



Education Resources
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Our Mission Statement: "Children, staff and parents work together to ensure every child reaches their full potential and leaves with a smile due to the experiences, learning and support they have shared"

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Date: 19 August 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

It was wonderful to see all our children return to school this week. We were very excited to see them.

We have planned a recovery curriculum focusing on 3 main curricular areas - Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing. Each class has started on a novel study and teachers will start to assess individuals' level of attainment over the next few weeks.

We have 14 classes this year.

Room	Stage	Teacher
2	P1	Miss Hutton
3	P1/2/3/4 ASN	Mrs Milligan
6	P1/2	Miss Pinkerton
7	P2/3	Mrs King
4	P3/4 ASN	Mr Ewart
5	P3/4 ASN	Miss Young/ Mrs Jamieson
8	P3/4	Miss Primrose
11	P4	Mrs Davis/ Miss Lelland
10	P4/5/6 ASN	Miss Carle
9	P5	Miss Moffat
14	P6	Mrs Dolan
12	P6/7	Miss Young
13	P6/7 ASN	Mrs Gallagher
15	P7	Miss Shearer

We have put in place measures to help stop the spread of Covid-19 and thank you for your continued support in ensuring that we adhere to government, SLC and NHS guidelines.

I have listed some of the control measures we are undertaking below:

- Staggered start and finish times for children.
- Different exit points from which to leave school grounds.
- Staggered areas to eat lunch with identified tables for groups to sit at.
- No lining up outside the building.

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- Playgrounds set out to ensure children remain with the same group they have been working with in classes.
- Hand sanitising at all entry and exit points and handwashing with soap and water at the end of each activity.
- No P1/P7 buddies currently.
- Children socialising in working groups over the day.
- Restricted movement around the school for pupils and staff.
- Restricted visitors to the school.
- Cleaning stations in class and isotonic spray for toys.
- Enhanced regular cleaning schedule

PE will be outdoors until the guidance is updated so we ask parents to send children to school wearing polo shirt, sweatshirt/jumper on PE day.

We will endeavour to have children outdoors for as many break times as possible and ask if all children could have a warm waterproof jacket every day.

In classes, we are keeping all windows open and thus children may want to have a jumper/sweatshirt on as we move into autumn.

Our Rainbow Room is open Monday - Thursday in the afternoon until the end of August for any child who wants a quiet space, someone to talk to or time away from class.

There are adults in the school playground from 8.45 am onwards. Children who are dropped off before this are not supervised until this time.

Access to our school app, which is funded by our Parent Council, has been updated for session 20-21. Children had a letter in bags on Monday of this week, which included this year's pin code.

We are working with children over the next few weeks to ensure they are all familiar with Google Classroom and will start to put homework on this.

We will also prepare children in case of future school closures by making Google Classroom a familiar activity.

Information Forms - to reduce the risk of contamination, we will not be sending out the usual Annual Data Check and Emergency Contact Forms on paper. Instead, we would ask all parents/carers to advise the school office of any changes to home address, contact telephone numbers, email addresses or child's medical information, either by sending a note or by emailing: office@st-johns-hamilton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk . Please check the school website for holiday dates and other useful information.

Parent Pay - we will shortly be sending out an email giving guidance on how to activate your Parent Pay account. We will send this to all parents whose children have joined the school in August and to anyone who has not yet activated their account.

This has been a busy start to session 20-21 and we are all delighted to see our children fit and healthy.

As advice changes procedures will be adapted to ensure the safety of all in St John's.

Yours faithfully

ALISON HOPE
Head Teacher

