



# August/September Newsletter

## Welcome Back!

What a whirlwind of a first few weeks at school! A very big 'Welcome Back' to all of our returning Dunard Nursery and School children and a special welcome to our new starts in Nursery. We are delighted to welcome our new Primary 1 children who have all been superstars adjusting to the 'New Normal' along with our new pupils who have joined us from P2-P7. Our new Primary 1 pupils have settled in beautifully and look wonderful in their new uniforms. Please ensure full uniform every day. It was so lovely to see so many happy and excited faces on our first week back. That was just the teachers and parents! What a fabulous start we have all had to our new school year. Thank you for our support from parents/carers as we all adjust to the 'new normal'. Everything is agreed by all staff, to keep our community healthy, safe and well.

## Attendance Newsflash!



### EVERY SECOND COUNTS!

Glasgow Schools' Target is 96%+ Attendance to maximise

### Children's Right to an education.

Children who attend every day, on time, learn every day and do better in school.

### School Pupil Absence Reporting

A pupil's sickness absence must be reported prior to 09:30am on the day of absence, either:

**Online:** <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence>

Parents/Carers or a named contact person can now report their child's absence by using an online form using the above link, and should register with "[myaccount](#)" to access this. **By Telephone: 0141 287 0039**

Please **report your child's absence to the above number, instead of calling the school.** School is updated.

For **Nursery children**, please call 0141 946 2808

## School Holidays 2020 –2021

I have enclosed a copy of 'Dates to Note' via website and schoolbags, to provide you with information about holidays, school times and In Service days 2020-2021. I shall put these on our website also.

## Urgently required!

### Annual Data Checks/School Trips Forms

You should have received a pack of important forms to be completed and returned to the school. These include the Annual Data Check. **It is essential that we hold correct, up to date contact information for each child.** Please check the information we hold and update if necessary. This is particularly important regarding contacts in case of emergencies.

You will also receive a permission form for Trips/Outings. This covers the school to take children on local outings, which you would be notified of. We are always looking for helpers so please volunteer where you can. We urgently require completed letters and forms **by return** to ensure child permissions. We want all children to benefit from exciting outings. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### Flu Immunisation Forms

You should have received Flu immunisation forms this week. Please complete and return to school by return. Thank you.

### Photograph Consent Forms:

Under Data Protection guidance, children must have Photographic Consent forms signed by Parents/Carers to ensure permission to take photographs. Please check your child's schoolbags and return the Photograph Consent form if you wish your child to have their photograph taken by school. I have listed what these will be used for. Please sign as we cannot take photographs without permission.

## Dunard Values

Part of our Recovery Curriculum is working with our children on the agreed Dunard Values which received the highest number of votes from our children, our staff, our parents/carers and our partners. We are currently working on kindness and friendship as our children missed their friends during lockdown and are so excited to play with them again. This helps to build connectedness.

### Kindness

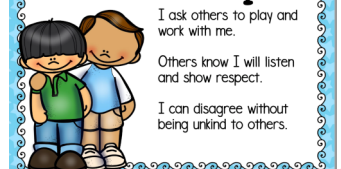


I appreciate and understand that everyone is different.

Others know that I won't tease or bully someone because they are different than me.

I will be kind and work peacefully with others.

### Friendship



I ask others to play and work with me.

Others know I will listen and show respect.

I can disagree without being unkind to others.





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## Parent Questions from Week 1&2

Our school and Nursery staff were delighted to welcome our children back to full time education from Wednesday 12th August. As a school, we worked exceptionally hard during the summer holidays and on the two In Service days to get our school and nursery class ready. We have worked very hard as a staff team on our risk assessment, to ensure that our school and nursery are well prepared for our children's return. I have also created a 'Parent Friendly' copy of our risk assessment to share, which was issued last week, and can be found on our website at [www.dunard-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](http://www.dunard-pri.glasgow.sch.uk) Of course, there will be some teething problems despite extensive planning.

**DROP OFF/PICK UP:** Thank you to all parents/carers who are following our request to drop their child off at the appropriate time and then leave to make way for the next group of children and parents. This was part of the reason for staggered starts/finishes—to avoid congestion in Dunard Street and at the school gates as well as cloakrooms. May we respectfully request that adults outside of the school respect the safety and wellbeing of everyone by maintaining physical distancing. If this cannot be achieved, can all adults ensure the wellbeing of others by considering wearing face coverings, as is recommended when in a public crowded area? Thank you. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

**WATER COOLERS:** The advice from scientists/health and safety is that there is some risk if water bottles are placed under the water cooler tap, as the top of the bottle may have traces of saliva which can transfer onto the tap and then carry to the next bottle. Water coolers are turned off. Advice given initially, was to use cups and so we purchased jugs and ordered eco friendly cups so that all children could access fresh drinking water. The order was 3 days late so cups were purchased to ensure all children had access to fresh drinking water in class. Classes are fully cleaned and sanitised daily and individual (named) water bottles have been given to each child, which are sanitised and filled with fresh mains water daily to drink in class. Milk is also on offer at break, and fresh water and milk are available at lunchtime. Children may bring their own water bottles to school in their bag for breaks/lunchtimes.

**School Bags and Packed Lunch Boxes:** The updated guidance in the week prior to return is that school bags and packed lunch boxes **can** be brought to school—This information was sent to all parents/carers with the updated risk assessment (via Groupcall and on our website.) Again, the guidance states that these should not be put on sanitised desks so the bags and coats are kept in the cloakroom, the packed lunch boxes, in the packed lunch containers.

Everything done above has been agreed by staff, and discussed with our Parent Council Chair, following guidance to ensure that our children, staff and parents are safe and well.

## PE Times

Every year, each class is allocated two PE timeslots to ensure that we comply with the Scottish Government's commitment for every child to experience 2 hours of PE each week. Your child's class teacher will inform you of the PE days for their class in the Class Newsletter. In the meantime, please note the days that your child requires PE kit.



(Outdoor Kit—Jogging bottoms, trainers, T-Shirt ; Indoor Kit—Tshirt/polo shirt, shorts, trainers/plimsolls). Children may come to school in PE kit on PE days under current restrictions, but should wear a school jumper or cardigan over

the top. This helps to keep them warm and also to feel part of our school.

Primary 1a	Monday and Wednesday
Primary 1b	Thursday and Friday
Primary 2 a	Monday and Thursday
Primary 2b	Tuesday and Thursday
Primary 3	Tuesday and Thursday
Primary 4/3	Tuesday and Thursday
Primary 4	Tuesday and Friday
Primary 5a	Monday and Wednesday
Primary 5b	Monday and Wednesday
Primary 6a	Monday and Wednesday
Primary 6b	Thursday and Friday
Primary 7a	Tuesday and Wednesday
Primary 7b	Monday and Friday

Under current Scottish Government Guidance, PE shall take place **outdoors** until further advised. We are checking guidance weekly.

## Learning Outdoors and Playtimes

We have always taken learning outdoors as much as possible, since research shows that this is very good for children's mental health, helps to reduce anxiety and is a highly motivational real life place to learn. (Canal project, Minibeast Hunts, Learning about Life Cycles, trees, birds, Children's Woods, Kelvingrove etc.)

We are setting up our contexts for learning and respectfully request that children come dressed for the weather so that they can play with their friends and learn outdoors where this is appropriate. Obviously this will not take place in extremely inclement weather.

### Severe Weather Before the School Day Starts:

Unfortunately, we cannot bring the whole school in early to the gym hall when the weather is torrential rain etc. as we usually do. We are not allowed to have 360 children in the hall at the one time. Can you please bring your child to school at around the correct start time so that they can be taken straight to class?

