



# Sacred Heart Primary School

“Aspire Nurture Learn Achieve”



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Dear Parent/Carer

A very warm welcome back to everyone, and an especially big welcome to all our new parents and learners both in Primary 1 and across the school. The term has started very successfully and I'm sure our learners have gone home telling you about some of the fun and engaging lessons they have been doing. Strangely, there appears to be red ribbon and red wool draped across classrooms and corridors... perhaps you could have a chat with your children about what this is all about!

We welcome our new members of staff, most of whom you know about already. Ms Edgar and Ms Hunter have joined us in the Nursery and Mrs Turner has returned after supporting in another setting for part of last session.

Miss Maxwell, Miss Downing and Mrs Rudkin have joined us in the primary school and I am delighted that all new staff have settled in exceptionally well and are already very much part of the Sacred Heart family.

Feedback on the weekly updates last session was very positive, so we intend to continue these this session. Parents have noted that it supports them in the conversations they have at home with their children about school and also keeps them informed of any relevant and important information for the week ahead. As always, we hugely appreciate your feedback on this and welcome any other comments you may have!

We will return to class updates next week once the learners and teachers have got to know each other a bit better.

## School Updates

### **Covid Updates**

Thank you for supporting our school to be a safe place by wearing face coverings at pick up and drop off and by distancing from other households.

Pupils are now permitted to mix with each other in their classrooms and will have more opportunities to participate in group learning activities. Classes are not yet permitted to mix across the school.

Classes can now mix outdoors and no longer have designated areas within the playground

### **Lunches**

We can confirm that P1-4 learners will now have the opportunity to choose their meal at lunchtime. This means that there is no longer a requirement for parents to complete the online survey each week. We thank you for your support during this interim period. The lunch menu will be issued to P1-4 parents for your information. If you wish to opt out of a school lunch on a Friday, please email the school office. This will help us to reduce the amount of waste.

## **Annual Data Returns/Medication**

Many thanks to those of you who have already returned your annual data form and any relevant medical information. If you have not yet returned this information, we encourage you to do so as a matter of urgency.

## **Medication**

If your child requires any medication (including inhalers) while at school, please ensure that you have completed the relevant medication form. These are available from Mrs Howat at the school office.

As per our administration of medication policy, we cannot administer this medication without parental consent. Please also ensure all medication sent to school is in date.

## **PE**

At this time PE changing rooms remain closed and children will not be encouraged to change for PE. **We advise that on the days children have PE, they come to school dressed in sportswear.**

## **Class PE days are as follows:**

**P1/2:** Wednesday

**P2/3:** Tuesday

**P4:** Thursday

**P5:** Tuesday

**P6:** Wednesday

**P7:** Wednesday

## **Nut-Free Snacks**

Due to severe nut allergies at our school, please do not send your child to school with snacks or lunch items containing nuts. This includes, but is not limited to, Kinder Buenos, Nutella, Daim bars and peanut butter. Please note that any snacks with nuts in them will be sent home with the child.

## **Breakfast Club**

We are delighted to inform you that breakfast club will officially recommence on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August following an update from the local authority.

Breakfast club is available to all learners from Nursery to Primary 7 and will be free of charge due to our partnership with the Gregg's Foundation. Toast and cereal will be available. Please note that in order to comply with current restrictions, pupils will be required to sit in their classes.

Breakfast Club opens at 8am and children should enter via the main office door. No pre booking is required. Last entry into breakfast club is 8.35am.



## **Uniform**

It is so lovely to see our learners back in full school uniform. Thank you to parents and carers for all your support with this.

Please be reminded that this consists of:

**P1:** A maroon polo shirt, school jumper, grey trousers/skirt/pinafore, black/white socks and black shoes. A white shirt and tie can be worn if preferred

**P2-6** A white shirt, tie, maroon v-necked jumper/cardigan, grey trousers/skirt/pinafore, black/white socks and black shoes.

**P7:** A white shirt, tie, maroon v-necked jumper/cardigan/leavers' hoody, grey trousers/skirt/pinafore, black/white socks and black shoes.

Please follow the link below to buy items from our school uniform supplier:

<https://sacredheart.imagescotland.com/shop>

Primary 7s are permitted to wear their leavers hoody as their school jumper. Leavers hoodies are also available for purchase at the link above.

Please note that purchasing uniform with the sacred heart crest is completely optional, and you are welcome to purchase plain items without the school crest (at Tesco, Asda etc.) if you would prefer.

### **Flu Vaccinations**

Please note that flu vaccinations will take place for Primary 1 - Primary 7 on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Permission forms will be sent home in the coming weeks. Further information can be found at [www.nhsinform.scot/childflu](http://www.nhsinform.scot/childflu)

I am very much looking forward to what will hopefully be a slightly more 'normal' school year for our learners and am delighted that it has started so positively.

As always, if you have anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A Chidgey". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

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