



Colgrain Primary School & Nursery

'Inspiring all to Flourish'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the September edition of our school Newsletter. We have had a fun and relaxed return to school with the children settling well back into routines quickly.

In this newsletter we will share some updates on our procedures for drop-off and pick up for Nursery and P1-2 classes. Please be sure to read over updates that are related to the stage your child is in.

As parents and children are now familiar with our new procedures, we are looking to minimise the time difference between Nursery times and School times to help families with children in both these stages at pick-up at the end of the day. This is important to update before our lovely Scottish weather begins to worsen.

Last year we had high interest in parents wishing to pay online for school lunches. The office staff will have contacted you to set this up. As we adapt to online payments for lunches we will be in touch regularly with parents on progress and helpful support to do this.

As part of school fund spending this session, we will be operating with a new School Fund Committee which will be made up of school staff and parents. I am now looking for volunteers for this group who can take part in evening Google Meets 3/4 times in the year. If you are interested in this group please email to our Enquiries email address.

The situation around COVID-19 remains as high alert for us all and we all have a responsibility to do our part in keeping the community safe. As we have seen with other areas around Scotland, outbreaks are possible and come with added disruption to people's lives. I would like to take this moment to thank all of you for your careful consideration of the procedures and measures that keep us all safe. The children as always are a real credit to you in their knowledge and understanding of good hygiene and safe distancing. I ask that only one adult drop-off and pick-up children to reduce unnecessary numbers in the playground at any time.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support,

Mrs P Walsh

Head teacher

Nursery & P1-2 Pick Up

To help make pick-up procedures more flexible for families, we would now like to amend the pick-up times for some classes.

Nursery Times: 8.40 – 8.55am drop-off, 2.30 – 2.45pm pick-up

Please note that all nursery children should be in nursery by 8.55am latest and should be picked up 2.45pm latest. P3 class teachers will require access to the infant gates from 3pm for pick-ups.

P1 and P2/1 Times:

Drop-off into the class area from 8.45am until 8.55am (no parents should walk up the steps)

Pick-up from the P1 and P2/1 door from **3.05pm** (Please wait at the bottom of Redgauntlet Road until all P3-7 pupils have walked down and then walk around the school one way system)

P2 Times:

Drop-off into the playground area from 8.40am until 8.55am (no parents should wait in the playground area at any time)

Pick-up from the P2 line up area from **3.05pm** (Please wait at the bottom of Redgauntlet Road



Seesaw - Sharing Pupil Learning at Home

Seesaw has been a vital tool for staff, children and parents during school closures to allow learning to continue remotely. It is important that all pupils have access to Seesaw to ensure we continue to share learning in this way. In the event of any possible whole class isolation scenarios or a requirement for schools to use Blended Learning approaches in the future, we will use Seesaw as the main platform for providing remote learning and keeping connected to families.

As we all relax more into life back in school, we are now able to begin to include some learning tasks to be completed at home via the classroom app. A digital homework task via classroom apps helps to reduce school items from going into your household and has a positive impact on the environment as we reduce paper used across the school.

Please note there are 2 apps in use in Colgrain Primary:

Family App - Announcements for the family

Classroom App - Home learning tasks / class tasks for pupils



STAR Standards are back!

Class teachers will be looking closely for children showing their best STAR standard as they move around the school

S – Sit up (We are ready to learn!)

T – Track the speaker (We are listening to our learning!)

A – Ask and Answer Questions (We are involved in our learning)

R – Respect (Adults and children respect each other!)

Traditional Uniform

As we returned to school, there was a relaxed uniform in place to ease the transition. It has been evident that the majority of pupils returned with traditional uniform and it has been lovely to see this. From Term 2 (return from October holidays) we ask that parents buy traditional uniform when replacing items. Parents will not be expected to replace a current uniform still usable.

P7 Hoodies!

We would like to start a new tradition this year with our current P7 pupils. P7 will be invited to wear a slightly different uniform as part of becoming a senior member of the pupil community.

As you may know, P7 pupils and parents normally buy red hoodies to mark the 'leavers' aspect of the year for them. This year, we would like to invite pupils to buy a **black** hoody with our school logo and their academic year group on the back as part of a uniform they can wear all year long.

If this proves popular, we will be able to offer pupils in P1-6 a chance to buy in a Colgrain Hoody in **red** which can be part of school uniform and will be particularly useful during PE days and for sports events when they begin again.

Hoodies without logos will not be part of our school uniform unless as part of PE kits.

Competition Time!

Our nursery have operated with own clothes for children attending. To coincide with updates to P7 and possible primary uniform we will begin to offer a logo jumper/hoody to our Pre-5 Nursery children.

At present we do not have a special Colgrain ELC badge to start this process. To fix this, P7 pupils will be invited to take part in designing a new badge for exclusive use of Colgrain Nursery.

More information on P7 black school hoodies and our competition will come via Seesaw Announcements!

Online Payments for Nursery and School Lunches

Office staff sent out a unique code for individual pupils last week to ease the payment of school lunches and reduce handling of money within school.

If you would like your child to receive a lunch in school / nursery please use this system for payments. To make processing payments easier, please pay the exact amount for lunches required (e.g. if you require 3 lunches for your child pay £6.60 into the pupils unique code)

Payments for lunch:

Nursery pupils: £2.30 per lunch

Primary pupils: £2.20 per lunch (Changing to £2.30 after October Holidays)

Payments for parents wishing to pay in advance for children (price per child)

STAGE	1 WEEK	2 WEEKS	3 WEEKS	4 WEEKS
NURSERY	£11.50	£23	£34.50	£46
PRIMARY	£11	£22	£33	£44

19th October 2020 onwards:

STAGE	1 WEEK	2 WEEKS	3 WEEKS	4 WEEKS
NURSERY	£11.50	£23	£34.50	£46
PRIMARY	£11.50	£23	£34.50	£46

Unfortunately, we cannot process online payments for milk money. Pupils should still bring 10p per milk carton into school each day for milk if they would like this option.

P1-3 pupils do not pay for school meals as part of the Government school meal funding system in place.

Meet the Management Team!

Mrs Walsh	Headteacher
Mrs Candlish	Depute Headteacher
Mrs MacGillivray	PT for P6 & P7
Mrs Ross	PT for P4 & P5
Mrs Muir	PT for P1, P2 and P3

Important Dates:

Monday 14 th September	PTC Meeting (Google Meet - TBC) Questions for the HT to be sent in advance of meetings.
Tuesday 22 nd September	Flu Immunisation in School
Friday 2 nd October	School Closes @ 3pm for October Holiday
Monday 19 th October	School Reopens

