



Return to school

We are now in our second week of a full return to school for all Primary and Secondary pupils. Although we are still operating under unusual circumstances with on-going restrictions, it is pleasing to see a gradual return of activities that have been sorely missed over the past few months.



This Saturday, for example, marked the beginning of Saturday morning rugby and Primary football. It was great to witness this return, with thanks to our PE staff, coaches, janitors, and parent helpers for working hard to make this happen.



We are fortunate to have a great team of teachers, instructors and support staff who have worked hard to adapt to the on-going restrictions. Our use of outdoor marquees is just one example of the team coming together to allow our pupils to receive live music lessons.

This bulletin gives a brief update on school activities and changes to the school calendar for May and June 2021.

I hope this communication finds you and your family well.

Kind regards,
John Anderson
Rector

Primary Department

We are delighted that all children in Primary have settled back into the rhythms and routines of school life after the Spring holidays. New topics have been introduced and the children are enjoying exploring new knowledge with their teachers and classmates.

Primary 1 Play equipment

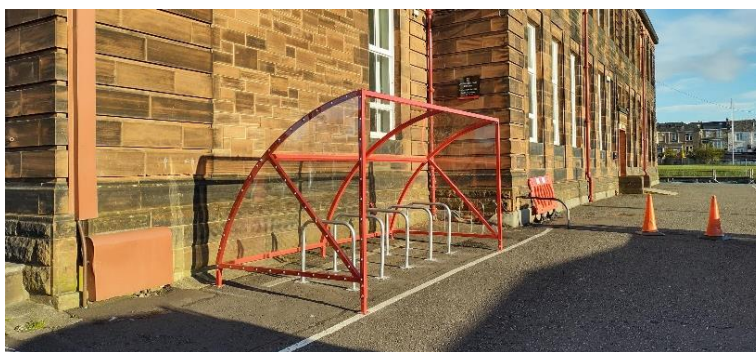
There was plenty of excitement this week in Primary 1 when the new play equipment arrived for P1A, P1B and P1C. We are very grateful for the generous donations from the P.T.A. and the Educational Amenities Trust Fund towards funding these excellent resources.

Primary Food Service

The new changes to food regulations have been introduced to the school and we continue to adapt our menus as we listen to feedback and respond to buying patterns. Thank you to parents who have offered their feedback. Please do look at the refreshed menus on our website [here](#) and be mindful of this period of settling in as we adjust and make minor changes during the early weeks of this term.

Bike Shed

The school has a new bike shed installed and this week we have offered pupils in P6 and P7 the opportunity to store bicycles in the shed. Having monitored its use, we are now keen to extend this access to include children in Primary 4 and Primary 5. Many thanks to the P.T.A. for their generous support towards our new bike shed.



Secondary Department

Pupils have adapted well to the restrictions and wearing of face coverings. Teachers have commented positively on pupils' commitment to learning and are enjoying live face to face teaching. Although we cannot do all the 'normal' events and activities, we continue to adapt our practice to provide a good learning experience for our secondary pupils.

Lateral Flow Testing Device Kits (LFD) for secondary pupils

A reminder that LFD tests are voluntary and should be completed every 3-4 days. All secondary pupils should ensure that they have a LFD kit to allow them to carry-out an at-home test. Test kits can be collected from the South Campus office.

S5/6 Reports and Parents' Evening

We will issue reports on Friday 30 April. A follow-up virtual parents' evening will take place on Thursday 6 May, 6pm-8.30pm.

Senior May assessments

The final assessments for pupils in S4,5 and S6 will take place between Mon 17 May and Friday 4 June. The timetable for these assessments can be found [here](#). Pupils will only attend school on the days/times when they have assessments.

S3 Assessment of Progress week: Monday 10-Friday 14 May

S3 assessments will take place throughout this week. These are designed to help pupils understand the progress they have made in S3, prompt thinking for learning in S4, and will inform teachers of areas for further review and development. Full details and revision guidance can be found on the website [here](#).

May holidays

A reminder that we are closed to pupils on Monday 3rd (holiday), Tuesday 4th (in-service day), Friday 28th (holiday) and Monday 31st May (holiday).

June events

Unfortunately, current guidance prohibits us from having large gatherings or events that could attract spectators, including parents. As a result, we have made the decision to cancel our Prizegiving ceremony and our annual sports day. Both events are important highlights in the Jordanhill School calendar so we will look forward to their return next year.

Prizegiving allows us to celebrate the attainment and efforts of our pupils. Although we cannot hold our usual ceremony, we will work with teachers to gather information to allow us to award prizes. It is likely that prizes will be awarded in late June at small-scale class assemblies or year-group events, subject to whatever restrictions are in place.

The PE and Primary departments are working on competitions and sporting afternoons as alternatives to Saturday sports day. These events will take place during the school day in May. We will write to you with details about sporting events and Prizegiving in due course.