



ROYAL MILE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020

PLEASE ENSURE WE HAVE THE CORRECT CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOU.

If your child becomes unwell in school we will need to contact you immediately.

Absences 0131 556 3347 Option 1. Please let us know why your child is absent and when you think they will return to school.

Please telephone on **0131 556 3347 Option 2** if you have to drop off or collect your child outwith the usual times at school or nursery.

If you have any questions or enquiries you can contact us on **0131 556 3347 Option 2** (leave a message if it is busy) or admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

If you have to come in to school for any reason – please telephone beforehand to make an appointment if possible. When you arrive at the door, ring the buzzer and step back to the yellow line to wait for assistance. We'll come as quickly as we can.

Thank you to everyone for coming to school at the right times and following the new one way system as that helps to maintain social distancing.

Just to clarify as we have made a few changes:

Mornings – Please can families with children in Primary 1 and 2 wait until 8.45am before coming into the playground to drop off.

Nursery Parents can drop off between 9 – 9.15 am at West Gate. Please let staff know if you wish to collect earlier than 3.30/1pm. You should telephone the school office if this changes for any reason.

Pick Up – P6 and 7 are leaving by the gate in Reid's Close. This has been working well and they collect younger siblings from the open area if they walk home alone.

P3 are now leaving by the EAST gate (office) and again that is reducing congestion.

Indoor Shoes and Outdoor Coats

We have seen some pretty extreme weather in the past couple of weeks – and it's Scotland so we need to be ready for four seasons in one day! Please send your child to school with a jumper, waterproof coat and shoes for outdoors! (wee ballet pumps are pretty but let in the wet) Please send indoor shoes (not slippers or clogs) so that we can keep our floors clean and dry. Thank you

KIC Forms These must be returned before we are able to take children out, even in the local area for learning activities. We can lend outdoor kit- wellies, waterproof trousers and coats so the weather is no object!!

Changes in Circumstances

Recent information from NHS Lothian and Jason Leitch, Chief Medical Officer has been shared by email. This is also on our website. It is very important that we have accurate information about your child's absence.

We continue to prepare and develop ways to support families who are self isolating or waiting for test results both at school and authority level. Teachers starting to post homework and learning at home on class blogs from 31st August, but initially they will be supporting pupils in class to find and look at tasks. They will be practising completing them on paper as few people have access to a printer at home. There will also be class news, displays and



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sharing learning on the blog so please make sure you have bookmarked them. Where we supported families with devices we will do so again if still needed.

Upper school pupils will be using TEAMS. Parents and pupils will be asked to sign up to our code of conduct before we can release login and email details. Again teachers will be supporting pupils to access and use TEAMS as a class. They will also look at logging on to Microsoft Office and using email safely. Thank you in advance for supporting your young person to stay safe online.

Should the pattern of attendance change for any reason we will also look at blended learning involving IT and face to face teaching, so we have a contingency plan.

Our staff are also upskilling and working together to share expertise, explore possibilities and look at best practice. At authority level we are receiving support and updated information about resources like Clickview and virtual learning that will help us develop safe and effective learning online.

We have posted information about popular platforms such as TikTok and Instagram on our website IT pages for your support.

Pre Owned Uniform

At present we cannot hold a sale. If you need some uniform please send us an email and we will put together anything we have in a bag for you to try at home. Unsuitable items can be returned in a bag and we will quarantine them for 72 hours. Donations are always welcome and can be handed in at the gate, in a plastic bag.

V.I.Ps

This week our P7 and P6 are canvassing and making speeches as they bid to become House and vice House Captains. In every class there will be voting for reps for the Pupil Council, Art and Eco Committees. As always I am excited to see what new ideas and campaigns they set in motion.

We have just purchased new planters – an idea put forward by our Eco Group and Pupil Council last session. I am looking forward to seeing the fruits of the classes' labours!

Parent Consultations

As last year we will send out a short Interim report in October to let you know about how your child is settling in and their next steps in learning. The children will be sending you their own evaluation and their best work as well. Parent Consultations will be held online and nearer the time we will get in touch with everyone to see how we can work together to make them successful and helpful. It will be a new experience for us all – so please bear with us!

Tissues

It would be great if everyone could bring their own tissues to school in their pocket. It would also be appreciated if you could donate a box to your child's class.

Topics

All the classes are looking at Scotland – near and far, local history and local legends! We are also planning activities for Maths Week Scotland, Black History Month and St Andrew's Day. Please let us know if you have ideas or learning to share on any of these topics.

JASS Junior Award Scotland Scheme <https://www.jassschools.org.uk/>

We are launching this across the school. All of our young people will access the scheme and achieve an award. There are lots of opportunities for them to develop interests and learn new skills along the way. These are all skills for learning and life that will help them fulfil the four capacities of Curriculum for excellence: Responsible Citizens, Confident Individuals, Effective Contributors and Successful Learners. We are inviting the JASS Team to an assembly and I have asked for a short information film for our families as well so watch this space!!



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Please be assured that as always the Royal Mile Team have the best interests of our pupils at heart and aim to provide a positive, supportive and safe learning community as we move forward together.

YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ON Scottish Government website and the City of Edinburgh Website

Take care and stay safe, keep in touch!

Dates for Your Diary

September

Monday 21st - SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSED

Week Beginning 28th – Maths Week Scotland

October

Black History Month – look out for activities and sharing learning on the Blogs

Friday 9th Flu Vaccinations – letters have been sent out

Thursday 15th Scottish International Storytelling Festival – share a wee story

November

Week beginning 9th Friendship Week

Week Beginning 16th Road Safety Week