Thurs-Fri)
Primary 4/5	22 pupils (7 P4s and 15 P5s)	Mrs Jane McFarlane (0.8 Mon-Tue & Thurs Fri) Mrs Catherine McLean (0.2 Wed)
Primary 5/6	24 pupils (7 P5s and 17 P6s)	Mrs Anne Campbell
Primary 6/7	24 pupils (18 P6s and 6 P7s)	Miss Emma Young
Primary 7	27 pupils	Miss Veronica Gordon
NCCT	Wed-Fri	Mrs Catherine McLean

You will receive confirmation of your child's class as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in advance. Please contact by telephone if you have any questions regarding our decisions.

Mrs McLean will teach classes one day per fortnight with a focus on outdoor learning. There will be a balance of using the outdoor space as well as spending time within the classroom.

The outdoor learning classroom will focus on carrying out tasks such as recording activities, preparing plans etc. This will include experiences and outcomes from curricular areas such as Maths, Science and Technologies. This will be timetabled accordingly and you will be informed of this shortly. Children should come to school dressed appropriately for the nature of the task (outdoor jackets and suitable footwear).

Standard and Quality Report

This is a report detailing how we have managed to accomplish achievements in the past year and outlining what we would like to focus on in the coming school session. It takes account of the views of all children, parents/carers, staff and stakeholders. You can find a copy of this on our school website very soon.

School Improvement Plan

Our school improvement plan can be viewed shortly by accessing the school website. This will detail our priorities for the coming school session. Please contact me if you feel you can contribute in any way to our school improvement.

Parent Council

I would like to sincerely thank our parent council, in particular, Paul Doherty and Kirsty McAllister, for their support in ensuring that important information is communicated with our parent forum. The support from parents/carers throughout this time has been greatly appreciated by all staff. We are extremely grateful for your patience, understanding and very kind words. Please continue to support the very valuable work of the Parent Council.

Return to school

Your child will return to school this week as follows:

Wednesday 12 August 2020

Primary 1 and Primary 7 pupils attend

Primary 1 pupils should attend 9.30am-2.30pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. They will arrive and depart the following week using the times outlined below.

There will be a gazebo in the playground on day 1 (Wed 12 August) to allow parents/carers to take photographs of their children before entering the building. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to enter the building but we will ensure that pictures are taken of each child in their classroom and these will be shared with all parents/carers. Two parents can accompany one child to the school playground on this occasion. We hope you are looking forward to this exciting time in your child's life.

Thursday 13 August 2020

Primary 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 pupils attend

Friday 14 August 2020

Primary 1-7 pupils attend



Please note that we will continue to use staggered entry and exit times to allow adults to physically distance. We would really appreciate you following the pattern below:

Pupil Day

Door	Member of staff supervising	8.50am 2.50pm	9am 3pm	9.10am 3.10pm
Infant entrance/exit	Tracey Phelps & Mr McCambridge	Primary 2/3	Primary 1/2	Primary 1
Middle entrance/exit	Rhona Kenneth	Primary 4	Primary 3	Primary 4/5
Upper entrance/exit	Angela Robertson	Primary 7	Primary 6/7	Primary 5/6

Staff will be in attendance at the entry and exit points and only the child will be able to enter the school building.

At the end of each day please arrive just a minute or two before your child's allocated dismissal time to avoid congestion.

It is important that only one adult accompanies/collects your child to school at the beginning & end of each day.

Please find below some further school information and guidance which I trust you will find helpful.

Return to Early Years

Wednesday 12 August 2020

All preschool children to return today

Thursday 13 August 2020

All ante-preschool children to return today in addition to preschool

Friday 14 August 2020

All eligible children to attend today

What will my child's learning environment look like?

Classrooms and other teaching spaces have been organised to allow children to safely participate in learning opportunities in and out of class (outdoor space). All children will have their own designated workstation in the room and they will be provided with their own resources. Children will not be encouraged to share resources with other children at the moment. A cleaning station will be set up for each teaching space and all children will be encouraged to keep their own workspace clean and tidy. Renfrewshire Council are employing a cleaner (school and early years class) throughout the day which will ensure that regular cleaning of essential items takes place. Staff will encourage children to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. Hot water and soap 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 and staff.

Are there any changes to the curriculum on offer in St. Peter's Primary School?

Children will continue to have in-school learning experiences and lessons which are age and stage appropriate and meet their individual needs.

We are however unable to organise excursions, hold assemblies, host family learning or parent events until further notice.

What should my child wear to school?

We are planning to spend an increased amount of time learning outdoors therefore it is important that our children are prepared for the Scottish weather.

- We have introduced a slight change to our traditional school uniform for August 2020 (red polo shirt, black sweatshirt and black leggings, joggers or comfortable trousers). This is a recommendation only.
- 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.
- All PE lessons will take place outdoors in line with advice from Education Scotland. A change of shoes should be brought into school each day – soft shoes, plimsols or trainers. Children will change into these and keep their outdoor shoes inside their schoolbags.

Should my child bring a school bag 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.

Should my child bring a lunch box/water bottle to school? How will lunch be provided?

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. Those in receipt of free school meals will receive a packed lunch daily. Packed lunches can be bought by children who wish to purchase a lunch on a daily basis. We hope to be able to offer a hot meal soon so please be patient while we prepare for this. 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. Our water coolers can be used by children and these will be regularly cleaned by our on-site day cleaner.

Should my child bring a pencil case to school?

We will provide all the necessary stationery resources for your child's learning therefore a pencil case is not required. We respectfully request that any such items are not brought to school. This will help minimise items at your child's workstation to aid cleaning in school.

Should my child bring other personal belongings?

We ask that children do not bring any other unnecessary personal items to school. This will help support our good hygiene and cleaning protocols.

What are the playtime and lunchtime arrangements?

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 and staff. Children will only play with children in the same grouping as themselves.

Children will be taken to the dining hall to eat lunch with other children in their class and will be supervised by school staff. There will be a strict cleaning regime in between sittings to ensure the safety of all.

Will there be a breakfast club in session 20/21?

Initially there will be no breakfast club facility in operation. This will be kept under review and will hopefully be reinstated as soon as possible.

Will my child be given homework to complete?

There will be no homework issued in the first three weeks of this term. The nature of homework tasks will be reviewed in September.

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?

First Aid will be available in line with our current practice and current COVID-19 guidance. Our designated first aider is Rhona Kenneth.



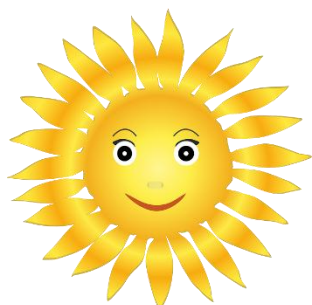
What about administration of essential medication?

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. Please remember to keep us informed if your child's medical information changes.

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. Our isolation rooms will be called the daisy room, sunshine room and rainbow room. 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 unless there are exceptional circumstances. We will arrange a video conference call via Microsoft teams or skype for meetings or if required for whatever purpose. All other communication should take place via telephone unless there has been a prior agreement.

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

Teaching staff can be contacted directly using glow email.

Information can be passed to the school office by telephone (**0300 300 0188**) or emailed to stpetersenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

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 using telephone or video call. Please contact the school office by telephone (0300 300 0188) to arrange a suitable time for this to be scheduled.

Will the school operational hours remain the same?

Pupil starting and finishing times will be staggered to allow children to arrive and leave safely each day. Parents will be notified of the specific times for your child to be dropped off and collected, but school operational hours will be as close to 9am-3pm as possible.

What are the drop off and pick-up arrangements?

We intend to allow parents to enter the playground to drop off or collect their children, especially if they are in younger classes. We would ask, however, that you respect the one-way system that we have tried to introduce (entering via the stairs at Glenburn Crescent and leaving via the gates at Braehead Road). Where possible, older pupils can enter and exit the playground unaccompanied by an adult. We understand that this may impact on families where there is more than one child entering the building at different stages and we will be more than happy to accommodate this. Please get in touch if you require assistance to ensure a smooth start to the day for your child.

What happens if I am late to drop off in the morning?

It is imperative that children arrive each day at their allocated times. This avoids impacting on the timeslots of others and creating congestion. If you have missed your child's allocated timeslot, please contact the school office and we can arrange for someone to meet your child and welcome them into the building.

What happens if I am late to collect my child at the end of the day?

Once children have left the building with their adult escort they will not be permitted to re-enter. If you are late to collect your child, please contact the school office by telephone and we will arrange for your child to be supervised until you are able to collect them. We will agree a meeting point with you to avoid you having to enter the building.

Will there be any extra-curricular clubs at the end of the school day?

There will be no extra-curricular clubs in the school at the beginning of term but we hope to have these in place as soon as possible. We will advise you as soon as we are able to do so.

We hope to be able to implement all of these changes in the most child friendly and welcoming manner. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions regarding any of this information.

I look forward to having more regular contact with you in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please stay safe and enjoy this step forward as we return to school.

Best wishes,

Sharon Mazzoni
Head Teacher



Respect

Responsibility

Kindness

Fairness

Honesty