



Weekly Update  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this finds you and your loved ones continuing to stay safe and well. We are delighted to have welcomed our children back to school following such a lovely weekend. The sunshine has definitely been a welcome sight. I hope that you will find the following pieces of information useful as we move towards the end of term.

Joanne Hunter 😊  
Acting Leader of Learning

**COVID Restrictions:**

As we see a gradual easing of Scottish Government restrictions nationally, I would like to remind parents of the current health and safety guidance for our school grounds and building.

**Pupil Pick-up and Drop-off:**

We continue to request that each pupil is accompanied by **only one adult**, when entering the school grounds. We ask all adults keep a **2m distance** from anyone **not in their own household**, and to wear a face covering if able to do so.

We also ask that **P1/2 parents do not arrive earlier** than the designated class drop off and pick up times, as this can cause congestion within the school grounds at the beginning and end of the day.

Primary 2: Drop off 8:45 Pick up 3:15      Primary 1: Drop off 8:50 Pick up 3:20

**Parking and Vehicle Access**

It continues to be the case that there will be **no vehicle access to school grounds except for pupil taxis, blue badge holders and staff**. Parents and carers without the appropriate permits are asked to use the Visitors Car Park and other parking areas outside the school grounds. This is also the case for pupils arriving late for school. An increasing number of parents are driving in to the school grounds once staff have left the gate. Unless you are collecting a child who is unwell, then please park in the Visitors Car Park and walk up. Thank you for your support in implementing this important safety measure.

**Class Bubbles:**

There is no plan to introduce the mixing of class bubbles within school hours. Pupils and staff will continue to work within their own class bubble until the summer break.

## **Sports Days:**

Although current guidance does not permit our Sports Day to go ahead in its usual format, pupils and staff are looking forward to COVID-safe Sports Days across all classes. Thanks to Miss Allum and Mrs Ross for organising this event. Arrangements are as follows:

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Primary 1, Primary 2, Primary 3, Primary 4, Primary 7**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Primary 5, Primary 6, Complex Needs Provision**

We ask that all pupils wear their PE kit to school on those days. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle and hat to take out to events, should the weather be hot, as well as a sweatshirt or hoodie should the weather turn cooler. Oh the joys of the Scottish summer!

Unfortunately COVID restrictions mean that we are unable to welcome parents and carers to spectate this year. However, all classes will post pictures on the school Twitter feed to allow you to share in the excitement and successes of the day.

## **Nursery – Primary 1 Transition Arrangements:**

Our Nursery – Primary 1 pupils are very much enjoying the range of transition activities that have been taking place in our nursery. Rosie, our Mid-Mouse, has proved to be extremely popular and we know that many of you have enjoyed following your child's learning journey over SeeSaw. It has been lovely for pupils and staff to receive all of your positive comments.

Primary 1 Parent Information Booklets, along with a School Handbook and pupil "I Can. . ." booklet will be sent home with your child at the end of this week. They will also be available to view on the school website. I will hopefully be able to share P1 staffing arrangements at this time too.

## **Primary 7 - S1 Transition and End of Year Activities:**

Our Primary 7 pupils have been engaging enthusiastically with the variety of transition activities set on the St David's HS Google Classroom. Many thanks to Mr Paterson for his valuable support in this. Pupils are due to take part in their virtual P7-S1 transition days on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June. A range of activities will be provided remotely, by secondary school staff, for P7 pupil to complete within school. There will also hopefully be the opportunity for "Live Meets" with some High School staff. Activities will be supported, on the day, by Mr Paterson and other St Andrew's staff.

Although COVID restrictions have impacted some of the usual Primary 7 traditions, such as School Camp, Mr Paterson has been working extremely hard to organise a range of special activities to celebrate your child's time at Primary School. Work is already well under way on the P7 End of Year Show. As we are unable to welcome parents and carers, in person, the show will be filmed and sent out to P7 families via a secure link. This will also be the case with P7 Graduation, where pupils will reflect on their time at St Andrew's and receive their P7 Year Books. Hopefully both pieces of footage will provide a special momento for our pupils as they move on to the exciting challenges of secondary school.

Further information will follow in the coming days regarding other special activities.

## **End of Term Activities Primary 2 – Primary 6:**

Like all schools, our usual end of year trips and activities have been impacted by current Scottish Government health and safety guidance. Please be assured that staff are working hard to come up with creative and fun-filled activities to mark the end of the school year. All activities will take place on the school site, and will involve only the pupils in your child's class bubble. Keep watch on Twitter for photos of all the fun and games.

## **Sacramental Celebrations:**

We were delighted to join a number of our Primary 7 and Primary 4 pupils as they celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion last month. All pupils were a credit to our school and their families. Many thanks to Miss Stewart, Mr Paterson, Mrs Green and Mrs Burgess, who supported with your child's preparation, and also to our Parent Council who provided some beautiful cards and gifts on the day.

## **Pupil Reports and Parent/Carer Consultations:**

This year's Pupil Reports are due to be issued to parents and carers on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021. These will follow our usual format and will hopefully provide you with important information about your child's progress as well as informing you of their next steps in learning.

Final Parent/Carer Consultations, for this session, are due to take place week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021. These will, once again, be via telephone appointment. This will be an opportunity for class teachers to review your child's end of year Pupil Report and for parents and carers to ask any questions that they might have. Appointments will be 10 minutes long. Communication regarding call times and other details will be included in the Pupil Report at the end of this week.

We are aware that this is a busy time for many parents and carers so should you prefer **not** to receive a call, then please contact our school office staff, who will pass this information on to your child's teacher. This means that you will **not** receive a phone call.

## **Communication:**

As always, we are keen to keep in regular contact with you, regarding the progress and well-being of your child. Please feel free to contact the school office, either by phone or email, if there is something that you would like to discuss, and a member of staff will be in touch at the earliest opportunity. Thank you.

Thank you 😊