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# St Ninian's Primary



NEWSLETTER P1 to P3 FEBRUARY 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Welcome Back



Firstly I wish to welcome all our wonderful children in P1-3 and their families back to St Ninian's. Once again we have had a very long time apart and we cannot wait to see you all. We know that it may not be as easy a transition to settle in after such a long break but we have done this before and I once again assure you that the St Ninian's team are fully committed and ready to help support your children to ease back into school life as smoothly as possible. As always the wellbeing of all our children is our central focus as we reopen our doors on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

As we return to school we will implement some updated and revised routines which have been established to fully ensure the safety of all children and staff.

Some spaces within the school have been altered to meet health and safety requirements and once again we have revised and updated our risk assessment which we will share with you when it has been evaluated by GCC Health and Safety Team.

## Start & Finish Times



Taking into account Scottish Government advice we will once again stagger the start/finish times to prevent any gathering and overcrowding in the drop off areas of the school as follows:

**School gates open (children can enter playground) at 8.55am**

Classes	P1a & P1b	P2a & P2b	P3a, P3b & Nurture
Start time	9am	9am	9.05am
Finish time	3pm	3pm	3.05pm
Entry/exit	Front gate	Front gate	Front gate

## School Dinners & Breakfast Club

All children P1-P3 are entitled to a free school meal subsidised by the Scottish Government and this service will resume on Monday. Menus will be shared on Twitter @niniapr

There will be no Breakfast Club until further notice as parents were advised by Mrs Maureen McKenna in her previous update letter.

## GroupCall App

A reminder there is an Xpressions App available for all parents/carers which provides updates from the school.



The app is free to download to Apple, IOS and Android devices. Further info can be found at <http://parents.groupcall.com> Please ensure we have your up to date email and mobile details before registering.

## Uniform

Full uniform should be worn;

Navy trousers or skirt/school dress  
Pale blue shirt & tie (preferred option) or Pale blue polo shirt  
Navy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan  
Navy blazer



## Breaks & Lunchtime

Staggered breaks will allow smaller bubbles for children in the playground. Lunch will also be staggered to allow tables to be wiped between sittings and to maintain a distance between classes.

## P.E.

Will take place outdoors as per Scottish Government guidance. Please provide your child with a change of trainers and waterproof jacket on gym days.

## Enhanced Cleaning/Hygiene

We fully believe that enhanced hygiene is the key to minimising the risk of transmission of the virus. The following measures are in place:



- All staff/visitors will sanitise when entering/leaving.
- Corridor windows/classroom doors will be kept open for ventilation.
- An additional cleaner works in school throughout the day providing additional cleaning of classrooms, offices, toilets and surface touch points.

## Masks & Social Distancing



Whilst current government guidance states that children need not adhere to social distancing protocols or wear a face covering or mask in the school setting it has been advised to encourage young people to maintain distance where possible and discourage any physical contact or hand to hand greetings. If parents so choose children can wear a mask in school. Teachers and staff have to observe distancing of 2m.

It is imperative that we all work together to reduce the risk of infection and keep virus numbers low in the community so that the children in P4-P7 can join us all back together soon.

Sadly due to current circumstances adults other than school staff are not permitted within the building to minimise the risk of infection. If you require any help or assistance please contact the school office on 0141 959 3242 or email [Headteacher@st-ninians-pri.glasgow.scg.uk](mailto:Headteacher@st-ninians-pri.glasgow.scg.uk)

Throughout the coming weeks we will continue to update you on any further Health & Safety guidance we receive. I wish to reassure you that we will look after your children and give them our utmost care and dedication in ensuring they settle back into school by implementing a programme or recovery and reconnection through our whole school nurturing approach.

## Finally

I would like to thank all of you for your support and dedication to your children's remote learning journey. It is far from easy but our staff have worked hard to ensure that by following the work programmes they have provided, your children have still been making valuable progress. When they return we will once again implement a recovery plan to boost their core knowledge and skills also ensuring we target their health and wellbeing to ease them seamlessly back into everyday school life. We did this so successfully between August & December. We can do it again.

If you require any guidance or help please do not hesitate to call or email.

Kind regards,

*Mary McLachlan*

**Mrs M McLachlan**  
**Head Teacher**

