



Health and Safety

Health and safety is a key priority for the school at all times and we are delighted to advise you that the school came through a recent external audit with flying colours recording 100% compliance on all criteria. To quote the assessor

“The positive health and safety culture evident at Jordanhill School is something the School should be justifiable proud of.”

Our thanks go to our bursar Wendy Grant, facilities manager George Hamilton and Refectory manager Geri Aitken. Every member of staff plays a part whether in specialist classrooms such as Science and Technology, planning trips and excursions or their daily vigilance.

Parents and pupils also have an important role in ensuring their safety and that of others around them. This bulletin has a particular focus on H&S issues which are currently to the fore and we would ask that you read and reflect on the information below.

Winter Weather

In the last bulletin we issued a reminder about the guidance in our [Winter Weather](#) leaflet. Please read this and offer appropriate advice to your child(ren) when ground conditions are challenging.

Currently 25% of S1 are absent with a winter vomiting bug. A number of schools in the Glasgow area have been closed. Please follow the advice on keeping it to yourself.

Stay at Home – Keep it to yourself

Scottish Government has advised all schools that young people should not return to school until 48 hours after symptoms of vomiting and diarrhoea have ceased to prevent the spread of infection.

Norovirus (winter vomiting bug) is more prevalent during the winter months. It spreads easily causing vomiting and diarrhoea. Other symptoms include mild fever, headaches, stomach cramps and aching limbs.

To reduce the chances of catching it

- Keep your hands clean
- Avoid raw, unwashed food
- Don't share towels, flannels or toothbrushes
- Keep household surfaces clean

If you catch norovirus - keep it to yourself

- Stay at home and keep your hands clean
- Avoid seeing other people for 48 hours after your symptoms go - especially avoid hospitals, care homes and schools
- Drink plenty of liquid - water is best
- Eat easily digestible food

If you advise us that your child is unwell during the winter months our office staff will ask you about the symptoms and if relevant remind you that children should not return to school until 48 hours after symptoms of vomiting and diarrhoea have stopped. Thank you for your cooperation in this. Further information is available on the NHS website :- [Further information](#)

Jordanhill Park: Vehicle Movements

We understand that for the foreseeable future deliveries to the CALA Homes development will be made via Chamberlain Road and Jordanhill Drive. There will be no lorry movements between 08.30 and 9.05 or from 14.35 to 16.00.

There is however a need for all pedestrians and drivers to exercise care. Our [Campus Movement Plan](#) was designed with the Police and we are consulting the new community liaison officer to see if any amendments are required during the period of these additional vehicle movements. We are also offering guidance to our pupils about moving between the school/home and our games hall on Annesland Road.

Parking Pledge

Our Primary pupils recently launched their [Parking Pledge](#) asking parents to sign up to the code of conduct. The additional vehicle movements on Chamberlain Road make this all the more important. Unfortunately, the selfish behaviour of some drivers is endangering others. The Parking Pledge says



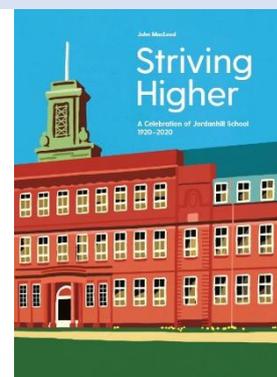
Our family will

- Only drive to school when necessary. At all other times we will travel by foot, bike or scooter.
- Always park sensibly and never on school keep clear zigzag lines, on the traffic calming table/bumps, within 10m of a junction or on double yellow lines. We will not park with our engine idling.
- Always take care and keep within the limits when in the school zone.
- Always take care and look out for other pedestrians and cyclists.
- Always respect other residents in the community by not parking across driveways or on pavements which can cause access problems.

We expect all members of the school community to comply whether or not they have signed the pledge.

Striving Higher: A Celebration of Jordanhill School 1920-2020

Author John MacLeod will be present at the PTA Christmas Fayre to sign copies of his book. The ideal Christmas gift, the book will be on sale at the Fayre and can also be purchased from the office or via the school shop price £25.



To quote just a short snippet from one reader's response

"Many congratulations to the team involved in the writing, research and publication of the centenary history of Jordanhill. John MacLeod's historical sweep is impressive. TS Eliot's image of the 'moment', the present being like a brightly lit underground station, with the tunnel before and after representing the past and the future, was brought to mind by the control shown in the writing."

A full review of the book will appear in the next Journal.

Dates for the Diary

November

20-29 S4 Mock Examinations

Saturday 30 PTA Christmas Fayre

December

Monday 2 Community Tea Party

Thursday 5 Primary Christmas Concert

Monday 9 Secondary Christmas Concert

Tuesday 10 P5 Party; S1-S2 Christmas Ceilidh

Wednesday 11 P2 Party

Thursday 12 Primary Pantomime; S3-S4 Ceilidh

Friday 13 P1 Party

Monday 16 P6 Party

Tuesday 17	P3 Party; P7 Dance
Wednesday 18	P4 Party; S5 Ceilidh
Thursday 19	P1 Nativity; S6 Ceilidh
Friday 20	Christmas Services; School closes 12.00 noon