



St Brigid's Primary - Back to school arrangements 5 August 2020



August 2020

In truth and love

Dear parent/carer,

I am delighted to welcome our children and staff back to St Brigid's. In this newsletter, you will find information on the revised arrangements for starting in August in light of the First Minister's announcement that all children will return to school full-time. I will write to you very early in the term about any new practical arrangements which you need to know about as we work to ensure St Brigid's Primary is a safe and purposeful learning environment for our children. We have assessed risk in line with council policy and have put systems and procedures in place which take activities already assessed as low risk and minimise this risk even further. Hand washing will be facilitated throughout the day by teaching and support staff. In addition, staggered breaks will ensure that everyone comes into minimal contact with others who are not in their class. There will also be enhanced cleaning provision and I will give further details of this in due course.

Practical arrangements for August 2020

The school day + School uniform

All children will now attend school full time beginning Wednesday 12 August 2020. The school day will revert back to 9:00am-3:00pm.

School uniform should be worn as normal; please inform the school if you have issues accessing this. School ties can be purchased from the office on the In-service days (10 & 11 August).

Please note that children who were in P4b with Ms Jones will now be in P4 with Mrs McShane and children who were in P5b with Ms Jones will now be in P5 with Mr Cannon.

P1b will be taught by Mrs Din on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and by Mrs Moretti on Thursdays and Fridays.

Primary 1—specific arrangements

All P1 children should start on Wednesday 12 August and follow the times below.

- **Wednesday 12 August** 9:30-2:00
- **Thursday 13 August** 9:30-2:00
- **Friday 14 August** 9:30-2:00
- **Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August** 9:10-2:40
- **From Monday 24 August** 9:00-3:00

Until Friday 21 August, P1 children can be accompanied by one adult in the playground until they become used to staff and staff get to know the children and the adults who collect them. Please ensure that you social distance while in the playground.

First day photo – please write down your e-mail address and hand to Ms Shaw so that we can e-mail the photo that we take of your child at their desk. There will be pens and paper available if you forget.

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Entering the school building/Playground—August 2020

Parents and carer are **not permitted to come into the playground** and each child should be accompanied by 1 parent/carer only (there are special circumstances for P1 parents and carers for the first few weeks). Your child enters the playground from the allocated gate no earlier than 8:50am and there will be a member of the management team in each playground. Once your child has entered the playground, we ask that you make your way home in order to minimise the number of parents/carers gathering at the gates.

P1a/P1b door (Glenmore Ave gate)

P2/P3/2 door (Glenmore Ave gate)

P5/P6a main entrance (Newhouse Rd gate)

P3/P4 library door (girls' toilets) (Prospecthill Rd gate)

P7a/P7b music room door (Newhouse Rd gate)

P5/4/P6b door (boys' toilets) (Prospecthill Rd gate)



Children will line up in classes in designated areas before being brought into school—children will be directed where to go on their first day.

! Important !

If you wish to speak to a member of staff for any reason, you must phone the school—new national protocols mean that we can no longer have a quick chat in the playground. I am hoping this will not last too long.



What to bring to school.....



Children should bring a school bag with their water bottle and lunch if applicable.

Toys from home are not permitted in school for the foreseeable future.

All children will receive their own set of resources - please do not send your child to school with pencil cases or any stationery from home. Thank you for understanding.

Mobile Phones



To keep all children safe, children may not have phones with them in class, around the school or in the playground.

As we cannot guarantee phones will be safe and Glasgow City Council has no insurance for personal items, mobile phones **should not** be brought to school. I am happy to discuss this on the phone.

Breakfast Club / Lunch (Dining Hall) arrangements



You will not have to apply on-line to access the Breakfast club which runs from 8:00am to 9:00am.

Children who are entitled to a free school meal will use the dining hall with social distancing in place. Children who have a packed lunch will eat their lunch in class or outside if the weather is good.

Some free school lunches may be delivered to classrooms in order to ease the amount of pressure on the serving times in the dining hall. We do not want to rush children to finish their lunch. Please note that as with all aspects of our return to school, this and other arrangements are subject to change as we see how the new systems are working. Any changes will be communicated to parents/carers. Glasgow City Council are currently developing a cashless system for the dining hall and more information on this will follow.