



Parent Information Sheet
Friday 28th August 2020



As school starts up again, we will as ever be looking for children to be **READY TO LEARN, RESPECTFUL AND SAFE**. This year the **SAFETY** element is more important than ever and this will include keeping to the protocols and routines related to Covid safety. Dojo points will start up again as soon as all the children are back week beginning 7th September.

SCHOOL REOPENS AFTER FIVE MONTHS!!!

What a wonderful sight it was this week to see our P7 pupils walk up the path to begin their final year at Glencraig as our Nursery and P1 boys and girls arrived for their very first induction morning at Glencraig.

A lovely juxtaposition to start the year!

(Mmmm a bit like the weather on Monday compared to Tuesday and storm Francis!!)

I had not prepared myself to feel as emotional as I did on Monday morning but after all the planning, preparing and worrying it was just brilliant to see the kids actually arrive safe and sound.

I am so looking forward to seeing the P2 – P6 pupils next week. Our school family is nearly back together again!

Punctuality

A key part of keeping everyone safe and everyone at school is the staggered drop off and staggered pick up each day. For this to work it is really important that everyone is as punctual as possible but stick to your times so that the two drop offs and pick-ups don't merge. Remember: -

Drop Off 1	8.45am	Pick Up 1	1.00pm initially	(Yellow Owls & Green Hawks)
Drop Off 2	9.00am	Pick Up 2	1.00 pm initially	(Blue Eagles & Red Falcons)

From 7th September pick-ups for P2 – P7 will move to normal 2.00/3.00pm (Yellow & Green) or 2.15/3.15pm (Blue & Red)

Drop offs

Unfortunately, you will no longer be able to wait in the school grounds before school. We would ask you to wait in your car until you see three staff members wearing high viz bibs at the drive and path gates.

When you see them the older children can walk to the front gates of the school themselves, the younger children may need to be walked to the gates but always keeping your social distance from any adults or children in other bubbles.

The staff will direct you where to go so that each class is entering school in their "bubble".

The P4, P5, P6 & P7 will be directed in to school through three different entrances the same as before.

The younger children will be directed to their lining up spots in the drive and walked in as before. An adult will be there to walk them in to school.

Afternoon pick ups

As above there will be no waiting on the school grounds before pick up times. Adults please do not gather together for longer than necessary and please keep your social distance. That way we stay well and school stays open.

P1 – P4 will be dismissed from the drive gate. Parents can socially distance along the stone wall side of the drive just before your designated pick up time. The P1 – P3 children will be brought out to their morning spots and released to their parent as soon as we see them.

A one-way system will be in place for P4 – P7 pick up. Please do not congregate on the footpath at the front. **At the pick-up time parents walk up the front path** (keeping your distance from other adults) **so that we can see you**. As soon as your child spots you they will be released: - P7 & P5 from their classroom doors and P6 from the front door. You then exit via the steps on to the pitch. Follow the yellow arrows.

****If you feel that your child is independent enough to walk home or part of the way to meet you by themselves, please contact the class teacher by Dojo to let them know that they will be leaving school unaccompanied. ****

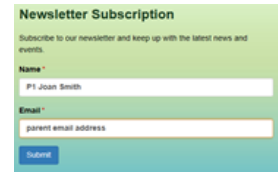


Trainers

In order to minimise items coming back and forth from school and to make it quick and easy to get the children outside when we can, we would be keen for the children to come to school in trainers. I know this is not the normal school uniform or protocol for PE but these are not normal times and it would be really helpful to have footwear appropriate for outside PE already on.

Friday Note

Don't forget that the Friday note does not go home in paper copy. It and all the information within it are readily available on our school website and if you have signed up to receive it by email then you can read it on whatever digital device you use to retrieve your emails. If you would like the Friday Note emailed, simply log on to our website www.glencraigips.co.uk and watch the little video that Mrs McChesney has posted with instructions of what to do. It is pretty straightforward and should only take a couple of minutes.



Keeping everyone well...

In days-gone-by, it was common for pupils to be 'under the weather' but still be well enough for school. Going forwards, parents should err on the side of caution and if they suspect their child may be unwell, ensure they do not send him/her to school. I know how much we all want to get the children back to school and to minimise any risk of either a class bubble closure or a whole school closure. We really need you to support us with this. If your child is presenting as unwell please don't take the risk of sending them in. Better to keep them off for a day or two rather than find they and their classmates are being sent home for 14 days if it turns out that they did indeed test positive for Covid.

In the 'new normal', if any pupil displays concerning symptoms of any viral-type illness during the school day they will be moved to the isolation area. Immediate collection is required. We can no longer employ the, 'leave them for an hour and see how they get on' approach.

Parent Curriculum Meetings

Like so many things in life we are going to have to deliver our normal September curriculum evenings in a very different format this year as we cannot invite parents in to school in large numbers. The teachers are currently planning a series of information videos for each class that will be posted over a number of weeks with all the information you need at the start of the year. In many ways this may prove to be a much better way of delivering the information as you will be able to access it at a time that suits you rather than having to arrange a baby sitter on a particular evening so that you can come in to school. You can return to the video as many times as you like if you need to check the information again and we are going to try and not overload each video so that it isn't quite as intense as the traditional curriculum meeting would have been when we were trying to tell you everything in one go.

The downside is not being able to meet face to face and say hello and build the relationships that are so important when working together. However, I am confident that over time we will find ways to make sure that there is still both communication and connection so that we still feel that we are all part of Team Glencraig!

P7 Parent Reminder

If your child is in P7 and is intending to sit one of the common entrance tests for our local grammar schools, the closing date for applications is Friday 25th September at 4.00pm for AQE CEA assessment or Friday 9th October for the Post Primary Transfer Consortium GL assessment. Application forms are available through the local grammar schools or from the AQE or PPTC websites. Applying for these tests is solely the responsibility of parents.

At this moment in time we are still working towards the following test dates.

AQE:- Saturdays 21st, 28th November and 12th December 2020.

GL:- Saturday 5th December & the supplementary assessment if required on 19th December

Dates to put in your diary...

Monday 31st August

P2 – P7 Phased return week

Monday 7th September

P2 – P7 Back fulltime.

Monday 5th Oct.

SCHOOL CLOSED Staff Development Day

Week beginning 21st Oct

P1-P6 Parent/Teacher Interviews (Format to be decided).

Mon 26th Oct – Fri. 30th (incl)

Half Term Holiday