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Ratho Primary School

Head Teacher Newsletter: 20th August 2021

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

It has been fantastic to welcome the pupils back to school this week… So many happy faces! Well done to all the pupils; it can be overwhelming for many children to return to the school routine and of course adapt to changes for the new session after such a long summer break. I'm pleased to inform that the return has been really positive for all classes and the pupils are especially enjoying the freedom to mix with their peers outside at break and lunchtimes! A special well done to our new Nursery, P1 and new pupils joining at older stages for their first few days at Ratho Primary School!

I hope you all have a restful weekend and I'm looking forward to seeing the pupils enjoy their first full week from Monday!

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

Essential Covid-19 information

Thank you for all your efforts throughout last session in adhering to the public health guidelines. As you will be aware, the guidelines have now changed. If you haven't done so already, please take a few minutes to familiarise yourself with the new advice and how it relates to your family, vaccination status and children of different ages. You can find the details here:

https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/test-and-protect/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-infection

It is essential that you/your child does not attend school if you have any symptoms of COVID-19. If someone in your household has any one of the three main coronavirus symptoms you must still isolate as a household until that person has had a PCR test *and* received the result. What happens thereafter depends on the result and your household situation. We appreciate that these guidelines are a little more complex to navigate – if you need any help, please contact us to discuss or you can contact the NHS Inform Helpline 0800 22 44 88.

If we have a positive case of COVID-19 in the school, Test and Protect will determine those who are to be identified as 'Close Contacts'. As a school, we will inform parents/carers that there has been a case via a standardised NHS Lothian Health Board letter, but we will not identify the close contacts of the case. If you are contacted by Test and Protect, please follow their guidance. Many thanks for your cooperation and continued good efforts to keep everyone at school safe!

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School times

We intend to change the school staggered times and our use of the school hall for lunches / P.E. as soon as we are able this session. However, they remain as below until further notice. **Please note; P1s begin full days as below and with the A-L / M-Z surname split times from Monday 23rd August.**

Start & Finish times for P3-P7

	Start	Finish	Friday Finish Time
Surname A-L	8.45am	3pm	12.20 pm
Surname M-Z	8.55am	3.15pm	12.35 pm

Start & Finish times for P1 & P2

P1 and P2 classes will receive an additional afternoon break to accommodate an earlier lunchtime- you may wish to provide an extra snack for Monday- Thursday.

	Start	Finish	Friday Finish Time
Surname A-L	8.45am	2.40pm	12.00pm
Surname M-Z	8.55am	2.50pm	12.15 pm

P.E. days for all classes

Children are encouraged to wear school uniform. However, we will continue with outdoor P.E. in the first instance and therefore children should come dressed appropriately for outdoor P.E. on their classes P.E. days. Children do not need a change of footwear/indoor shoes. We will update you when we are back to using the hall for indoor P.E.

Class	P.E. days
P1	Tuesday & Thursday
P1/2	Tuesday & Thursday
P2	Wednesday & Friday
P3A	Monday & Wednesday
P3B	Wednesday & Friday
P4	Tuesday & Thursday
P4/5	Tuesday & Thursday
P5	Monday & Wednesday
P6	Monday & Thursday
P6/7	Monday & Tuesday
P7	Monday & Thursday

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Home Learning

Home Learning will begin on Monday 30th August. We will be continuing to share Home Learning with you via Microsoft TEAMs. Please visit the Home Learning section of our school website to view our Home Learning policy and a parent guide and video for Home Learning via Microsoft TEAMs.

Your child's username and password will not have changed from last session. Each child has been added to a new class TEAM for this session. If anyone needs their child's username and password resent please get in touch via the school office.

Digital Home Learning Club.

Microsoft TEAMs can be accessed via most devices and SMART phones. However, if any of our families are not able to access this then please get in touch and we can discuss the possibility of supporting your children with Home Learning through our Digital Home Learning Club. Places for this are restricted in numbers and Home Learning is much more worthwhile if it can be completed at home.

Dates for session 2021-22

August 2021

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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September 2021

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October 2021

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November 2021

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December 2021

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January 2022

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February 2022

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March 2022

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April 2022

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May 2022

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June 2022

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July 2022

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School Closed/Holidays Teacher In-Service Day (closed for pupils)