



DANDERHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

20th August 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to welcome you all back to school for the new term and wish everyone a successful and happy term ahead. This is an exciting time. You will be very aware that building works have begun and we are looking ahead to moving to our new school building!

Danderhall is a growing community and we have 13 classes this year, with a number of new staff joining us.

We welcome Mrs Reeves to P6, Miss Cummings to P3A and Mrs Wood who will teach P3B on Mondays and Tuesdays and P3A on a Wednesday. We are also pleased to welcome Mr Cole, who is teaching P2A whilst Mrs Willis continues her maternity leave. Unfortunately, Miss Gill is absent at the moment and P2B is being taught by Mr McMullan. In addition, Mr McIntyre is also joining us. He will be teaching P1A on a Thursday, to allow for Miss Clarke's management time, and will be covering various classes across the week too.

I would also like to let you know that, after getting married in the summer, I have changed my name to Mrs Campbell from Miss Gilhooly.

We are all very excited to see the progress of our new school building. With the great opportunities this is going to offer us, we are aware that we face certain logistical challenges too! There follows some information which we posted on our website last week, just in case you have not had a chance to access that.

Access Update

We are aware that the new building works have limited our entrances to the school. All visitors to the school should enter through the gate at the front of the school which is sign-posted 'School Main Entrance'. They should then follow the new path which leads to the main front door. There, they will buzz the office and will be admitted.

At the end of the day, there is a plan to ensure safe and orderly exit from school. P1 and P2 pupils will be escorted from the building at 3.15pm prompt and will be dismissed to their identified adult by the class teachers. The rest of the school will be escorted from the building by class teachers and lines dismissed in an orderly fashion. Children taking the school bus will be escorted from the building by a Learning Assistant.

Lines Update

The plan for pupils lining up from Monday morning was as follows:

All pupils should enter the school grounds through the main/infant gate. They should line up with their class on the grass, facing the path in the order indicated (see painted labels on the blue hoarding boards).

Break and Lunchtimes

As our school roll has increased and we have two more classes, plus a reduced playground space, we are moving to split breaks. From August 2019, P1-3 pupils will have their break from 10.15 - 10.30am and P4-7 pupils will have their break from 10.30 - 10.45am.

P1-3 will have lunch break from 12.15 - 1.00pm and P4-7 will have lunch break from 12.30 - 1.15pm. Adequate supervision will be provided in the playground. We are seeking opportunities to maximise pupils' outdoor play experiences.

Footwear Update

We are limited to the remaining grass space. This will become very muddy, even on days that are not wet. Therefore, we are asking that pupils come to school in shoes that are suitable for wet/muddy conditions, with a second pair of shoes available for indoor use. These should not be slippers, but may be their gym shoes or their smart school shoes. Please could pupils bring a plastic bag to hang on their peg in which to keep their outdoor shoes during the school day.

Safety Update

Please be assured that the safety of pupils is of paramount importance. Weekly meeting with the Construction Team are taking place and any necessary actions carried out. Extensive plans are already in place to keep pupils safe and ensure that Danderhall Primary School is business as usual!

Kind regards

MRS CAMPBELL

Headteacher