



St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter

August 2020



Welcome back to our 9th year at St. Bernadette's.

A very warm welcome to all of our new pupils and their parents/carers and new staff members.

If there has been any changes to your home or emergency contact details or to your child's medical needs then please contact the office.

General Illness

As per NHS guidance, if your child is displaying sickness or stomach upset, your child **must not** return to school until they are 48 hours clear of symptoms. If your child falls ill during the school day, we will contact you via telephone. Please ensure all contact details are up to date.

Attendance Procedure in Falkirk Council

Please contact the school office on 503400 before 9.15am on the day of your child's absence. If you wish, you can leave a message on the school's answering machine. If your child is absent from school and no letter or telephone call has been received to explain their absence, you will receive a text requesting you contact the school. This system gives you the added peace of mind of knowing that if you have not had a text then your child has arrived safely in school. As this is a centralised system a mobile phone number will display and the message will include the school name and contact number. **Please respond to this promptly.**

COVID-19

We will take immediate action if anyone connected to the school/ELC community develops symptoms of the virus to prevent any outbreaks from spreading. If there is an outbreak at our school or ELC setting, they will contact you as soon as possible.

Schools and nurseries are 'complex settings' under the Health Protection Scotland 'test and protect' approach. This means that schools will be a priority for identifying, testing and supporting the self-isolation of any children or staff suspected of having the virus.

You should also look out for symptoms in your own family.

The most common symptoms are:

1. New continuous cough
2. Fever/high temperature (37.8C or above)
3. Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

If you think that you, your children or a member of your family may have coronavirus you should follow the latest NHS guidance at:

www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19

If you suspect your child has any of the symptoms or if they display symptoms while attending our establishment, they will be required to self-isolate at home, in line NHS guidance, unless they can provide evidence that they have tested negative for COVID-19.

If you suspect your child has any of the symptoms described above, or they present with symptoms in school, then they should remain at home and not attend their ELC or school for 10 days or until they have been tested and can present the certificate confirming a negative COVID-19 result. You should follow the guidance from NHS.

Start of the School Day and End of School Day

Can we please remind Parents/Carers of the following:

Before School

P2 – P7 Parents/Carers will not be permitted into the playground before school starts in the morning. P1 Parents/Carers may accompany their child into the playground, if their child requires them to do so. The playground will be a one-way system. Entry to the playground will be through the single gate at top of playground. (Current entrance).

After School

Parents/Carers of pupils in P4-7 should not enter the playground. Pupils will exit through the double gates at the bottom of the playground, next to the Muga pitch. Please ensure appropriate physical distancing when waiting for your child to leave the playground.

The gate into the playground will be opened at 2.45pm for parents of pupils in P1-3.

- P1 Parents/Carers will collect pupils from area beside roundabout and small play hut. Please ensure appropriate physical distancing.
- P2 Parents/Carers will collect pupils from area beside large hut called 'Woody' in the middle of the playground. Please ensure appropriate physical distancing.
- P3 Parents/Carers will collect from metal fence outside of P3 classroom. Please ensure appropriate physical distancing.

After you have collected your child, please leave the playground and car park promptly.

Please ensure you follow physical distancing while at the school gates.

Car Access to School Car Park

It would be beneficial to limit the number of cars access the car park. If possible, please park elsewhere and walk to drop off and collect your child. **No Parent/Carer should be parking in the Staff Carpark.**

Parents/Carers who hold a Blue Badge will be permitted access to the car park.

If you need to access the school car park, please leave at least one space between each car.

PE Arrangements

Primary 1, 2 and 3 have P.E. on a Tuesdays with Mrs McLeod and Fridays with their Class Teacher. Primary 4, 5, 6, 7M and 7A have PE on Thursdays with Mrs Morrison and on Mondays with their Class Teacher. All PE will be outdoors. Can we please remind parents/carers that children should come to school on their PE days wearing appropriate clothing, such as leggings or jogging suit trouser and a school polo shirt. A change of shoes can be brought in.

Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Mrs Savage is meeting with Father John this week to discuss the delay in the children who were to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion. We shall put information out as soon as we can.

Changes to Lunches

As of Tuesday 8th September there shall be a hot option in the grab bag option for School Lunches. Pupils will have the opportunity to select a hot sandwich/panini on 2 days a week if they wish. The hot grab items shall be eaten in class. IpayImpact shall be updated to show these options.

Lockdown Memories

We are incredibly proud of the levels of creativity and resilience demonstrated by your children during the lockdown period. At St. Bernadette's we believe it is important to celebrate the achievements of our pupils. Therefore, we ask to you e-mail us one photograph of a moment during lockdown that your family is most proud of to stbernadetteslockdownproject@gmail.com. We will use these photographs to create a collage of success that we will display in school. Your e-mails will be accessed by the Senior Leadership Team of the school to ensure digital security/safety measures are adhered to. However, by sending us an email you are consenting to us printing the images to form part of our celebration. Please do not use this email address for anything else.

We really hope that you take part and we are already looking forward to seeing pictures and finding out more about them.

Photographs

Could you please let the school know ASAP if you do **NOT** want your child's photograph on school/class Twitter/Newsletters/School Website.

Please email the school stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk Thank you.

Administration of Medication

If your child required any medication to be administered during the school day (including inhalers for asthma), it is Falkirk Council policy that a standard form is completed by parents/carers. To ensure all our information is up to date this has to be done every school year. If you need a form please contact the school office.

Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme

In Autumn/Winter 2020 flu immunisation will be offered to all primary school aged children in their school. All P1-P7 children have had a letter with further information and consent forms, please ensure these have been returned to school. The date of the Flu Immunisations in school is Friday 27th November 2020.

Mobile Phones

If your child brings their mobile phone to school can we please ask that you reiterate at home, that it must be switched off and in their school bag throughout the school day. If any mobile phone is seen during the day or disrupts the class it shall be confiscated by the Class Teacher and given to the Headteacher who will then contact the parent/carer and arrange for the parent/carer to collect it from school, it will not be given back to the child. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please contact the school office. We would appreciate your support with this matter.

Head Lice

We would encourage you to check your child at regular intervals to prevent the spread of head lice. If your child becomes infected, we would appreciate if you could inform us as soon as possible. All information provided will be strictly confidential.

First 4 Kids Breakfast/Afterschool Club

For further details call 671344 or visit www.first4kids.org
Entrance to First 4Kids is via the Community door at the the rear of the building; parents accessing this service may use the staff car park to drop off /collect children.



Allergies

For the health and safety of all pupils please ensure that your child is not provided with nut products or legumes (foods which are members of the pea family) at school. Some children are bringing products such as Snickers, Lion Bars and Peanut Butter sandwiches, sugar snap peas to school.

We have pupils and staff who are severely allergic to peanuts and legumes. Peanuts or legumes do not have to be eaten by an allergic person to cause an allergic reaction; they can be ingested or contaminate tables, hands etc. Any peanut or legumes products will be returned home in packed lunch boxes unopened.

All Falkirk Council school lunch menus do not have nut products as standard but our school menu will also be altered to remove peas. An alternative vegetable will be offered on these days.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/what-is-anaphylaxis/signs-and-symptoms>

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.



Thanks for remembering
this is a



Peanut/Nut
Free School



School Website

Please check the school website regularly as this will be the main source of information for parents.

The address for this is: <http://stbernadettes.edusite.co.uk/>

Class Twitter

Below is a link to each classes Twitter page. Please check for regular updates.

P1 <https://twitter.com/P1StBernadettes>

P2 <https://twitter.com/p2StBernadettes>

P3 <https://twitter.com/P3stbernadettes>

P4 <https://twitter.com/P4StBernadettes>

P5 <https://twitter.com/misshiqneySTB>

P6 <https://twitter.com/P6StBernadettes>

P7M <https://twitter.com/MrsLCMartin> <https://twitter.com/mrsgallacherSTB>

P7A <https://twitter.com/P7AStBernadett1>

School Twitter <https://twitter.com/stbernadettesps>



Please remember that there is access to funding to help families with financial difficulties. Please contact Mrs Savage, in strictest confidence, for more information

Stay Connected! Please follow us on Twitter @stbernadettesps

Check our website for details of school events and information: <http://stbernadettes.edusite.co.uk/>

Keep up-to-date with Parish News on: <http://www.stbernadette.rcstanded.org.uk/current>

and <https://www.facebook.com/stbernadettelarbert>

Whose Child Is This?

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day
Seeing a little one out to play
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile
"Mine to keep a little while.
To bathe his/her hands and comb his/her hair,
To tell him/her what he/she is to wear,
To prepare him/her that he/she may always be good,
And each day do the things he/she should".

"Whose child is this?" I asked again,
As the door opened and someone came in.
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile.
"Mine, to keep just for a little while.
To teach him/her how to be gentle and kind,
To train and direct his/her little mind,
To help him/her live by every rule,
And get the best he/she can from school."

"Whose child is this?" I asked once more,
Just as the little one entered the door,
"Ours", said the parent and the teacher as they smiled,
And each took the hand on this little child.
"Ours to love and train together.
Ours this blessed task forever."



September weekend Monday 7th September 2020

October holidays – Monday 12th 2020 – Friday 23rd October 2020

Flu Immunisations in school – Friday 27th November 2020

Christmas holidays – Thursday 24th December 2020 – Wednesday 6th January 2021