



SANDWOOD NEWS



August 2021

Sandwood Primary School 0141-883-8367
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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 2021-2022 session and we look forward to another busy, exciting year at Sandwood Primary.

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 classes this session with a roll of 305 mainstream pupils and 25 pupils in our LCR.

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

Ms Brydon (Class Teacher – P2/3)

Ms Turner (Class teacher- LCR)

Miss Robertson (Support for Learning Worker - Mainstream)

Ms McGrath (Support for Learning Worker - LCR)



Ms Howarth and Ms Paterson have transferred from mainstream to our LCR. Ms Howarth will teach our new Islay class in the LCR and Ms Paterson will support pupils in her role as Support for Learning Worker.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs McDade and Mrs Scott following their respective maternity leaves. Additionally, huge congratulations to Mrs McKean (Miss Grant) and Mrs Brierley (Miss Fisher) who both got married during the summer holidays.



Annual Forms required to update important information for our pupils will be issued on Monday 16th August. Please return these forms by Friday 20th 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 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.



GYM KIT

Presently children are not to bring a gym kit for PE. In the interim, all physical activity will continue to take place outdoors and we do not have facilities for children to safely change clothes. Once restrictions change we will inform you when your child should bring a PE kit to school.



CHANGE OF SHOES

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



DINNER SCHOOL

Please look out for communication regarding payments for P5-P7 children (Parent Pay). 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.



TOYS

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



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.

A reminder that our uniform is as follows:

UNIFORM

White Polo Shirt*
(with/without school logo)
Purple Sweatshirt/Cardigan
* (with school logo)
Black jumper/cardigan
Black Trousers or Skirt
White Shirt
School Tie*
Purple/pink summer dress

School Logo

Items are shown without badges on the website but do come with logos.

Ordering / Delivery

Please see ordering/purchase options below. There are slight changes due to Covid Restrictions – see additional comment.

- Online - delivery to home for £4.99 or free for orders over £50
- Online – click and collect - Orders are taken online at www.aspireacademyglasgow.com and can be collected from the store.
- Purchase from shop at
17 Kelvin Avenue, G52 4CT

Website link:

<https://aspireacademyglasgow.com/school/sandwood-primary/>

ITEM	COLOUR	SIZES	PRICE
Polo shirt	White Black Purple		£8.50
Trutex Crew neck sweat shirt	Purple Black		£9
Trutex V neck sweatshirt	Purple Black	3 / 4 5/6 7/8	£10.99
Trutex cardigans	Purple Black	9/10 11 – 12	£11.00
Knitted Slipover	Purple	13	£13.99
Reversible storm dry jacket 400 waterproof kids jacket (reversible)	Purple Black		£20.00
Tartan pinafore	Purple / grey		£18.99
Tartan pleat box skirt	Purple / grey		£11.99
Knitted cardigan	Purple		£14.99
Boys and Girls blazer	Purple Black	24" 26" 28" 30" 32"	£28.99
Ties			£4.00

CLOTHING GRANTS/FREE MEAL ENTITLEMENT

Please note the forms are available on the Glasgow website

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.



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.



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.



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.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

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



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.



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 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.



PARENTS' NIGHTS / WORKSHOPS

Throughout the school year parents normally are afforded the opportunity to meet with staff and their child to discuss learning.

Again, we are awaiting further guidance as to how we will organise this for the current session.



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 - Head Teacher
Mrs Wallis - Depute Head Teacher
Mrs Blair - Principal Teacher (LCR)
Mr Wilson - Principal Teacher
Mrs McDade - Principal Teacher
Mr Strain - Principal Teacher

Teaching Staff & Classes

P1a Miss Hughes
P1b Mrs Lidstone
P2 Mrs Devine
P2/3 Ms Brydon
P3 Mrs Lynne Scott
P4 Mrs Cameron/Mrs Beck
P4/5 Miss Cooke
P5 Mrs McKean
P6a Ms McLaren
P6b Miss Sturrock
P7a Mrs Leeann Scott
P7b Mrs Brierley
Clyde Mrs MacDonald
Islay Ms Howarth
Lomond Miss Rennie
Nevis Mrs Ramsay
Thistle Miss Connell
Pupil Support LCR – Ms Turner
Mrs Shennan/Miss Anderson – Literacy Support
Miss Stewart - NCT & Pupil Support
Mrs Azam - NCT
Miss Young and Mr Wilson - Nurture Support.
Child Development Officer – Mrs Webb

Support Staff

Mrs Akhtar (LCR)
Mrs Begg
Mr Bendix-Lewis
Miss Duncan
Mrs Hunter
Ms Kuper (LCR)
Ms McGrath (LCR)
Ms Paterson (LCR)
Miss Robertson
Mr Samuelson (LCR)
Ms Stewart (LCR)
Ms Storey
Mrs Thomson (Clerical)
Mr Gallagher (Janitor)

Dates for your Diary

August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 12 August 2021 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day) Friday 13 August 2021 (In-Service Day) Monday 16 August 2021 (Return date for the pupils)
September Weekend
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 24 September 2021 Monday 27 September 2021
October
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 8 October 2021 (In-Service Day) Monday 11 to Friday 15 October 2021 (October Week)
December - Christmas and New Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools close at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 22 December 2021 Thursday 23 December 2021 - Tuesday 4 January (Christmas holidays)
January
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools return on Wednesday 5 January 2022
February Mid-term break
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 14 February 2022 Tuesday 15 February 2022 Wednesday 16 February 2022 (In-service day)
April - Spring Holiday (Easter)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday 1 April 2022 Good Friday 15 April 2022 Easter Monday 18 April 2022 Schools return on Tuesday 19 April 2022
May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 2 May 2022 (May Holiday) Thursday 5 May 2022 (In-Service day to coincide with Scottish Local Government Elections) Friday 27 May 2022 and Monday 30 May 2022 (May Weekend)
June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Friday 24 June 2022