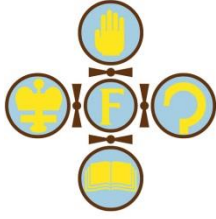


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Newsletter Friday 16th August 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back

I would like to wish everyone a warm welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you all have a lovely summer with your children and families and that you are all ready for the new term ahead. I would like to give a special welcome to our new Primary 1 children and parents who started on Wednesday. We also have a few new faces across other stages in the school and it is lovely to have you join us. We look forward to working in partnership with you all in the school.

Arrangements for collection at the end of the day as follows:

3pm: P1 Parents/Carers to collect their child from the infant yard at 3pm. **Please exit the playground as soon as you collect your child.**

3.05pm: **For next week, we are going to trial P2 pupils being collected from the infant playground.** Collection has proven difficult due to the scaffolding still being in place. Please do not enter the playground until 3.05pm and **exit the playground as soon as you collect your child.**

P3 Parents/Carers to collect from the area in front of the school. Please have a pre-agreed meeting place known to your child/children. This helps alleviate any anxiety a child may feel if they cannot find who is collecting them at dismissal time.

P4-7 Parents/Carers of children from P4 upwards should arrange a mutually agreed safe arrangements.

Can we please ask that you don't congregate in large groups right at the school gate especially at the end of the day as the children can find it difficult to see their parents/carers when they are being dismissed.

Please remind your child that if they cannot find the adult who is collecting them at the end of the day, they should return to the staff at the school gate or return to the school office. We will reinforce this message at assemblies.

School Uniform

Thank you for your continued support in the high quality of uniform that has been in evidence across the school since our return this week. Can we please ask that all children bring a change of shoes (plain black plimsoles) for wearing indoors? All classrooms have either new carpets or will be getting new carpets installed soon and we want to ensure they are kept in good condition. **Please can we ask that all items are labelled clearly with your child's full name.**

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We have a number of pre-loved, as well as brand new uniforms in the school. Please contact or speak to Mrs Hamilton or Mrs Gibb if you need anything. We will do our best to help you.

There are several studies on the benefits of wearing a school uniform:

- Indicates a sense of pride in the school and helps pupils to form positive attitudes to the school and to their school work.
- Protects children from the harmful effects of social distinction and competitive dressing.
- Promotes the school's identity in the community; wellbeing and purpose and helps to set the high standard and sense of pride that we have in our school.
- Assists staff in the task of supervising pupils and keeping unwelcome visitors out of the school.

All children at all stages should be wearing school ties on days that are not PE days.

Boys' Uniform

- School Blazer or brown/black jacket
- Brown jumper or cardigan
- Blue shirt
- School tie
- Brown or black shoes (not trainers)
- Brown dress trousers/shorts



Girls' Uniform

- School blazer or brown/black jacket
- Brown jumper or cardigan
- Blue shirt
- School tie
- Brown or black shoes (not trainers)
- Brown school skirt /brown dress trousers or pinafore

Mobile Phones/Electronic devices

Mobile phones are not permitted for use on school premises. Any child who brings a phone in their bag will be doing so at their own risk and the school will not be liable for any loss or damage. Anyone using their phone on school premises will have it stored in the office for their parent/carer to collect at the end of the school day.

No unauthorised use of cameras or recording devices such as iPads, smartwatches is permitted. Smart watches are not to be used for any purpose other than calculating steps or exercise movement. Thank you for your support with this.

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PE DAYS 2024-2025			
MON	P4A	P2B	P1A
	P4B	P2A	P3B
TUES	P2A	P5B	P1B
	P5A	P3A/2C	P1C
WED	P6A	P3B	P7B
		P4A	P7A
THURS	P5B	P2B	P6 and P7 (on block 1 & 2)
	P6B	P5A	Swimming Block 1
			Swimming Block 2
			P3A/2C
			P1C
FRI	P1B	P4B	P6A
	P1A		P6B

P. E. Kit

Each class has two blocks of P.E. lessons.

- Sky blue polo shirt with or without school badge
- Black or navy shorts/leggings /tracksuit trousers
- Black plimsoles or trainers

No bright coloured trainers or shoes.

No football or designer sports tops, hoodies, shorts or tracksuit trousers. No large logos e.g. Nike, Adidas

A school jumper or cardigan may be worn or a light blue school hoodie



No non-uniform items should be worn. PE kit can be worn to school on PE days only.

No jewellery to be worn to school on P.E. days

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Free school meals and uniforms

A number of families who are entitled to free clothing and school meal grants have not yet applied. Information on how this can be obtained is available from Glasgow City Council's website

Health and Safety

Please do not allow your child to wear jewellery or acrylic nails to school for obvious health and safety reasons. Children will be asked to remove all jewellery, rings, earrings etc on PE days. Children cannot partake in PE wearing jewellery of any kind.

Please also remember that only earring studs are permitted in school.

Reporting your child's absence

The procedure for reporting your child's absence is through the absence line. The absence line for reporting is 0141 471 3710 or 0141 287 0039 Please provide the details requested by the operator. Details are found on

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18832>

Communicating with the school

We use a Microsoft Office forms system to facilitate communication with the Leadership Team. This system is effective in that all of the team can access the forms at any time, including out of the normal school hours, allowing us to address and issues that require a prompt response. If there is a matter that you wish to discuss please use the link below and we will address it as soon as possible.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKTDuSgv3IU1OgtjeJ-xiX7JUMFZHSjRRT0JWUjJINkpOVzhKMDc5TkxYRCQIQCN0PWcu>

We will continue to keep you informed and updated on any significant changes through our usual communication channels. Once again thank you for all your continued support.

School Entrance guidance

Please do not access the school through the main car park gate as this is a service entrance for authorised vehicles only. Pedestrians are not permitted to enter through this gateway and should use the other pedestrian gate near the main office. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this important health and safety request.

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Allergies update and medicine

Please ensure the school has the most up to date information and medication with regard to your child/ren's allergies. Forms for this are available at the school office. We are aware that some children may have the status of their allergy or medical conditions amended since the start of the summer. Please send you child's inhaler and any other medication to the school immediately if you have not yet done so.

Meet the Teacher

Our first parent event of the year, Meet the Teacher, will be on Wednesday 28th August at 4.30pm-5.30pm. Please be aware that this event will be for the whole school and parking around the school grounds will be limited. Please do not park across our neighbour's driveways and remember to arrive in plenty of time for the event.

Homework

Homework will commence week beginning 4th September after Meet the Teacher. We will be using the Showbie platform for homework this session. More information to follow.

Primary 1 Parents- we would be very grateful if you could provide your child with a small, rectangular tub that will be used as a word box in class.



All Showbie accounts have now been set up. These will be distributed over the next week.

A Team and B Team

- Wednesday 21st Aug 7.00-8.30pm with registration from 6.30pm for P5/P6
- Thursday 22nd Aug 7.00-8.30pm with registration from 6.30pm for P6/7
- Saturday 24th Aug Time TBC @ St Brigid's Toryglen pitch - Trial game with individuals selected from the Wed/Thursday sessions

The Wednesday and Thursday sessions are to try to make numbers more manageable with P6s given the choice to attend either but not both. Please contribute 50p to help cover pitch let costs.

We will let parents of those selected to play in the Saturday game know on Friday 23rd August.

For any pupils who cannot make any of the sessions, they can attend Development Team training sessions each Wednesday when they will be trialled for our A Team. We have been informed by Scottish Water of significant works due to be undertaken in Cathcart.

Work will begin on Monday 26th August, and is expected to last approximately 24 weeks.

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Important information

We have been informed by Scottish Water of [significant works](#) due to be undertaken in Cathcart.

Work will begin on Monday 26th August, and is expected to last approximately 24 weeks.

Roadworks will be in place in various phases as the project progresses, which will include the use of temporary traffic lights, road closures, and some access and parking restriction

This rolling programme of works will be extended to Kilmailing Road, Taynish Drive, Crompton Avenue, Elmore Avenue and Old Castle Road and the junctions of Snuffmill Road and Carna Drive.

There will be several significant disruptions throughout this term and next in the surrounding area and we will ask for patience and respect to be shown to all during this time. We will be encouraging families to walk to school where possible and our Road Safety Committee will be carrying out different activities to promote this. If you have to drive to school, please consider parking away from Crompton Avenue and Elmore Avenue to help reduce congestion, and please show consideration to our neighbours in our school community e.g. please do not park over driveways. Thank you.

Golden Jubilee Ball

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for this event next Friday.

We have a very small number of tickets remaining. You can get all the information you require at <https://forms.office.com/e/abzg7ZS7QE>

If you can help support this event by providing a raffle prize, Mrs., Gibb would love to hear from you. Thanks!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Bourke, Head Teacher.

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