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Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher News Update

I hope this letter finds you safe and well, and looking forward to a safe return to school in August. Here is a further update on plans in place to date for our return to school.

Please be advised that all plans are based around *current* Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council advice, and are subject to change as the guidance evolves.

- **School Reports** – These will be issued by email to parents and carers next week along with their child's class details and group allocation for starting in August. Please be aware that pupil progress has been assessed on the learning undertaken until March 2020.
- **Group Allocations** – Your child will be allocated into Group A (Mon and Tue in school) or Group B (Thur and Fri in school). Siblings will attend on the same days, and, where possible, friendship groups have been maintained.
- **Start Date and First Week** – School will be open to pupils on **Wednesday 12th August. Group A** will attend school on this day only and **Group B** will attend on **Thursday 13th and Friday 14th August. This schedule is for this week only!**
- **Normal Schedule for 2 day model** – From week beginning Monday 17th August, Group A will attend on Mon and Tue and Group B: Thur and Fri each week.
- **Start times and finish times each day** – We are currently updating our risk assessment to try and avoid staggered times for classes and stages. We will update you on this in due course.
- **School Lunches** – School lunches will be provided, free of charge to all P1 – 4 pupils, and those in P5 – 7 with a Free Meal Entitlement. Hot meals will still be available for other pupils to purchase (P5 – 7). We are currently working out a system to avoid the need for cash handling between pupils and catering staff.
- **Packed lunches and snacks** – We advise parents to buy a washable packed lunch box for their child to contain packed lunches and snacks and a water bottle. These should be clearly labelled. These should be returned home each day to be sanitised.
- **School uniform** – There is still an expectation that pupils wear school uniform as it gives a sense of belonging and community within our school. Given the current government and LA guidelines we would recommend that pupils wear polo shirts with school sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper on the top half. We would not recommend wearing school ties and shirts as of yet. As we are likely to be increasing the amount of outdoor learning time, it would be appropriate for pupils to wear trousers or jogging bottoms daily along with one pair of robust, slip on/velcro fastening shoes or trainers. We will not require children to bring additional indoor footwear to school in August. Children will participate in PE lessons wearing the clothing they come to school in. No Gym bags will be kept in school. Please provide your child with a suitable waterproof jacket too.
- **School Bags and Stationary** – We would advise, if possible, that children bring very little 'baggage' to school. If you do provide them with stationary, please make sure that this is kept within a pencil case. This will remain within your child's classroom tray in school at all times. It is hoped that all your child will need to bring to school daily is their packed lunch/snack and water bottle. This may be subject to change as we organise our blended learning resources.
- Strict adherence to hand-washing procedures and two metre social distancing will be essential at this stage in our planning. We will contact you if advice and/or procedures change.

I once again thank you for your continued patience, support and understanding.

Yours sincerely
Jo Church
Head teacher

