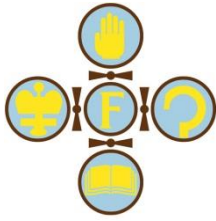


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## Newsletter Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome back

I hope that you have had a restful summer and have been able to enjoy some of the lovely weather we have been blessed with. Welcome to our new Primary 1 children and parents. We look forward to working in partnership with you all. It was wonderful to see everyone lining up each morning this week ready for their first week back at school. The children have all settled really well and were very happy to be back.

Restrictions across the country are gradually being eased and we appreciate the continuing support of us in our attempt to make the children's return as safe as possible. Hopefully over the next few weeks we will continue to make progress with our return to a more normal year for everyone albeit with the necessary precautions in place. Please can we remind you not to congregate in large groups outside 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.

We will be in touch next week with finalised details of PE days etc. Please keep an eye on the website and on twitter in the meantime.

We are delighted to welcome our new Principal Teacher Mrs Jo Crompton to St Fillan's. We are sure she will be made very welcome by everyone and will enjoy working in St Fillan's as much as we do. We also welcome Miss Baxter who joins our teaching staff. A very big welcome back to Mrs Breckenridge who has returned after maternity leave.

We are looking forward to our first outdoor Mass of the school year on Wednesday afternoon with Father Joseph Uwah. Father Peter is in our prayers as he recovers well after his stay in hospital.

### School Uniform

Thank you for your continued support in the high quality of uniform I have observed across the school since our return this week. Please ensure that your son/daughter dresses in appropriate school uniform for St Fillan's Primary. We will be closely monitoring the school uniform throughout this session. All pupils should now be wearing school ties and black or brown school shoes.

Wearing of 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.

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- 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.**

### 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

### P.E. Kit

- 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.** The School jumper or cardigan can be worn.

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



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### 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 earrings on PE days and only earring studs are permitted in school.**

We have a small supply of pre-loved uniforms in the school so please contact us and we can see if we have anything suitable.

Some families may be entitled to free clothing and school meal grants and information on this can be obtained from the following address.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17519>

### Stationery

Children are now permitted to bring in their own pencil case to school. If possible we would hope you would provide them with pencils, coloured pencils, pens and appropriate stationery. We do have some supplies in school too so every child will have access to the resources required.

### Corona Virus update

You will have received the letter from the Director Maureen McKenna as well as the letter from the public health chief last week. These letters are available on twitter and on our school website.

Pupils who display any coronavirus symptoms should not attend school and should follow NHS advice, self-isolate and book a PCR test. Parents are requested to keep the school informed of any pupil positive cases by contacting the school office.

Pupils who need to self-isolate if they are identified as a prolonged close contact e.g. same household, overnight stays will now be contacted directly by Test and Protect and **not by the school**. Test and Protect will advise on the procedure to follow on self-isolation and PCR testing. Close contacts who are asymptomatic will be asked to self-isolate until they have received a negative PCR test.

Close contacts who are symptomatic will be asked to complete the 10 day isolation period as per NHS guidance.

### Hand Hygiene

Pupils should be encouraged to have excellent hand and respiratory hygiene. They will continue to be able to use the hand sanitiser at every entrance to the school and in every classroom. They should be encouraged to regularly wash their hands and to bring tissues to school.

### Ventilation

We will have increased ventilation in the school building with windows and internal doors opened to allow airflow circulation.

### Cleaning

We will continue to have an enhanced cleaning programme where touch points are regularly wiped throughout the day.

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### School Garden Project/Tidy Friday #COP26

Following the success of last year's garden project, we are once again kindly seeking Parents/Carers/Pupils/Staff to join us for Tidy Friday on Friday 27th August and Friday 10th September from 3.30pm.

Please click on the link for further information.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKRa4j5QrKDRMreCERhMauQNUMzA1REU4T1I2VVRTMFRRSzySINYNFhFVi4u>

It would be especially nice to have some Parents/Carers of our new P1 pupils.

We are desperately seeking compost for our autumnal planting plans. If you are able to donate a bag (or partly-filled bag!) of compost, we would be exceptionally grateful.

Bags can be left with our leadership team at the school gate at arrival/dismissal times.

Grateful thanks to the families of Emma Aldridge (P5) and Erin Costello (last year's P7) for the recent kind donations of plants for the school garden.



You may have seen on twitter that we were excited to discover pears growing on one of our trees for the first time!

### Road Safety Campaign

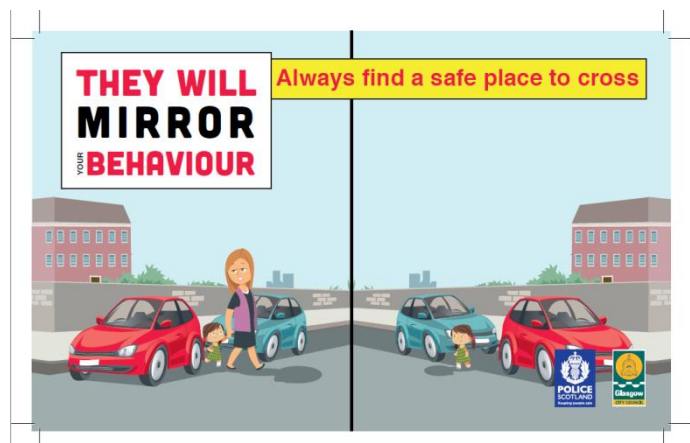
Glasgow City Council's Road Safety Unit in partnership with Police Scotland are running a pedestrian safety campaign to remind parents to set a good example to their children when crossing the road.

Following the summer break, many children will start school for the first time - this is a great opportunity for parents to start walking to school with their children and discuss safer crossing places and road safety in general.

The main message is that children will mirror their parent's behaviour and do what their parents do. If a parent crosses between parked cars or doesn't make the effort to walk to a nearby pedestrian crossing, children will assume this is what they should do, when not accompanied by their parents.

If, however, parents actively teach their child the safer way to cross, the child will then copy this good example.

Radio Clyde adverts will run for 3 weeks from 9 August until 30 August and a Glasgow Times advert will run over 6 days from 18 August until 25 August.



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### Road Safety and Parking on Crompton Avenue/SCFZ

A reminder that it is not permitted to drive down Crompton Avenue between 8.30-9.15am and 2.45-3.30pm as the school is part of a school free car zone scheme run by GCC. This has been in place since session 19-20 but really only came into force in session 20-21. Please note that the Community Police have been issuing tickets throughout last session and will continue to support the school by reminding the public of the restrictions that are still in place.

**Please do not perform 3 point turns on Elmore Avenue, Crompton Avenue and the other surrounding streets. Even if the street may appear clear there is a risk associated with this that could result in an injury to an adult or child.**

### Let's Talk Buddy Bench

We are exceptionally grateful to Derek Reid, friend of our school who many of the children will know from our football coaching in school. Derek is the founder of the 'Let's Talk' project who has very kindly donated a 'Chatty Bench'. This colourful bench is to encourage children to connect with others and not be alone during breaks and lunch. The aim is to encourage children to open and talk to let them see that talking is a huge step towards resolving any small worries or concerns they may have.



### Contacting the school

Last session we promoted the use of the Xpressions app and midway through asked for people to delete while the platform had some issues with it not working properly. In order for everyone to receive messages from the school at the same time we advise downloading Xpressions again and ensuring it is on your app front page so that you will see any notifications from the school. In particular we advise all parents and carers to download it especially those whos children who may reside in different households with. That way both parents will receive updates from the school. The Xpressions app is free from the Google Play and the App store and will ensure you don't miss out on important updates from the school. You will also find this information on Twitter **@stfillansps** and **@stfillannursery** . A reminder that our Parent Council have a Twitter account **@stfillansparent** .

### 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>

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**Should the absence be COVID related please inform the school office directly as per previous arrangements.**

### **Communicating with the school**

Please remember that we are using a form system to facilitate communication. If there is a matter of urgency that you wish to discuss please use the link below and the matter will be addressed as soon as possible. Please do not contact us via email.

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

**You may not always receive a direct response from the SLT if your query has already been answered through either a previous communication or could be answered by your child.**

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.

### **Allergies update and medicine**

Please ensure the school has the most up to date information with regard to your child/ren's allergies. We are aware that some children may have the status of their allergy amended since the start of the summer. Please send you child's inhaler and any other medication to the school.

We will send out another newsletter next week with PE days and school holiday dates to allow you to plan ahead. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Bourke, Head Teacher.

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