



Forth Primary School



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Both the school and nursery are incredibly settled following the return from Lockdown and holiday period. After the introduction of staggered times and restrictions surrounding social distancing, I want to thank not only Mr Thomson and the staff team, but you as our school community for supporting us while implementing the new legislation. As well as this priority, the wellbeing of the pupils has been the focus of this phase of recovery e.g. settling into new classes, getting to know new teachers, and most importantly feeling safe and secure in the new routines. Both pupils and staff should be commended for their efforts.

As we plan and prepare for the next phase, we will be continuing learning assessments to identify gaps and progress made. These will inform tailored approaches moving forward. We will also be confirming contingency plans in the event of self-isolation or home learning. Hopefully, this will not be required but please be reassured we are preparing in the event it is.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with all our families, especially during these unprecedented times.

Best wishes, *Suzie Wood*

Health & Wellbeing - Coronavirus guidance from South Lanarkshire Council and Public Health continue to be our top priority. We are being vigilant as well as ensuring good hand and respiratory hygiene. **Please remind your child/children to wash their hands regularly and carefully, as well as making sure they use tissues when coughing and sneezing.** We not only have manual anti bacterial dispensers, but we have been supplied automatic ones too. Ideal for our environment.

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Car parking at Forth, a few words from Mr Thomson - Thank you to all of our families for their continued support in ensuring our car park remains a safe environment for everyone. We know this has meant a change in the way that we operate this space as we respond to creating extra areas for everyone to safely enter and exit the school grounds. Additionally, it has been a pleasure to welcome so many positive comments and feedback from many of our parents on how minimising traffic flow has improved the safety of the area to the front of the school. Furthermore, it has been heartening to see many of our pupils now choosing to walk to school or bring a bike or scooter. Thank you to all of our pupils who are being responsible and considerate by dismounting as they enter the school grounds and remember to keep wearing your helmets!





MEET THE TEACHER – An online Sway presentation has been prepared by teachers for each class, giving parents and carers further information about their class. Please look out for this coming soon on the app.

PARENT / TEACHER CONSULTATIONS – These will go ahead in October. After the holidays we will let you know the format this will take as face to face meetings unfortunately are not an option. The likely hood is it will be a telephone call from your child/children’s teacher(s) at a specific time. It is important to discuss your child’s learning, progress, and any concerns you have. Further information will follow the October break.

HOLIDAY / INSET REMINDER – School/nursery is **closed for the September weekend on Friday 25 & Monday 28 September**. The school will also be **closed for all pupils on Tuesday 29 September** for the staff INSET day. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 30 September.

Nursery update, a few words from Mrs Griffiths - These past few weeks in Nursery we have been adapting to our new routines, full days and the pod system that is now in place. We have been focussing on Health and Wellbeing including forming new relationships, developing independence and learning about emotions. Books including The Colour Monster and Emotion Works resources have been used to aid our learning and develop vocabulary around emotions. The children have been encouraged to think about their own emotions using visuals during self-registration each day.

This week across the pods there have been many experiences planned to develop knowledge of number, shape and colour. You can find out more about these on your child’s Online Learning Journal. We have also been making the most of our outdoor spaces, with each pod having both a morning and afternoon outdoor slot. This will continue even as the weather begins to get cooler. As such we would appreciate if you could ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather with a cosy jacket, hat and gloves. It is also beneficial for your child to bring a spare change of clothes to nursery every day.

Our response to COVID- 19 – Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the parental survey about COVID recovery at Forth Primary School & Nursery. There was a total of 44 responses. Your opinions and feedback will be considered within future planning. An overview of the collated responses can be viewed within the news section of the school app. News items and updates will continue to be posted on the app as they arise.
