



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our first welcome back newsletter and gives some important information.

A further newsletter will be issued within the next few weeks with further information.

I would like to wish an especially warm welcome to the families who join us for the first time, in our ELCC, P1 and across the school. We look forward to getting to know you in the year ahead.



Wednesday 12 August only	P7 return to school (9-3pm) P1 (Miss Rai) 9am-2.30pm P1a (Mrs McCarthy) 9.15am-2.40pm P1b (Mrs Cheshire) 9.30am-2.50pm
From Thursday 13 August	P2, P3 and P4 return to school, in addition to above Relaxed entry times starts (8.50am -9am) for <u>all</u> stages P1 and P2 Exit time starts (2.55pm)
From Friday 14 August	P5 and P6 return to school, in addition to above, meaning all pupils at school

Primary One

New P1 gym bags (for those children who attended Williamsburgh ELCC) will be available on Monday 10th outside the main entrance from 10-10.30am. Please adhere to social distancing.



On Wednesday 12th August, staff will meet you outside at your designated time and area. A maximum of two adults will be allowed for the first day only. Please check social media for video of where your child should enter/exit. Photographs will be permitted outside (weather permitted). We will ensure that a variety of photographs (for those with

permission) will be taken during the day to capture your child's special day.

P7 (those who are moving into S1) Ties and photographs

Ties will be available for collection on Monday 10th outside the main entrance from 10-10.30am and Tuesday 11th at the same time. Please adhere to social distancing. P1 photographs will also be available for collection.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

Parents should not enter the building at this stage unless approved by a member of staff.

If possible, parents should park further away from school and nursery and then walk with their children to avoid congestion. We encourage pupils, parents, carers and staff to use active travel routes, wherever it is possible and safe.

One parent/carer from Primary 1, 2 and 3 will be permitted to drop off/collect their child from the playground. There will be designated areas for this and demonstration videos will be displayed on our Social Media in due course. Please remember to adhere to social distancing. Parents and children should exit the playground swiftly. Please do not congregate.

The use of the Trim Trail at the beginning and end of the school day will not be permitted. **No other parents/carers should enter the playground.**

RELAXED ENTRY

Our relaxed entry to school will continue. This will be for all children. Children can enter the school building anytime between 8.50am-9am. This should, hopefully, continue to reduce any congestion.

EXIT

P1 and P2 will exit at 2.55pm. All other children will exit at 3pm

UNIFORM

Renfrewshire Council: "Your child's school will have told you whether they expect pupils to wear uniform (or not) before they finished in June. What they told you at that time still stands for when pupils return in August."



Therefore, the guidance we issued in June stands (relaxed approach) and we will review the introduction of formal uniform later in Term 1. This relaxed approach will support outdoor learning and physical activity outdoors. We are waiting on PE guidance being issued, so there is currently no need for PE kit and the relaxed uniform should suffice any activity.

If you have purchased formal uniform and wish your child to wear it, the flexibility is there. However, please be mindful of outdoor learning and Scottish weather!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Renfrewshire Council: "Breakfast clubs will be more challenging to organise given the broad range of ways they are provided but we will be working with schools to get these up and running again as soon as possible. Your child's school will inform you directly of when this will start."

Our Breakfast club is run by staff and parents on a voluntary basis. This will initially not be available and we apologise for any inconvenience. We will inform you of any changes to this as soon as possible.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Renfrewshire Council: "We will initially provide packed lunches for all children entitled to a free school meal and for those who wish to buy one. Each school will decide the best way to distribute these. This will reduce the number of pupils gathering to queue for lunch. However, as schools develop their own systems and protocols, they will then be able to move to hot lunches, hopefully at the start of September, in a manner that suits them best"

Packed lunches will initially be provided for children for those entitled. Lunch times will be staggered initially.

P1-3 11.45 am-12.30pm and P4-7 12.30-1.15pm.

Children are welcome to bring in their own packed lunches.



BREAKS

P1-3 break will now be 10-10.15am and P4-7 10.30-10.45am.



We encourage healthy eating and snacks. You will be aware of the possibility of children being allergic to nuts and nut products, which in severe cases can be fatal. In light of this, please could I ask that children do not bring nuts and nut products for either their lunch or snack?.

Please could we ask that children do not bring fizzy or sugary drinks to school and that sweets and chocolates are limited? Please also avoid bottles or cans of juice. Children can bring in their own water bottles however, at this time there is no access to re fill. Children are not permitted these in the playground and we would prefer they are not sent in at all. We are very keen to look after our children's health.

RESOURCES

Renfrewshire Council: "Sharing of learning resources will be minimised. Children and young people may bring their own resources (such as pencil cases) to school for their own use only. Children and young people will be reminded to keep school bags on the floor and not on their desks or worktops. Children and young people should wherever possible be encouraged not to bring toys from home to the setting or to share their personal belongings, although it is appreciated that for younger children this may be difficult to prevent."



All children will be provided with an individual pack on return containing pencils, rubber, glue stick etc

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

In line with government guidance, no physical distancing is required between children in nurseries and schools. However, schools will put measures in place to encourage young people, to physically distance where possible.



There will be physical distancing between adults, and where possible between adults and pupils - although clearly this will be harder to manage in nurseries and with younger primary pupils. Where staff cannot keep a two-metre distance and are interacting face-to-face for a sustained period (such as for 15 minutes or more), they may choose to wear face covering. Anyone who wants to can wear a covering.

For everyone's safety please do not approach staff at home time. Please contact the office or email and we will get back to you.

ADVICE ON HAND HYGIENE

Please ensure your child washes their hands before they leave each morning, and then when they arrive back home. When pupils come into school, they will wash their hands before they settle into the classroom or learning space. Hand washing will be encouraged throughout the day. Pupils will also be advised to wash hands before and after eating and when going to the toilet, and to use an elbow or tissue to cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.



Handwash and hand sanitiser will be provided but pupils can bring their own if they like.

MEDICATION

Parents should notify the school of any medical requirements, allergies or health concerns that their child may have. In cases where it is necessary that the child receives medication during school hours, parents should contact the school to make appropriate arrangements.

ELCC

A member of staff will be in touch via phone to offer advice relating to your child starting or returning to us. We welcome your patience as we proceed with new arrangements.

If you still have concerns or feel there is something you wish to speak to a senior manager about then please contact myself or the Depute Head Teacher for your child's stage. Parents of P1-P3 should contact Mrs Alison Vandal and parents of children in P4-P7 should contact Mrs Gillian Thomson. We understand the last few months haven't been easy and thank you for your patience.

We look forward to welcoming all our children back next week to our new normal.

Kind Regards,
Vhairi Cochrane

Head Teacher

Class Structure 2020/21

Primary 1

Mrs McCarthy – Primary 1A Mrs Cheshire – Primary 1B Miss Rai – Primary 2/1

Primary 2

Miss Rai – Primary 2/1 Miss Kennedy and Mrs Wishart – Primary 2

Primary 3

Mrs MacDonald – Primary 3A (Miss Rai's class last session)

Mrs Soutar – Primary 3B (Mrs Cheshire and Mr White's class last session)

Primary 4

Mr White and Mr Smith-McKnight – Primary 4A (Mrs Soutar's class last session)

Mrs Balmer – Primary 4B (Mrs McDonald and Mrs Rossi's class last session)

Primary 5

Mrs Gibson – Primary 5A (Mrs Murray's class last session)

Mr McMaster – Primary 5B (Mrs Balmer's class last session)

Primary 6

Mr Gillespie – Primary 6A (Mr Smith-McKnight and Mr Millar's class last session)

Mrs Smith – Primary 6B (Mr McMaster's class last session)

Primary 7

Mr Milne – Primary 7A (Mrs Gibson's class last session)

Miss Russell – Primary 7B (Mrs Smith's class last session)