



**Rutherglen High School  
Parent Newsletter  
September 2020**

### **Welcome**

I am delighted at how well the pupils have settled into the new school term and routines after such a long period out of school. We are all really proud of their positive attitude and how they are coping with the new rules within the school. I am also delighted to welcome 22 new pupils to Rutherglen High School which brings our roll up to 107. I look forward to getting to know our new pupils and their families and welcoming them to our school community.

### **Staffing Update**

I am delighted to welcome the following staff to Rutherglen High School:

Mr Robertson – PE Teacher  
Mrs Buchanan – Support Staff Assistant  
Mrs Pert – Support Staff Assistant

I look forward to working with them over the following year.

### **Administration Information**

Thank you to everyone who has returned the administration forms. If you have not returned the forms (in the Parent Information Booklet) could you do so as soon as possible. The forms which need to be returned are:

- Annual Data Check
- General Consent Form
- Medical Form
- Internet Agreement
- Photographs/Video Form

Please contact the office if you need replacement forms.

### **Parent Council Meetings**

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place on Thursday 10th September 2020 from 9.30am – 10.45am. This will be a virtual meeting. You can contact the Parent Council by [theparentcouncil@glow.sch.uk](mailto:theparentcouncil@glow.sch.uk)  
Dates of Future Meetings:

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 @ 9.30am  
(AGM)

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 @ 9.30am  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 @ 9.30am  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 @ 9.30am  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 @ 9.30am  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 @ 9.30am  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 @ 9.30am  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 @ 9.30am  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 @ 9.30am

### **School Uniform**

Thank you to all parents for supporting the school's and South Lanarkshire Council's policy on school uniform. The pupils look really smart and are a credit to the school. School uniform can still be purchased from the office. It would be really helpful if you could label your son/daughter's uniform.

### **Nut Free Zone**

We have a number of pupils with nut allergies, it would be most helpful if you could ensure that pupils do not bring nuts or products containing nuts into the school. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Transport**

A few parents have contacted the school with concerns regarding transport. We work very closely with SLC transport however if you have any concerns please telephone **0303 123 1023**

### **Parent Helpers/Volunteers**

Unfortunately we are unable to have parent helpers or volunteers in the school. If/ when the situation changes I will contact you.

### **Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is eligible for pupils who are 16 or over. This award will be paid according to the



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total taxable household income. Payment is dependent upon attendance, attitude and behaviour.

If your son/ daughter is 16 years of age on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020, they may be eligible from the beginning of the school term. If they are 16 years of age between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021, they may be eligible from January 2021. Please contact Mr Guto Williams if you require any further information.

### **Spiritual, social, moral and cultural values**

Under the terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, parents/ carers have the right to ask for their children to be withdrawn from religious observance and / or religious and moral education. If a pupil is withdrawn the school will make suitable arrangements for the pupil to participate in a worthwhile activity, in consultation with parents.

Parents may also request that their child be permitted to be absent from school in order to celebrate recognised religious events. Advance notice should be given and the absence will be recorded as an authorised absence.

Our school chaplaincy team is:  
Alison Kennedy Reachout Trust  
Deacon B McMillan St Columbkille's RC Church  
Ross Murray Reachout Trust  
Rev J Sanderson United Reformed Church

### **Home Economics**

At this time pupils will not be able to do any practical work during Home Economics. There is no weekly payment for Home Economics.

### **Face Coverings**

As you are aware face coverings should be worn in communal areas within the school and on school transport (except where a young person is exempt due to underlying

health condition or additional support need).

Staff have been working with pupils regarding the wearing and storing of face coverings and all pupils have been provided with a bag for storage. Re-usable face coverings should be changed and washed daily. A supply of re-usable face coverings are available in the school if required.

### **Birthday Cakes**

Unfortunately at this time you cannot send in birthday cakes as we are not permitted to share food with pupils.

### **Visitors to the school**

At this time, parents/carers will not be able to come into the school for meetings. Any contact should be made by telephone or email

If a parent / carer is collecting a pupil who has become ill, they will be asked by the office staff to wait in the school reception maintaining 2m social distancing.

### **PE**

At this time, PE lessons will take place outside. On the days that pupils have PE they should wear suitable PE clothing to school. Pupils will not be able to borrow PE kit from the school. There will be no changing or showering facilities

### **Resources**

All pupils have been supplied with stationary and a pencil case for their own use within the school. There is no need for pupils to bring in pencils etc from home



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**Contact**

Please contact your pastoral care link if you require any further information.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
1.1 1.2 1/2 2.1 2.2 2.3	<b>Longworth</b>	gw11longworthjamie@glow.sch.uk
3.1 3.2 4.1 4.1	<b>Mrs Watts</b>	gw07wattskaren@glow.sch.uk
5.1 5.2 6.1 6.2	<b>Mr Williams</b>	gw07williamsguto@glow.sch.uk
5.3 6.3	<b>Mrs Johnston</b>	gw07johnstongeraldin@glow.sch.uk

**Communication**

All communications from the school can be found on the school website, school app and twitter.

Thank you

**Jan Allan  
Head Teacher**