



GARROWHILL PRIMARY 2021-22 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parent/Carer,

WELCOME BACK

A very warm welcome back to the new school session. All classes, including our P1s, have settled very well.

Thank you very much for the support shown in having the children so well organised, wearing their school uniform and being ready for the school day.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

All children have the right to a safe route to school and where possible we encourage children to walk and cycle. Sadly, children's safety can often be compromised by driver attitudes to parking in the streets surrounding the school.

If driving to school or nursery, please do not park on the zig zag lines, across the driveways of residents or in a way which may endanger pedestrians.

School staff offer support from 8.45 at the drop off area in the car park to help children alight safely from cars and enter the playground. Under no circumstances should a vehicle be left unattended in the drop off zone as this causes congestion onto Bakewell Road.

It is equally important that the footpath on Maxwell Drive is kept clear prior to 8.50am to allow children to walk unhindered to the school gates. Having to negotiate through a crowd of people can be very intimidating for our children. Thank you for your support in ensuring this has not happened this week.

CHILD PROTECTION: ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

It is the responsibility of all parents to inform the absence line of any absence from school. Failure to alert staff or the absence line that your child cannot attend causes concern for us under our child protection procedures. We must be satisfied that every child is accounted for on every school day. Please report absences before the start of the school day if possible but no later than 9.30am. Absences reported later than this will result in parents being notified by the school that the child is not in class.

Please contact the Pupil Absence Reporting team on 287 0039.

Use the online absence reporting details to report the following absences:

- **Sickness absence:** Please report sickness on the first day. If the absence lasts more than one day, parents/carers are required to call on subsequent days to provide an update. If absence persists contact the school on the 5th day
- **Medical or dental appointments:** Parents and carers should contact the team to report absences for medical or dental appointments for up to one day in the weeks preceding the appointment or on the day in the case of emergency appointments.

Diary Dates

Friday 3rd September
Sponsored Run-A-Thon

Tuesday 7th September
Parent Council - 7pm

September Weekend
Fri 24th - Mon 27th Sept

In-service Day
Friday 8th October

October Week
Mon 11th - Fri 15th (inclusive)

Thursday 11th November
Flu Immunisation

Christmas/New Year
School closes Wednesday 22nd
Dec @ 2.30pm. School re-opens
Wed 5th Jan 2022

Please phone the school directly to report the following absences:

To make sure you receive the right support you require, parents and carers should still contact the school directly to report absences of a sensitive or personal nature, for example:

- **Bereavement and funerals**
- **Serious illness**, for example, an absence which is going to last more than one week
- **Contagious diseases**
- **Exceptional Circumstances**
- **Religious and Parental Holiday Requests**
- **Children's Panel hearings**
- **All other Appointments**

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school has always benefited from parental support in encouraging children to wear our uniform and we appreciate the on-going effort from parents to ensure this continues.

Please remember that our school uniform is white shirt and school tie with grey trousers/skirts, burgundy cardigans/jumpers and dark shoes. Badged items can be ordered using the details for Logoxpres on our website.

We encourage children to wear dark school shoes and all should have a pair of appropriate indoor shoes. On the days your child has PE, children will need a pair of outdoor shoes which they feel comfortable exercising in.

Plain white t-shirts/polo shirts **do not form** part of the uniform but can be worn for PE if you wish. All children must have a pair of indoor shoes to change into for the classroom.

As we are now beginning to use the changing areas again (P3 to P7) all children are expected to change into a plain t-shirt and shorts for PE. PE kit bags have been provided to allow children to keep their kit in one place and transport clothes safely between class and the changing area. We are encouraging good hygiene practices, especially in older pupils, and ask that parents ensure a change of clothes for PE is provided. PE times can be found on the school app. **Please name all items of clothing!**

Football colours are not permitted in any Glasgow City Council school.

JEWELLERY

Children are discouraged from wearing jewellery to school as it often causes anxiety when items are lost or damaged.

With regard to PE, the [Physical Education Code of Practice](#) (2.7 General Precautions) states the following:

*'Personal effects (e.g. jewellery, body piercings, items of religious significance, watches, hair slides and belts constitute a hazard and may cause injury if worn whilst participating in Physical Education and **must be removed.**'*

All items of jewellery, including body piercings must therefore be removed for PE. This includes fitbits.

It is not appropriate for children to miss several weeks of lessons due to ear piercings. Earrings must be removed and there are identified staff that can assist in replacing them after the lesson.

ANNUAL SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT

As you know, our school fund supports all children throughout the year by paying for events, activities and experiences that are not covered by our central allocation of funds.

Each year we ask children to take part in a fund raising event that also promotes physical activity and health. This year we are asking you to sponsor your child to take part in a run-a-thon on Friday 3rd of September.

All classes will be challenged to run for 30 minutes and then take part in a range of other physical activity throughout the day. PE kit will be needed on this day. We are also hoping that Shettleston Harriers will be able to help us on the day.

Sponsor forms and details will be issued in a separate letter.

WEBSITE, TWITTER and SCHOOL APP

Our school website is updated regularly with information on events, holiday information and important dates as well as links to other documents you may need such as clothing grants etc. News, school events and diary dates are posted on our website and via our twitter account so please make sure you follow this.

The Garrowhill Primary School App has been in use for four years now. This is our main means of communicating news and events to parents/carers.

Please ensure you download this free app to your phone by selecting the Scot Ed App and Garrowhill Primary School. Through this you will receive notifications, letters and news relevant to your child's class. You will also be able to keep up to date with many other aspects of school life at the tap of a finger.

The only paper school bag communications to be issued will be those requiring a parental signature, such as the annual data check, consent forms or information from Glasgow Health and external agencies.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Usually our first parents' evening would take place around the month of October. We are awaiting guidance from the Scottish Government and the Local authority as to when parent evenings can take place safely again. We will update you as soon as we have this information. In the meantime, please continue to use your child's seesaw account for up to date examples of their work.

SCHOOL MEALS AND CLOTHING GRANTS

Many families may qualify for free school meals and clothing grants and are not yet taking advantage of this option. Application forms can be downloaded from Glasgow's website. You can download the application from the Glasgow City Council website. However, if you were awarded a free school meal last session and your circumstances have not changed, you will automatically be entitled to a free school meal and will not have to complete an application form.

TIMETABLES

Our class timetables for PE can be found ON THE SCHOOL APP

If any timetabling change is necessary due to visiting specialists, an app alert will issued.

INFORMATION UPDATE

It is vital that you help keep our records up to date by informing us **immediately** of any change in address and/or emergency contact details.

Data checks should be returned to the office as soon as possible.

WATER BOTTLES

All children require their own **named** water bottle. As water fonts are not in use due to our risk assessment it may be useful for children to bring two bottles at this time.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES AND SERVICES

Primary 3 pupils will aim to present our Harvest Service in October for parents. This may need to be recorded and sent out via SeeSaw depending on the restrictions at that time. We will send further information about this nearer the time.

Primary 1 and Primary 6 will present our Nativity this year.

Primary 5 will present our Easter service.

FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME 2021

Over the last two years our school has participated very successfully in Glasgow's Flu Immunisation Programme. Consent form packs will be issued to all families in order that children can be given the nasal spray vaccine again this year. Please return your form in the envelope provided by Friday 27th August. Vaccines will be given to all children with consent in place on **Thursday 11th November.**

HOME LEARNING

The first Home learning cycle will be issued on Monday 6th September. In the meantime please encourage your child to read every evening and practise number bonds and table facts. An APP message will be sent this week with further information about the types of activities you can do at home to support learning.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES

Key personnel in school are able to supervise or assist with the administration of prescribed medicines or long term conditions such as epilepsy or diabetes. Parents must visit school to complete appropriate consent paper work for prescribed medicines to be given to children.

Staff will not administer or supervise administration of any over the counter medicines or short term, 3 doses per day prescribed medicines such as antibiotics.

Where a GP has prescribed a four dose per day antibiotic, please arrange an appointment to discuss a temporary care plan.

Children in P2-7 are encouraged to carry their own inhalers. Parents must ensure a current asthma plan has been lodged with the office.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

A full list of school holidays can be found on the GCC website, our school website and the school app.

PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council **helps to create an environment where all parents know that their views matter**. They work on behalf of all parents to discuss educational matters that are of importance to all. Our first meeting will take place on line on the 7th September at 7pm. If you would like to attend, please contact the Chair of the Parent Council Amanda Giraud, using the following e-mail address: garrowhillpc@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,



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ACTING HEAD TEACHER