



Strathesk
Primary School

Weekly Mail Drop

19th August 2022

(Our weekly mail drop will continue to be sent out each **Friday** this year)

This week's mail drop includes:

- Information to support attendance and punctuality
- Flu Vaccination permission slip (please see your child's school bag)
- Local Homework Club information
- Drop In information
- Polish School information

A huge welcome back to a new school year. I hope you have all had a lovely summer. The children have settled really well this week and our P1 children have been outstanding! There is a real buzz around the school and it feels brilliant to be a part of it. There will be lots of opportunities this year for you to join us in school and share your child's learning. I will share plans with you shortly but please join us when you can.

It is fantastic to see so many children wearing our full school uniform. We want to promote the return to full uniform this year. It helps identify us and we want everyone to know we are proud to be a part of the Strathesk community. We appreciate your support with this. If you do not have the purple jumper/cardigan, please let the school office, class teacher or Ali Turbitt, our Home School Practitioner, know as we have a number of these in school. 'Sweet Dignity' also has a uniform shop set up in Ladywood Leisure Centre. There is still a good supply of uniform, both new and second hand items. You can access this whenever the centre is open, just drop in and ask at reception.

We are able to begin using the PE changing rooms again this year. Your child's teacher will share class PE and Outdoor Learning days with you. From Monday 29th August children should no longer come to school wearing their PE kit but instead come in their school uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into. Although we do not have a specific PE kit, children should wear a plain t-shirt (and hoodie when the weather becomes colder) and black/dark grey shorts or joggers. No football colours or gaming/TV character clothing, please.

School times are also back to pre-Covid this year meaning we do not require a staggered start extending beyond 9am as we did last year. Gates will open at 8.40 and school will start at 8.50 for all. Children will continue to enter and exit school from their classroom doors and this will be reviewed over the course of the year. I have attached our Attendance and Punctuality policy and proceedings for your information. **Please let the school office know, before school starts, if your child is going to be absent or late.**

Ali Turbitt, our Home School Practitioner, is available to offer advice and support. Please contact her through the school office or join her at our regular Drop In sessions (see attached). She has asked me to share the following information with you:

Your child may be entitled to **free school meals/milk and a clothing grant** if you receive the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, with an income of less than £17,005



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- Both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an income of up to £7,920
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit with a monthly earned income of not more than £660

If anyone would like to find out more about applying for this, please speak to Ali Turbitt our home school practitioner, via the school office. Also if you are **worried about heating your house or paying your bills** please join Ali at **Ladywood Leisure Centre** for the monthly community drop in next **Thursday the 25th August 10-11am** where there are some friendly experts to give **advice** and a **free cuppa!**

Please have a lovely weekend, everyone. Take care and look after yourself and your family.

Pauline Mace