

Dear Parents and carers

As we reach the end of our 1st full week back I wanted to get in touch with a brief update.

The return to school has gone well and the children and staff are enjoying getting to know their new classes.

Breaks and Lunches

Children are enjoying opportunities to mix with more of their peers during breaks and lunchtimes. Children also enjoy opportunities to enjoy play in all areas of the playground through our timetabled approach. Each zone in the playground is staffed by at least one member of staff and children are regularly reminded to seek adult support with any concerns or issues during these times.

Soft Start

Starting from Monday 23rd August we will be reintroducing a 'soft start' approach across the school. This means that classroom/corridor doors will open 5 minutes before the start time to allow pupils to enter the class as they arrive. This will allow parents to 'drop and go', lessening the need for pupils to line up and minimising groups of adults in the playground. We feel the soft start approach and less congested playground will benefit pupils, particularly some of our younger children who can find that time a little overwhelming. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Soft start p1-3: doors open at 8.45am, bell rings at 8.50am

Soft start p4-7: doors open at 8.55am, bell rings at 9am

Sharing information with parents

Prior to covid restrictions we hosted annual curriculum/meet the teacher events within the school to share information about your child's new class and stage. As this is not allowed at present, we intend to share information digitally. Each class teacher will put together a presentation with some information to let parents get to know a little bit about their child's new class, routines, homework, PE, curriculum content etc. We plan to have these ready to share with p2-7 parents by the 10th September. As many of the P1 parents are new to the school, P1 parents will be invited to a Question and Answer session on MS teams to accompany the Primary 1 presentation on Wednesday 1st September at 1.30pm to answer any general questions about life in Primary 1 (and not individual children). If parents from P2-7 have any questions about the school day, new classes etc then please get in touch prior to or following the presentation being shared.

After the 6 week period when school procedures and restrictions are reviewed we hope to be able to update you on our plans for Reporting to parents this session in line with the guidance provided to us by East Dunbartonshire Council.

PE days

Children can continue to come into school in PE Kit on the days that they have PE only. Please ensure this is appropriate; ie dark bottoms, school polo shirt or a blue/plain t shirt. Children can also wear a dark sweatshirt or hoodie. No branded clothing or bright colours please. Uniform plays a big part in the ethos of the school so we appreciate parent support with this. If you have any financial concerns regarding uniform or PE kit, please get in touch with a member of senior leadership team and this will be addressed in confidence.

Please get in touch with any member of staff via the school office with any queries or concerns.
I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

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