



# David Livingstone Memorial Primary School and Nursery Class

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SOUTH  
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COUNCIL

Our Vision *'We aim to provide an inclusive and nurturing environment where everyone can thrive and achieve.'*

Our Values *Respectful Responsible Caring Confident Honest Successful*

***"I am prepared to go anywhere, provided it be forward." (Dr. David Livingstone)***

To all of our children and families,

I hope that you are all safe and well and that you enjoyed the Spring Break. The weather was amazing, if a little cold at times! Still, I hope that you all managed to get out and about and that you enjoyed spending time in the fresh air. Thank you, too, to everyone who has been participating in the Beat The Street game around Hamilton and Blantyre. From a personal point of view, I have discovered so many different areas that I did not know existed! This competition will end on **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April**, so please continue to try to swipe as many boxes as you can to help gain as many points (and prizes) for the school. At the time of writing, we were the top school, so please continue with this great effort, Team DLMPs! Apparently it's now double points for all boxes?

*Linda Callender  
Head Teacher*

## **Covid-19**

Please remember that if your child has any of the coronavirus symptoms listed below, he/she, along with everyone else in the household, including siblings, should isolate straight away. You should book a test for the child with symptoms via [www.nhsinform.scot](http://www.nhsinform.scot), if you cannot get online, by calling 0800 028 2816.

You should only book a test through Test and Protect if you or your child has:

- A new, continuous cough (coughing for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- Fever/high temperature (37.8°C or greater)
- Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste



Children will be sent home from school/nursery if they are showing symptoms of coronavirus. If your child is feeling unwell with different symptoms, you should treat those as you normally would. This may mean that your child will have to be absent from school/nursery for a few days. Please remember that a test should only be arranged if one of the recognised Covid-19 symptoms is present or a contact tracer asks you to.

If your child is asked to self-isolate, everyone in the household should continue to isolate until the test results come through. If the test result for your child is negative, and your child is not already isolating as a 'close contact' of a confirmed case, he/she can end isolation and return to school/nursery when they are well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours. If the test is positive, your symptomatic child should remain in isolation 10 days from when the symptoms started, or longer if they still have a fever. The rest of the household should remain in isolation for 14 days from when the person who tested positive showed symptoms, even if they do not have symptoms themselves. Please also keep us updated on a daily basis regarding any absence and the results of any tests.

**In line with Scottish Government guidelines, all adults (unless exempt) should wear a face covering when they are dropping off or collecting children, even if you are standing at the school gate. Please also respect the 2m social distancing rule between one another and remember to keep a clear pathway for people walking with children at the start and end of the day.**



### **Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club will resume as of **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April**. There is no charge for this and children will be offered the choice of Weetabix/toast/fresh fruit and a cup of water/milk. Children coming to Breakfast Club should enter the school via the main door **between 8.25am and 8.40am**. Unfortunately, we will be unable to accept any children outwith these times. Whilst waiting outside, children (and any adults) are asked to keep a 2m distance from one another.

Each class will be allocated their own table in the dining hall and children will be dismissed into the playground 5 minutes before their staggered start time. Children will be supervised by 2 support assistants and they are expected to show responsible and safe behaviour at all times, following the same rules that apply in our dining hall at lunchtime.

### **Summer Menu**

The school dinner menu will change as of **Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> April** and the cost of a school meal will increase to **£1.95** on this day too. A copy of this new menu will be posted on our school app and on our school website after the Spring Break. It will also be available on South Lanarkshire Council's website. There are quite a number of changes to the food on offer, and the green tray will now always be a vegetarian option. Please take the time to ensure that there is something that your child will eat on the menu if you are wanting them to have a school lunch to avoid disappointment.



### **Transition**

As a school, we are in the process of planning transitions as children prepare to move forward to the next stage in their learning at the end of this term. This includes our Nursery children moving into P1, children moving from stage to stage, as well as our P7s moving on to secondary school. We hope to support the children as best we can, taking their individual needs into account. Further details on this will be forwarded to you as soon as they are ready.

### **Monthly Reading Challenges**

Our P6 class and Miss Smith will be organising another whole school monthly reading challenge for the month of May, so please look out for information about this being posted on your child's Google Classroom. The purpose of these challenges is to promote increased reading for enjoyment since research has shown that if children read more, their own literacy skills tend to improve.



### **Pupil Sickness**

Please remember that if your child has suffered from sickness or diarrhoea, he/she should stay at home for at least 48 hours (2 days) after their symptoms stop to prevent the infection being passed on to anyone else. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

### **Twitter**

The school has a Twitter account and we use it to post information and photos of children from the school. The Twitter address is @dliivies. Please note that this is a one-way communication tool and we will not respond to any comments. Our account is also protected so only people who are accepted as followers will be able to see the tweets. As a result, only followers who can be recognised as having a connection with the school will be accepted.



**Primary  
School  
App**

### **Primary School App**

Remember that we have our own app and we would like to thank our Parent Council for funding this on behalf of the school. To access this app, all you need to do is download the free app called 'Primary School App'. By doing so we will be able to notify you about school events, news and important diary dates. If you have any difficulties downloading this app, please email the school office at [office@davidlivingstone-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@davidlivingstone-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) and we will do our best to help.

## **Financial Support for Families**

South Lanarkshire Council are keen to provide as much support as possible for all our families. Please see the information below on Money Matters should this be of support to you:

*We offer **free, confidential and impartial advice** - we can help check your benefit entitlement, assist with the claims process, challenge decisions and represent you at Social Security appeal tribunals. For debt issues we look at your financial circumstances, contact creditors, discuss options and give budgeting advice. **Contact number: 0303 123 1008.***

*Our Telephone Advice Line offers a similar service specifically aimed at pregnant women and families with young children. **Contact number: 01698 453154.***



### **Scottish Child Payment**

Scottish Child Payment is a new benefit which started on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021. This payment is for families on certain benefits or tax credits. Eligible families will get £40 every 4 weeks for each child under the age of 6 years. To find out more about this payment and other benefits or grants to which you may be entitled, including the Pregnancy and Baby Payment and Early Learning Payment, please access [www.mygov.scot/benefits](http://www.mygov.scot/benefits) or call 0800 182 2222.

### **Sanitary Products**

A wide range of sanitary products are available for our girls should any of them require this during lockdown. Please simply contact the school office and we will make these available for collection.



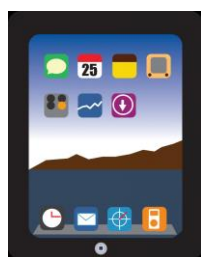
### **Parent Club**

Parent Club is a digital information resource, support hub and online community from the Scottish Government, offering practical advice and support for families across Scotland. The site includes tips and suggestions on a wide range of subjects, including helping parents/carers to keep calm, and coping with distressed behaviour.

To help families manage the challenges, especially during Covid, Parent Club have launched a Positive Parenting campaign. Please visit the following link to find out more:

[www.parentclub.scot/topics/coronavirus/coping-with-parenting](http://www.parentclub.scot/topics/coronavirus/coping-with-parenting)

# Parent Club



### **Family Fund**

We have just recently found out about an organisation called 'Family Fund' which supports families on low incomes who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child up to the age of 17 years old. These grants are available annually and can be used for items such as computers and tablets, sensory toys, family breaks, outdoor play equipment, furniture and kitchen appliances. If you think this may be of interest to you, please visit the following website for more information: [www.familyfund.org.uk](http://www.familyfund.org.uk)

### **Wider Achievements**

Although our weekly assemblies have now moved online, we are still keen to celebrate children's achievements out of school. Should your child achieve something in an activity or club out of school, please encourage them to let us know via their Google Classroom or by sending an email to their class teacher. Thank you.





### Ready Steady Learn Books

Every child has now been issued with a new Ready Steady Learn book for this term. This book shall be sent home at least once per week and you are asked to sign to say that you have seen it. Comments from parents/carers are also welcome. So that we are able to keep you informed about your child's learning and behaviour in school, we would be grateful if you could ensure that your child's Ready Steady Learn book is returned to the school the day after it has been sent home. Thank you.

### Homework

We will be starting to re-issue homework week beginning **Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> April**. This will be posted on your child's Google Classroom if your child is in P3/4 to P7, whilst paper packs will be issued to all of our P1-P3 classes. All homework is designed to reinforce the children's learning done in class, so your support in ensuring that all allocated tasks are completed would be gratefully appreciated.



Google Classroom

If you have any problems accessing Google Classroom from home, please email Miss Lattimer (Acting Depute Head Teacher) and she will do her best to help ([gw07lattimerjennifer@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw07lattimerjennifer@glow.sch.uk)). A helpsheet explaining how to access Google Classroom has also been added to our school website. In addition, we still have a few devices that we are able to loan out to families to support them with learning at home. Please either phone or email Miss Lattimer if this something that you require.

### Stationery and Other Resources

If your child requires any resources to support them with their home learning (e.g. jotters, pencils, etc), please contact the school office and we will arrange for these to be sent home. Thank you.



### ParentPay

We still have a few families who have not registered with ParentPay. This resource is used to pay for school lunches and milk, as well as to collect in any money that is needed in order for your child to be able to participate in school activities since we are no longer expected to handle any cash.

We also use the email addresses stored on ParentPay to send out important communication from the school. This helps us to be more environmentally-friendly since we do not then have to print our paper copies of letters, etc for all our families. In addition, it also saves us a considerable amount of money on paper and postage and means that we can then use this to buy additional resources for the children.

If you have not registered with ParentPay, please could you contact Mrs Cockburn in our school office to find out how to do this as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Correspondence with Teachers

Now that all children are back in school, please could we ask that all emails intended for a class teacher are sent to the office email address ([gw14dlmpsoffice@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14dlmpsoffice@glow.sch.uk)) rather than to class teachers directly. Thank you.



### Parent Council Meeting

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place via Zoom on **Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May** starting at 6.30pm and all parent/carers are welcome to attend. Further details regarding how you can log on to this meeting shall be sent home shortly.

### May Holidays

Please remember that the school will be closed on the following dates in May:

- Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May** = Holiday (school closed to all children and staff)
- Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May** = In-Service Day (school closed to children)
- Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May** = Holiday (school closed to all children and staff)
- Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> May** = Holiday (school closed to all children and staff)

