



# Dalsersf News—August 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It is lovely to see everyone back at school after a sunny summer and looking smart in their uniform. It has been a busy few weeks for both staff and pupils and the summer holiday seems a distant memory!

Our 15 new Primary 1 pupils have settled in well and are already impressing staff with their keen attitude to learning. Our returning pupils have also settled back in to their learning and are enjoying the nicer weather at playtimes.

*Mrs N. Thomas*



Check the news section of our app for PE days and kit required

Please ensure that all your child's clothing, shoes and belongings are clearly labelled so that they can be returned in the event they are lost.

## Health and Wellbeing



### No Nuts

Please note that Dalsersf Primary School is a nut free school.

Many products say 'may contain traces of nuts' and these are permitted; however nuts themselves or products which have nuts within them e.g Snickers and Nutella are not allowed.

Thank you for helping to keep all children safe and healthy.

### Drinks

Children are only allowed to drink plain water in class. Water bottles are now kept in school bags but children are given frequent water breaks and they can access them when they are required.

Juice (not fizzy) can be drunk at lunch time if your child brings it. Water is on offer in the dining hall.

### Absences

Please contact the school office if your child is off ill or is attending an appointment. It is imperative that we know each child is safe and well at home. Absences which fall below 90% will result in SLC attendance procedures being followed.

## Drop off/ collection

Can I please ask that face coverings are worn when on school premises which includes the grounds outside of the school gates where many parents stand to collect their child.

### Car Parking/ Drop off

Please do not park in the drop off bays or in areas of the car park that are not spaces.

The drop off area is used by school transport who need to be parked close to the school as they cannot double park.

I understand that our car park is particularly small and as the weather worsens there is a tendency for it to become busier however I would urge you to park and stride if you can.

### School Photographs

At this time we have been asked by SLC to not allow photographers into the school buildings. Hopefully we can organise school photos in the near future.

## School Communication

You may have seen a News posting on our app related to School Communication and Reporting. Here you will find an explanation about our different means of communicating information to parents/carers.

If you do not receive a notification alert when a message or news item is posted then please check your settings on the app itself—this is personal choice.

## Parent Council

For the time being, our Parent Council will meet virtually. The first meeting will be in mid-September in the evening. More information will follow. It would be nice to see some new parents in attendance as well as our regular attendees.





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# Aim High... Always Try!

## School Priorities 2021/2022



Our school improvement priorities are on our school website. Our main priorities are: continuity of learning; promoting the positive health and wellbeing of children, parents/carers and staff; and planning for equity. Time was dedicated to our priorities at the August inservice days with staff discussing and planning around these. Progress on these priorities will be given in future newsletters.

There will be an opportunity for teachers to report to parents on pupil progress in October however, at present this will still not be in the format of face-to-face appointments. As was the case last year, each parent will be given a time window when they will receive a phone call from the class teacher.

## Google Classroom



It is important that pupils do not forget the skills they learned and developed using Google Classroom during the lockdown period. To that end, we have started to use Google Classroom again both in the classroom and possibly for a homework task.

The school website features a Google Classroom section which has some information help sheets if you encounter a problem. There is also a link to demonstration videos from the Digital Support Officer at SLC which may also be of use to parents/ carers. [http://www.dalsers-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/?page\\_id=952](http://www.dalsers-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/?page_id=952)

One common problem is regarding the iOS updates on Apple devices (if you are using the Google Classroom app) then prompting you to log in again. When asked for a child's Google Account email, type in your child's Glow log in up to the @ sign then type **sl.glow.scot** Tick to remember it. After each time you open the app your child's Google Classroom is there automatically.

Every child's glow password has been changed, your child has been issued with their new password which they will need to sign in with at home.

If you do not have access to any digital devices at home then please contact the school office. We currently do not have any devices which we can loan however, it is useful to know who may require one should the chance arise.

Mobile phones/ smart watches are not permitted in school. If your child does bring one to school it should remain in their school bag, switched off, until out of the school gates at 3pm.



There are a number of children who still do not have indoor shoes to change into. Please contact the school office if you are having difficulty providing these for your child and we will try to help you as best we can.

Flu Vaccination date - 5th November. Please return your child's permission (brown envelope) as soon as possible please.

**HONESTY RESPECT KINDNESS TEAMWORK HARDWORK**