



# Melrose Primary School

Parent/carer update 6: 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2020

Our priority over the next few weeks is ensuring that our learners are safe and happy. As Covid-19 is still a risk we have introduced a number of measures and changes that will increase the safety of all - parent/carers, staff and learners.

Please take time to read the information below and help by supporting us with any changes to normal operating procedures that we are requesting.

## P.E Days – Wet weather planning

Scottish Government advice continues to be that all P.E. takes place outside. The guidance also recognises the importance of P.E. for children's Health and Wellbeing - schools are asked to continue to deliver learners' entitlement of two hours of P.E. per week.

Children are asked to come to school dressed for P.E. on the days they have P.E. As the weather is very changeable we ask that children have a change of clothing including footwear to change into if necessary.

- **come to school dressed in P.E. kit on P.E. days**
- **bring a change of clothing (school uniform) including footwear, in a named bag**

## Staffing / class cover

Due to the increase in Covid 19 testing and the time test results are taking to be returned teachers who are not class committed are covering class teacher absence to allow us to keep the school operating as normal for our learners. Consequently staff who are covering teaching in class are not able to carry some of the jobs



that they would normally undertake. We will continue to do our best to keep the school functioning as normal, however we would appreciate your understanding and patience should we take longer to carry out certain jobs e.g. responding to e-mail queries, communicating by telephone etc.

## Huntly Road – *Please do not use this area for drop-offs and parking*

Huntly Road is part of our 'safer routes to school'. There are a number of signs and road markings to mark out an area where it is not safe to park, drop off or pick up - 0800-1600. Please respect these markings in the interest of keeping children and young people safe. For more information please watch this video created by some of our learners - <https://youtu.be/zqxf770nEHA>

## **P1 parent/carers**

Thank you for your support and understanding about the drop off and collection arrangements for P1 children. As you are aware we encourage children to become independent and as such we ask that you encourage your child/ren to independently go from the collection point to their classroom in the morning.

We also ask that once your child/ren have gone into class you leave the playground as soon as possible in support of our ongoing procedures to reduce the spread of infection. We encourage parents/carers to communicate with their child's class teacher however in the current circumstances this cannot be done face-to-face including at the classroom door. Please contact the school office if you wish to communicate with the class teacher or email - see information below. Please be reassured if we have any concerns about your child we will contact you.

## **School dinners**

From Monday 31 August 2020 a hot dinner option will once again be available. All dinners must be ordered in the normal way through Parentpay.

## **Social Distancing - Important**



Thank you to everyone for trying to make our school as safe as it can be during these times.

We remind you about the importance of social distancing, particularly at the beginning and the end of the school day. We been contacted by a number of individuals who are anxious about the proximity of adults to one another during these times.

Please remember...

- **the Gibson Park (the Green Space) is quite busy at the beginning and end of the school day making social distancing difficult - please consider wearing a face covering**
- **keep the path, that runs alongside Gibson Park, free allowing learners and families to pass through safely with ample room to move and physically distance**
- **keep the gate areas free from 'traffic, allowing people to easily access the school grounds**

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## COVID 19 Symptoms

**If you, your child, or someone you live with has any of the following symptoms it is critical that your child is not sent to school.**

- a new or continuous cough
- a fever or high temperature
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia)



**‘To be the best we can be.’**