



# SANDWOOD NEWS



**August 2020**

**Sandwood Primary School 0141-883-8367**  
[www.sandwood-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](http://www.sandwood-pri.glasgow.sch.uk)



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy the summer holidays.

I am delighted to welcome our pupils and school community back to school for the 2020-2021 session.

Although it is a somewhat different start to the session, we look forward to another busy, exciting year at Sandwood Primary.

We have comprehensive risk assessments in place as per Scottish Government and GCC guidance. We appreciate things will be challenging for all, however are hopeful that this will be a short term measure and we can get back to normality as soon as it is safe to do so. Thank you in advance for your understanding, compliance and co-operation with the new measures we have put in place.

Welcome to our families of our new P1 pupils and to our new families with pupils starting across the school. We look forward to involving you in the life of Sandwood Primary School.

Our school is continuing to grow and we have 12 full classes this session with a roll of 323 mainstream pupils and 24 pupils in our LCR.

I would like to also welcome new staff to our school:

Ms McLaren (Class Teacher) P5a

Ms Naeem (Class Teacher) P5b

Ms Murawska

Annual Forms required to update important information for our pupils will be issued on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Please return these forms by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August. We need to ensure that we have the correct contact details for our families and that pupils have the required consent to allow them to participate in trips throughout the year when they recommence. We would like all forms returned as per date noted or before.

As always we welcome input from our families and if you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact me via telephone or email in the first instance.

Kind Regards  
*Fiona Donnelly*  
Head Teacher



## HEALTH & SAFETY



In order to ensure the safety of our pupils we ask all our families to use the **pedestrian gates** for entering and exiting the school grounds. The car park is extremely busy with transport for the Language and Communication Resource and staff vehicles.

Can we also remind parents that the **drop off area in front of the school is for school use only** and is to provide safe access for the transportation of our pupils who attend our Language and Communication Resource.

Gates to the school ground will be locked at 9.15am until 2.45pm. This is to prevent unknown adults being in the school grounds during the school day.

## RAINY DAYS AND OUTDOOR LEARNING

Please ensure your child has warm outdoor clothing i.e. gloves, scarf, hat, waterproof jacket. This will enable Outdoor Learning to take place for our pupils.



## GYM KIT

Presently children are not to bring a gym kit for PE. All physical activity will take place outdoors and we do not have facilities for children to safely change clothes.



## CHANGE OF SHOES

At present we are not asking children to change shoes as they are not utilising the cloakroom areas. I will inform you when there is a change to this.



## TOYS

Pupils must **not** to bring toys to school. We discourage this normally however it is now a rule as per risk assessment of cross contamination from home.



## DINNER SCHOOL

Please see the posts on our school app/website to explain the new payment procedures for P5-P7 children. All children in P1-P4 do not pay for school meals.



## BREAKFAST CLUB 8-9AM

The charge for breakfast is £2 but additional children in the family pay £1 per day. Money will be collected by BACS. Pupils entitled to a free school meal will receive breakfast for free.



Please note if your child is attending our Breakfast Club, they **must** be registered by **8:15am** for health and safety reasons. Children should enter via the front door. Again, we cannot permit parent to accompany their child into the school building.

## ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

A reminder of procedures regarding reporting of absence. Families do not contact the school to inform of absence. **Families are to use the absence reporting line on 0141 287 0039.**



Parents will be contacted by text or phone call if their child is absent and no information has been received. If you do not wish to be contacted via text message, please inform the school office. Text messaging is also very useful when keeping parents informed and up-to-date with school events and activities.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Pupils are encouraged to wear school uniform every day. There may be occasions where pupils are encouraged to dress to support a charity fundraiser or for a sporting event. Families will be notified of this in advance.



Badged items of uniform can be ordered online at [www.borderembroideries.co.uk](http://www.borderembroideries.co.uk) or through our Parent Council Uniform Shop. Uniform is also stocked at the Trutex shop, address below:-

Trutex  
35B Argyle Street Station  
Glasgow  
G2 8AH  
Tel No: 0141 221 4472

## LABELS

Please ensure all your child's belongings are labelled. We always have a huge collection of lost property that we cannot return to owners.



Although as a school we endeavour to assist the children with looking after their belongings, please note it is not the school's responsibility if items go missing.

## HOLIDAYS/ATTENDANCE

A list of this year's holidays and in-service days is included for your information.

Parents are reminded that children should not be removed from school for family holidays outwith the school year, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please notify the school office if you are going on holiday. Please note that this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We are awaiting further advice from GCC regarding booking a school photographer.



## NUT AWARE SCHOOL

We strive to provide a safe learning environment for all our pupils.

We have a growing number of pupils who have allergies to specific foods and due to this we are becoming a **NUT AWARE SCHOOL**. We are asking all members of the school community for their help in minimising the risk to these children by:

- Avoiding giving children nuts or nut products in their packed lunches (Please note that some chocolate spread contains nuts).
- Avoiding giving nuts or nut products or snacks/bars containing nuts for break time snacks.
- Avoiding supplying the school with cakes or food items containing nuts for sales or events.
- Avoiding sending containers such as cereal boxes for Design & Technology / Art lessons into school which may have contained produce made with nuts.



## HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL

I would be grateful if parents could support us by not sending fizzy juice or sweets/sugary snacks for break or lunch; this is in line with Glasgow City Council's policy on 'Better Eating, Better Learning Policy'. Pupils are permitted to drink water as required throughout the day. They should **bring a water bottle** filled each morning. Usually they have the opportunity to refill this at lunchtime from our 'Refresh' water units, however as per H&S guidance presently refilling of water bottles is not permitted.



## PARENTS' NIGHTS / WORKSHOPS

Throughout this year parents normally are afforded the opportunity to meet with staff and their child to discuss learning. Presently such arrangements cannot be organised, however as a staff we are discussing how we can communicate with families in a different way.



## CLOTHING GRANTS/FREE MEAL ENTITLEMENT

Please note the forms are available on the Glasgow website [www.glasgow.gov.uk](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk) if eligible. (\* Please note, filling the forms on line is the quickest method)



The forms should be returned to **Glasgow City Council, Grants Section, PO Box 26816, Glasgow G2 9AF**.

Forms can also be handed in to the Service Desk at 45 John Street, however no forms should be posted to John Street.

All existing applicants have already been sent a declaration form – if there have been no changes in your circumstances from last year, the declaration form should be completed and returned to the address above. If your circumstances have changed (i.e. change of name/address/employment status), you should complete a new application form. Likewise, if you have misplaced your declaration or not received one in the post, a new application form should be completed.

## MOBILE PHONES



Pupil mobile phones must be switched off during the school day. Mobile phones that are not switched off will be kept in the school office. These will be returned at the end of the day. Please note, the school cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage of mobile phones. In addition, pupils must not use their mobile phones to record or take photographs while on school grounds.

## **CLASSES/STAFF FOR THIS SESSION**

### Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Donnelly  
Mrs Wallis  
Mrs Blair  
Mrs McDade  
Mr Wilson



### Teaching Staff & Classes

P1a Miss Hughes  
P1b Mrs Lidstone  
P2 Mr Strain  
P2/3 Miss Gillan  
P3 Mrs Lynne Scott  
P3/4 Miss Cooke  
P4 Miss Grant  
P5a Ms McLaren  
P5b Ms Naeem  
P6 Miss Sturrock  
P7/6 Miss Fisher  
P7 Mrs Leeann Scott  
LCR1 Mrs MacDonald  
LCR2 Miss Connell  
LCR3 Mrs Ramsay  
LCR4 Miss Rennie



Pupil Support LCR – Mrs Risi

Mrs Shennan/Miss Anderson – Literacy Support

Mrs Cameron – Numeracy support

Mrs Beck - NCT

Ms Murawska – EAL and pupil support

Ms Howarth – Upper School support and NCT cover

Miss Young and Mr Wilson will provide Nurture support.

Mrs Devine – P5a and P5b support and NCT

Miss Stewart – P1 support and NCT

Child Development Officer – Mrs Webb

### Support Staff

Mrs Akhtar (LCR)

Mrs Begg

Mr Bendix-Lewis

Miss Duncan

Mrs Hunter

Ms Kuper (LCR)

Ms Owens (LCR)

Ms Paterson

Mr Samuelson (LCR)

Ms Stewart (LCR)

Ms Storey

Mr Gallagher (Janitor)

### Clerical Staff

Mrs Thomson

## **August**

- Tuesday 11 August 2020 (Return date for Teachers))
- Wednesday 12 August 2020 (In-Service Day)
- Thursday 13 August 2020 (Return date for the pupils)

## **September Weekend**

- Friday 25 September 2020
- Monday 28 September 2020

## **October**

- Friday 9 October 2020 (In-Service Day)
- Monday 12 to Friday 16 October 2020 (October Week)

## **December - Christmas and New Year**

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 22 December
- Wednesday 23 December 2020 to Tuesday 5 January 2021 (Christmas holidays)

## **January**

- Schools return on Wednesday 6 January 2021

## **February Mid-term break**

- Monday 8 February 2021
- Tuesday 9 February 2021
- Wednesday 10 February 2021 (In-service day)

## **April - Spring Holiday (Easter)**

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday 1 April 2021
- Good Friday 2 April 2021
- Easter Monday 5 April 2021
- Schools return on Monday 19 April 2021

## **May**

- Monday 3 May 2021 (May Holiday)
- Thursday 6 May 2021 (In-Service day)
- Friday 28 May 2021 and Monday, 31 May 2021 (May Weekend)

## **June**

- Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Thursday 24 June 2021