



**Rutherglen High School
Parent Newsletter
August 2021**

Welcome

I hope you had a wonderful summer and were able to take advantage of the beautiful weather.

It has been fantastic to have everyone back in school. The school roll has now increased to 107 and it has been lovely to welcome all our young people back to school. Our new S1 pupils are settling in well and are coping well with life at secondary school.

Mrs McBride (Home School Link) visited most of our new S1 pupils during the summer holidays and will make contact with the families she missed over the next few weeks.

I look forward with working with you over the coming year and if you have any concerns / questions please contact your son/daughter's pastoral care link in the first instance.

Miss Clements – Support Staff Assistant
Mrs Hutton – Support Staff Assistant
Miss McLaughlin – Support Staff Assistant

I look forward to working with them over the coming year.

Covid -19 Health & Safety

Following Scottish Government advice the following health and safety measures will remain in place for the next 6 weeks:

Cleaning and Hygiene

- All cleaning will be carried out in line with COVID-19 guidance
- The school has been cleaned prior to staff and pupils returning
- All staff and pupils will be required to use hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the building
- Pupils (where able) will be asked to clean desks, chairs and equipment after use
- Signs will be displayed around the school to remind pupils to wash / sanitise hands
- Handles and common points of contact will be cleaned throughout the day.

Physical Distancing

- 2 metre distancing will be maintained (where possible) for adult to adult and adult to pupil more.

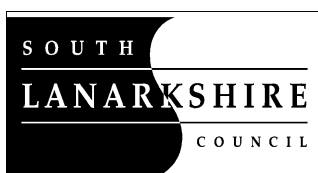
Corridors

- There will be a one-way system in operation to ensure the safe movement of staff and pupils throughout the school
- Wall signage will show the direction of travel

Class	Name	Email Address
1.1 1.2 1.3 2.1 2.2 2.3	Mr Longworth	gw11longworthjamie@glow.sch.uk
3.1 3.2 3.3 4.1 4.2	Mrs Watts	gw07wattskaren@glow.sch.uk
5.1 5.2 6.1 6.2	Mr Williams	gw07williamsguto@glow.sch.uk
6.3	Mrs Johnston Mr Williams	gw07johnstongeraldin@glow.sch.uk gw07williamsguto@glow.sch.uk

Staffing Update

I am delighted to welcome the following staff to Rutherglen High School:



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Classrooms

- Everyone entering or leaving a class will use hand sanitiser or wash their hands at a sink
- To ensure good ventilation windows will be open in classrooms. Your son/daughter may wish to wear a jumper or cardigan to keep warm.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures

- In the event of an emergency, normal evacuation procedures will be followed.

The School Day

- The school day will run as normal
- Interval times will be staggered during period 2
- S1 – S3 will have their interval from 10.25am – 10.40am. They will then return to their period 2 class.
- S4 – S4 will have their interval from 10.40am – 10.55am.

Arrangements for Interval and Lunch

- There will be no tuck shop. Pupils will need to bring their own snack for interval time
Pupils can still bring in packed lunch
- Pupils will still be entitled to a free school lunch. This lunch will be pre-ordered at registration.
- Most pupils in S1-S3 will eat lunch from 12.35pm – 12.55pm in their base class. From 12.55pm – 1.15pm they will have access to the outdoor area. They will be supervised at all times.
- Most pupils in S4-S6 will have access to the outdoor area from 12.35pm – 12.55pm. They will eat

their lunch in their base class from 12.55pm – 1.15pm

- Food cannot be shared with other pupils and birthday cakes etc cannot be sent into the school.

Pupils who feel ill during the school day

- If a pupil feels unwell during the school day or develops a high temperature, new continuous cough, a loss of, or a change in their normal sense of taste or smell they will be isolated in a designated room.
- Supervising staff will wear appropriate PPE – mask, gloves and apron
- The school staff will contact the parent / carer to request that their son/daughter is collected from school.
- Any pupils displaying any symptoms of Covid – 19 should not attend school

Visitors to the school

- At this time, parents/carers will not be able to come into the school for meetings. Any contact should be made by telephone or email
- If a parent / carer is collecting a pupil who has become ill, they will be asked by the office staff to wait in the school reception maintaining 2m social distancing.

PE

- On the days that pupils have PE they should wear suitable PE clothing to school.



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Face Coverings

- All staff and pupils are expected to wear face coverings (unless exempt) within the school building

Lateral Flow Tests

- All staff and pupils are encouraged to take a lateral flow test twice a week. Testing kits are available from the school office

College Placements

College placements are currently being finalised. More information will be sent out in due course. If you would like to discuss any aspect of college placements please contact Mr Williams

Parent Council Meetings

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place on Thursday 2nd September 2021 @ 9.30am

This will be a virtual meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

You can contact the Parent Council by theparentcouncil@glow.sch.uk

School Uniform

Thank you to all parents for supporting the school's and South Lanarkshire Council's policy on school uniform. The pupils look really smart and are a credit to the school. School uniform can still be purchased from the office. It would be really helpful if you could label your son/daughter's uniform.

Nut Free Zone

We have a number of pupils with nut allergies, it would be most helpful if you could ensure that pupils do not bring nuts or products containing nuts into the school. Thank you for your consideration.

Transport

A few parents have contacted the school with concerns regarding transport. We work very closely with SLC transport however if you have any concerns please telephone **0303 123 1023**

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is eligible for pupils who are 16 or over. This award will be paid according to the total taxable household income. Payment is dependent upon attendance, attitude and behaviour.

If your son/ daughter is 16 years of age on or before 30th September 2021, they may be eligible from the beginning of the school term. If they are 16 years of age between 1st October 2021 and 28th February 2022, they may be eligible from January 2022. Please contact Mr Guto Williams if you require any further information.

Spiritual, social, moral and cultural values

Under the terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, parents/ carers have the right to ask for their children to be withdrawn from religious observance and / or religious and moral education. If a pupil is withdrawn the school will make suitable arrangements for the pupil to participate in a worthwhile activity, in consultation with parents.

Parents may also request that their child be permitted to be absent from school in order to celebrate recognised religious events. Advance notice should be given and the absence will be recorded as an authorised absence.

Our school chaplaincy team is:
Alison Kennedy Reachout Trust
Deacon B McMillan St Columbkille's RC Church
Ross Murray Reachout Trust



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Rev J Sanderson United Reformed Church

Communication

All communications from the school can be found on the school website, school app and twitter.

Thank you

Jan Allan
Head Teacher