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Dear Parents and Families

A Great First Week Back!

Welcome back to school everyone! The children have returned full of smiles and tales of the lockdown with great excitement to see their friends and familiar staff at Kirklandneuk Primary. The weather has been lovely this week, so this has made our outdoor learning and physical activity very pleasant.

Please find below this week's news and updates:

STAGGERED ENTRY / PICK-UP ARRANGEMENTS

All pupils in P1-7 are in school on a full-time basis from Monday 17 August 2020. The following staggered entry and pick-up arrangements will now remain in place for the foreseeable future, as this worked fairly well this week.

Going forward, please ensure that only ONE ADULT comes to collect children to reduce the amount of people in and around our school environment - this is for everyone's protection.

Entry time	Collection time
<p>P1-7: Arrive anytime between 8.45-9.00 to allow for physical distancing.</p> <p>Pupils should make their way directly to their entrance doors as soon as they enter the playground, enter the building and proceed to their allocated handwashing facilities.</p>	<p>P1: Collect between 2.45-3.00 at P1 doors (spots on ground to encourage physical distancing for adults)</p> <p>P2: Collect at 3.00 from infant playground; P2 from P2/3 composite will exit from Rm 7 door ramp (there is not enough hard surface for us to spray on the physical distancing spots, so please stand 2m apart on the grass / playground area)</p> <p>P3: Collect between 2.45-3.00 from the <u>main entrance</u> (spots on ground to encourage physical distancing for adults)</p> <p>P4, P5, P6, P7: 3.00 finish (collecting adults please wait outside the school grounds if possible)</p>

Classroom entry doors and school gates will be closed just after 9.00 to ensure the security of the building. If a pupil arrives later than 9.00, they should come to the main entrance.

Once you have dropped your child off, please leave the school grounds as quickly as possible to support physical distancing.

COVID-19 UPDATE

We continue to update and work on risk assessments for all pupils and staff to make our school a very safe place. As you will see from the news this week, some schools have had to close already, so it is very important that as a community we all adhere to the guidelines in place from the Scottish Government with regards to **physical distancing, handwashing and isolation procedures** for anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19.

Please do not send your child to school if they are in any way unwell or if they have any of the following symptoms:

- **A new, persistent cough**
 - **Fever**
 - **Loss of sense of smell and / or taste**
- If you or your child has any of these symptoms, you must stay at home and arrange for coronavirus testing via NHS Inform;
 - If your child is living with someone who has coronavirus symptoms, you should stay at home and follow the relevant advice from NHS Inform;
 - If you have returned to Scotland from a country which is not exempt from the UK quarantine rules, you should stay at home and follow the guidance from NHS Inform.

UNIFORM / PE

A huge thank you to all of our families for supporting our school uniform policy. Some of our families opted for their children to wear the formal uniform (shirt and tie) this week for the purposes of first-day / first-week photographs – **please now wear the relaxed uniform for the remainder of the school year.**

The relaxed uniform helps school staff in so many ways in our quest for hygiene and safety: it gives staff the flexibility with their PE and outdoor learning slots each day (e.g. if a class are timetabled for PE and the weather is particularly unpleasant, having all pupils in their relaxed uniform every day means that pupils are always ready for physical activity and class teachers can make last-minute changes to their timetables); it reduces close adult-child contact as the relaxed uniform supports pupil independence (e.g. no requirement with pupil changing, ties etc); it is appropriate for increased physical activity and outdoor learning. **We are all in this together and it would be great if we kept all of the children the same during this period. A sincere thank you from all school staff for adapting to this for this session.**

A reminder that all PE will be outdoors (as per Scottish Government advice) and pupils will be participating in increased outdoor learning each week - please bear this in mind each day and ensure your child comes dressed for the weather.

Our school staff also have a relaxed uniform code this year – it is quick and easy for us to wash each day and it helps us to be easily identifiable as a member of the staff team.

Nonetheless, we are looking forward to the pandemic being over so that we can get back to normal with our formal school uniform and changing procedures for PE in time for next session (Aug '21).

WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL

All pupils have been issued with a wipeable School Bag (Homework Bag) from their class teacher this week. This can be used each day to carry any snacks, water bottles or packed lunch. Pupils should not bring anything else to school – there is no requirement for stationery

or toys (*exceptions are medical or additional support needs requirements*). Thank you for not bringing a traditional school bag at this time – this is helping to reduce the amount of items we have in classroom areas which need to be cleaned regularly; it also reduces the trip hazards on the classroom floors. Once we have the go-ahead for increased pupil storage in our cloakroom areas, we will revisit pupils being able to bring their bags to school. In the meantime, the plastic, easy-clean bags issued this week is, we hope, a suitable interim measure. Again, thank you for your support with this.

LUNCHES

Cold packed lunches will continue to be provided for the next 2 weeks at least. We are hoping that the hot lunch service will resume very soon thereafter. Pre and post lunch handwashing will take place and pupils will continue to eat lunch in the dining hall or gym hall to avoid large numbers gathering in the dining hall.

HANDWASHING FOR PUPILS

All pupils will wash their hands on entry to school (older pupils will also use sanitiser on entry which sanitises hands until pupils reach their classroom areas). The handwashing / sanitising programme is as follows: entry to school, before break, after break, before lunch, after lunch, after PE or outdoor learning, before home. **Please also ensure that your child washes their hands as soon as they return home from school.**

CLEANING PUPIL DESKS / AREAS

All classrooms have been provided with Cleaning Caddies which school staff and pupils can use during the day to top-up the enhanced clean.

NEW CLEANING TEAM

Welcome to John our Day Cleaner who works 9am-4pm each day. John helps Johnny our Janitor to keep our touch-surfaces and toilets clean during the day. Our after-school cleaning team are Fiona (Janitor-Cleaner), June and Marie. They are doing a marvellous job!

COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF

We are really going to try hard with the digital communication this session (which is part of our contingency planning in case of another lockdown). The main form of communication with your child's teacher will be via SeeSaw; please remember that you can also phone or email us too.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations to Mrs Stafford who was successful at competitive interview recently. Mrs Stafford joins the Depute Head Teacher Team at KPS. The SMT is now as follows:

Position	Staff	Work Pattern	Email
Interim Head Teacher	Mrs Karen MacKechnie	Mon-Fri	karen.mackechnie@renfrewshire.school Whole school responsibility
Depute Head Teacher	Mrs Alison Coyle	Tues-Fri	alison.coyle@renfrewshire.school P4-7
Depute Head Teacher	Mrs Emma Wallace	Mon-Thurs	emma.wallace@renfrewshire.school P1-3
Depute Head Teacher	Mrs Gillian Stafford	Mon-Fri	gw10fultongillian@glow.sch.uk Wellbeing, Curriculum, Behaviour
Principal Teacher	Mrs Louise Chisolm	Mon-Thurs	gw07obrienlouise@glow.sch.uk Curriculum, Behaviour
Principal Teacher	Miss Gemma Burns	Mon-Fri	gw12burnsgemma3@glow.sch.uk ICT

On behalf of the team here at Kirklandneuk, thank you for your continued patience. Please remember that this unsettled period won't last forever, but in the meantime, we have a fantastic staff team to help and support you.

With best wishes for the weekend,

K MacKechnie
Interim Head Teacher