

R.S.M.P. School and Nursery Class Newsletter

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Welcome back!

Dear Parent / Carer

This year, more than any other, we are so happy to be welcoming back our children and families. The sound of children playing and having fun outside in the playground has been one which we were very much looking forward to and has finally come. Please take a few moment to read this letter and keep up to date with how we are working to keep RSMP as a happy and safe place for all.

Safety at School – A new order!



We have posted detailed plans on the school app regarding hygiene, cleaning routines, physical distancing and keeping classes in their own bubbles/groups.

A full risk assessment document is available from the school office that takes into account all of the above.

We need all adults coming to the school to keep to physical distancing rules and to wear facemasks when on school grounds

and respect the safety of everyone within the school community.

From Monday, you will be asked to wear a facemask and reminded to keep to physical distancing rules.

If adults are unable to keep to these rules, we will need to close the playground to parents. This is not something that we would want to do as we recognise the importance of the partnerships between parents and school staff. However, we will do this is adults do not comply with the rules.

We are concerned that our school grounds may be busy at the end of the day for children in P4/5, P5, P6 and P7. We would encourage you to consider one of the follow if your child is in P4/5 or above:

- Organise for your child to walk home with a friend / sibling (where this can be done safely)
- Organise to meet your child outside the school grounds e.g. on Whinnie Knowe or Glen Avenue



Bags, PE and Shoes

All pupils need to keep personal belongings (bags, jackets etc) in their own space at their chair within the classroom. As their space is limited we will be doing the following:

- Only using 1 pair of shoes. Indoor shoes are not being used just now.
- No PE kit is needed just now *P.E. will take place outdoors*. On P.E. days pupils should wear a polo shirt and trainers or shoes that they can move around in safely. Class teachers will let you know each class' P.E. days.
- Keep school bags as tidy as possible No toys please, just essential personal items (pencil case, homework, letters from school / to school etc.)

<u>Communication</u>: Please use school email and phone for all communication. Paperwork will come to parents through schoolbags. Please check these regularly. All meetings with parents will be 'virtual' for the time being.

