

**Blackwood Primary and Early Learning & Childcare
Newsletter – September 2020 No.6
Headteacher: Ms C McMillan**



Update Friday 4th September

INSET Days 2020/21- Dates for your diary!

This week we received clarification from South Lanarkshire Council of our in-service days for this year. Pupils do not attend school on in-service days. These are:

- Tuesday 29th September 2020
- Monday 16th November 2020
- Wednesday 10th February 2021
- Thursday 11th May 2021

Preventing the Spread of COVID 19 in school – Keeping Everyone Safe!

There is a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy in place in schools across Scotland at the moment in our recovery phase for children displaying any symptoms of COVID 19.

The **wellbeing of all children, young people and staff** should be the central focus. **There are important actions that everyone can take to prevent the spread of the virus.**

Everyone who:

- **has the symptoms** of coronavirus (COVID-19) - a new persistent cough, fever, or a loss of sense of smell and /or taste – should stay at home and arrange for [coronavirus testing](#);
- **is living with someone who has coronavirus symptoms** should stay at home and follow the [relevant advice](#);
- **has returned (or come) to Scotland** from a country which is not exempt from the UK quarantine rules, should stay at home following the [relevant guidance](#).

If your child/ren have had a Coronavirus Test, please inform the school office of the result.

I appreciate that this may cause child care challenges for you, however we all must be diligent in our duty to prevent the spread of any illnesses at this time.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C McMillan'.

Packed Lunches/Snacks

Please give consideration to what you are sending for packed lunches/snacks

- Grapes should be quartered to avoid choking
- Nutella and any nut based snacks/treats should be avoided



ParentPay – Activation

Following our COVID 19 pandemic, more and more information is being sent out to parents and carers, via ParentPay, which in turn makes it vital that we have your ParentPay Account activated, to facilitate this.

If you have yet to activate your ParentPay Account, please contact the school office for your Activation Codes.

ParentPay – Milk Bookings

We would be grateful if, when paying for milk via ParentPay, that you please remember to book the days you wish your child to have milk. Unfortunately, we have a number of families who have paid for milk, but not booked, and as a consequence, their child / children have not received their carton of milk.

It would also be appreciated, if this could please be done before 9 am on a Monday, as the kitchen requires the numbers then, to ensure that we have adequate supplies to provide the children with milk.

Attached are the instructions on ParentPay Activation and Milk Bookings for your information.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the school office.



Brown Envelopes

Thank you to everyone who has returned their brown envelopes, with the forms duly completed. If you have still to return your forms, please do so by Monday 7th September at the latest. Please remember, some of our forms are double sided, and require a signature on both sides.

Flu Immunisation Forms

If you have not already done so, it would be appreciated if you could please return your child's flu immunisation forms as soon as possible. If you have misplaced this form, please contact the school office.

Parent Council – Wednesday 7th October



Invite to all families to join!

It is the intention of the Parent Council to host a meeting via Microsoft TEAMS on Wednesday 7th October at 7pm. If you are already on the Parent Council email list you will be invited to join this meeting. If you are new to the school or would like to become involved in the Parent Council please send your contact email address and a request to join the mailing list to blackwoodparentcouncil@gmail.com



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