

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

This very unusual school year has almost finished. It feels incredibly strange to end the year without coming together for our usual celebrations of achievement. We have had to find creative ways to close the year using our virtual platforms to bring everyone together safely.

**Last day for all pupils: [Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020](#)**

**Pupils return: [Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020](#)**

## What will be different when we return to school in September

### Start of the school day

With so many school days lost already, we are keen to get everyone back as quickly as possible in September. In order to achieve this, we must ask parents and carers to support us in the staggered drop-off and pick-up times outlined below.

**Safety:** We must continue to stagger our start and finish times to reduce the number of parents, carers and children entering and leaving the site at any given time. We will continue to use the two gates as separate entry points and ask everyone to leave site via the staff car park. Parents and carers will not be able to enter the school building. Parents, carers and pupils will be met by staff inside the school gates. Grown-ups will be asked say goodbye leave via the car park. School staff will be on the playground and various doors into school to welcome the children each day. Before entering school, the children will be asked to sanitise their hands.

- **8:45-9:00am**
  - Year 1 & Year 2 pupils enter the school site via the front gate on Grampian Way.
  - Year 5 & Year 6 pupils to enter the school site via the side gate on Glengarry Way.
- **9:00-9:15am**
  - Year 3 & Year 4 pupils enter the school site via the side gate on Glengarry Way.

Our Nursery and Reception children will enter through the front gate but the plan for their transition, including timings, will be sent to parents and carers early next week.

### Class Bubbles

The children will stay together as a class – creating a class bubble – and they will not mix with the other classes during playtime or lunchtime. In order to ensure everyone remains safe during playtimes and lunchtimes, we will need to stagger these times so that everyone is not out together.

Our classrooms will look different to usual in September. In Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6, the classrooms will be organised so that all children face the front of the classroom and the children will sit side by side. The KS2 children

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who have been in school since July have been sitting in this arrangement already so some of them are already familiar with this. In order to help the children prepare for their return in September, we will be sending out some photographs when we have prepared the classrooms.

The Year 1, Year 2, Reception & Nursery environments will have some changes but the children will not be asked to sit side by side in the same way as the older children. Again, we will send some photographs of these classrooms when they are ready.

All children should be in school uniform each day. Each day the children should have a water bottle, book bag, coat (if cold) and hat & suncream (if sunny). When the children are settled into their new classrooms, we will be sending out reading books that the children will need to bring to and from school each day.

## End of the day

As with the start of the day, we will need to stagger how the children are dismissed at the end of the day. Parents and carers will collect their children from the same place they dropped them off at the start of the day. Everyone will leave the school site via the staff car park.

- **3:00-3:15pm**
  - Year 1 & Year 2 to be collected via the front gate on Grampian Way.
  - Year 5 & Year 6 to be collected via the side gate on Glengarry Way
- **3:15-3:30pm**
  - Year 3 & Year 4 pupils to be collected via the side gate on Glengarry Way.

Our Nursery and Reception parents and carers will enter school through the front gate at the end of the children's session. This information will be shared with the Nursery and Reception parents and carers next week.

We hope that everyone has a wonderful summer break, staying fit and well during this time. For families who are moving on to new schools, we wish you all the very best for the future and thank you for all your support during your time with us. We look forward to hearing about your children's ongoing success in their new schools.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Murfin  
Headteacher

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