



# ROYAL MILE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2020



The latest guidance from Scottish Government recommends strongly that all carers and parents should wear a face covering at drop off and pick up, even if they are not entering the school grounds. Adults should also maintain 2m social distancing around school.

You may wish to consider parking a little further away or arranging to meet your child along the Canongate or across the road to avoid crowding. The crossing guard is on duty at the start and finish of the day. Please do not park directly in front of the school gate.

School staff are wearing face coverings within the school workplace, unless in their own classroom with their own class, whenever they are unable to maintain social distancing and whenever they have to work within 1m of a child, for instance to give First aid.

Pupils who wish to wear a face covering are free to do so, but should be aware of how to remove, store and replace it safely.



## Primary 1 Enrolment



IS YOUR CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH BETWEEN  
1ST MARCH 2016 & 28TH FEB 2017?

IF SO, THEY ARE DUE TO START PRIMARY 1 IN AUGUST 2021.

Once you receive your letter in the post, please go online and enrol them for school **by 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020**. You can access information without a letter.

The [P1 Registration webpage](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/p1registration) is now live on [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/p1registration](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/p1registration)

**Please sign up for your catchment school.**

You may choose to make a **non-catchment request** at the same time.

However, you **MUST** also enrol at your catchment school.

## PRIMARY 7 TRANSITION

Letters from City of Edinburgh Council will be sent to families advising which High School your child has been allocated based on your home address. The instructions for making an out of catchment application appear in the letter.

## TUCK SHOP

From MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> November we will be selling Tuck between 9 - 9.15am at the school office. Every item will cost 50p.

We are only stocking individually wrapped items and easy peel fruit.

We have Quaker Oat cereal bars, oatcakes and Fruit Gummies (with gelatine), satsumas and bananas on offer this week.



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We will continue to support Edinburgh Food Initiative as a local social enterprise.

### **Weather and Ventilation**

As the seasons change and we maintain ventilation as part of measures to suppress Covid-19 it is important that the children keep warm. We suggest layers of clothing – long sleeved T-shirts under polo shirts, school jumpers with another fleece on top (preferably school colours), leggings and tights under trousers and dresses would be a good idea.

Children will be going outside as much and as often as possible so they will need shoes suitable for walking and they should bring a jacket with a hood to school. Wellington boots on wet days.

INDOOR SHOES are going to be vital and so please check that your child has these in school.

### **PE**

Although the current guidance allows for some indoor PE, the message is still that if you can get outside, you should. Children can come to school dressed for outdoor PE – joggers, trainers etc.

HOWEVER they should have a school jumper and INDOOR SHOES to wear inside.

PLEASE Check the class blog for which days they are doing PE.

### **ROAD SAFETY**

Please ensure your child is wearing a cycle helmet if they are coming to school on a bike or scooter.

They should also be wearing reflective clothing and being considerate to others on the pavement. If

we are concerned that your child is unsafe we will ask you to come and collect their bike or scooter.

The Junior Road Safety Officers will be sending out information and competitions during Road Safety Week November 16<sup>th</sup> to help keep us all safe on our journey to school and when we are out and about.

### **HOMEWORK**

Homework and information is being issued on CLASS BLOGS. It is essential that you and your child look at the Class Blog as a lot of information is being shared there. In the event that children cannot attend school due to self isolating then this is where their school work will be posted. We will be asking children to complete homework tasks if they repeatedly fail to do these at home during their breaks, sitting outdoors. A lot of our home learning is to consolidate learning or prepare for new topics and is important for your child's progress.

### **EQUALITIES**

We are reviewing our Equalities Policy during Antbullying/ Friendship week and will be asking parents and carers to contribute to our policies and thinking. Look out for activities to do at home so you can help our school with this important issue. Every child in school will have an opportunity to think about what equality means for them and how we treat each other to promote and protect this basic human right.

We will also be looking at online safety and issues such as cyberbullying. Please look out for information and activities on blogs and our web page as this is very important as we all are using so much IT from virtual meetings, facetime and games.

### **Poppies**

Primary 7 have been selling poppies in school from 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Children may bring a small donation.

Thank you to all the families who have sent in poppies and to the Canongate Kirk congregation for their hard work. Look out for our 'river' of poppies outside the school to remember everyone who has served their country and their community in these challenging times as well as those involved in the armed services.

### **PUPIL COUNCIL NEWS**

**Huge shout out to our Pupil Council who raised £147 last week for Children In Need. We'd also like to say thank you to the Parent Council who made up fantastic goodie bags for everyone! Amazing effort everyone!**

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.



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

**Take care and stay safe, keep in touch!**

**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](mailto:admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk) and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.**

**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** –8.35 – 8.45 am Primary 3 – 7 come in WEST GATE

8.45am Primary 1 come in WEST GATE

Language and Communication Pupils enter by WEST GATE

8.50am Primary 2 come in REID'S CLOSE GATE

9 – 9.15 am Nursery Parents can drop off

**Pick Up** – 3 pm Primary 1 leave by WEST GATE

Primary 2 leave by EASTGATE

3.10 – 3.30pm Nursery Parents Collect at agreed times at WEST GATE

3.15pm P6 and 7 leave REID'S CLOSE (collect siblings at West Door)

P4 and 5 leave WEST GATE

P3 leave EAST GATE

**If you have an appointment and need to collect outwith these times.** Please let us know at drop off.

**If you need 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.

**Dates for Your Diary**

**November**

**Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> Friendship Week**

**Week Beginning 16<sup>th</sup> Road Safety Week**

**Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> Read, Write Count Virtual Activities in P2 and P3.**

**Details to follow**

**Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> NSPCC Speak Up, Speak Out Education**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> virtual ST Andrew's Day Celebrations – Stories from Scotland**

**December**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> P4 Virtual Sharing Assembly**



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**SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSED AT NOON TO PUPILS  
TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER**

**SCHOOL AND NURSERY OPEN TO PUPILS 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY at usual times.**