



— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL



They do say a picture paints a thousand words and in this case this photo does just that. After all these months, it is great to have our children back in school with us. Life has been turned upside down in so many ways for all of us, but seeing the children chatting and playing together makes the new 'normal' seem attainable. To add to the excitement, we welcomed Penelope to Primary 3!

Of course we have had to make changes and adapt in school to ensure our children and staff feel safe and this is ongoing. We have sent out details of these through our Parent App and the school risk assessment is now on the school website. Please contact me if you have not managed to access the App as we will be limiting paper copies from school and mainly be using the App to send out information.

Our main focus over the next few weeks is helping the children's transition back to school life. First and foremost, the return to school should be fun! Our Recovery Curriculum will aim to support them to re-establish relationships and routines, provide positive and fulfilling experiences and the safe and nurturing haven they need.

We do not know what lies ahead and to prepare for future Lockdowns we will be working on children's IT skills, in particular Google Classroom. We also hope to provide parent IT information too!

The Office is sending sent out the usual start of term forms which we require signed and returned ASAP. Our normal school calendar with dates of parents' evenings, parties etc is on hold just now, but we will update you of any information as soon as we have it. As ever if you have queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me

Elma McGregor, Head Teacher

OUR VISION FOR WISTON PRIMARY

AT WISTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, OUR CHILDREN ARE AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO.
WE STRIVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE A CULTURE AND AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH INSPIRES THEM TO BE THE
VERY BEST THEY CAN BE

Please find enclosed following housekeeping forms to be checked, signed and returned ASAP

▪ **Annual Data Check form**

Please check information carefully and ensure there is an alternative local emergency contact to yourself/your partner and return to the school office. **This information is imperative in the event of an emergency closure of the school.**

*******The main contact mobile number given will be used by the school in the event text messages need to be sent out (for example closure of school) – please let the school know as soon as possible if this is not the number you wish for us to use. We will be checking in the next few weeks to confirm that you are receiving everything you should via this method*****.**

▪ **Photography Permission Forms**

Please sign as appropriate and return to the school office.

▪ **Internet Access – Responsible Use Agreement (new pupils only)**

Please sign, discuss with your child/ren and return the duly signed copy to the school office. I have also sent home a copy of SLC's Cyber Bullying leaflet for information.

▪ **Medical Form**

Please use only if you wish medicine to be kept in school and administered by a member of staff. If you require additional forms please let the school office know (or these are available from the website). We can only administer medicine with an accompanying permission form. For anyone with an asthma inhaler we recommend that the child carries their own inhaler (a separate form is required for self-administration; please let the office know if you don't have it already in this pack) and we would recommend in addition that an inhaler is kept in the office.

▪ **Our Annual Calendar**

We do not have an annual calendar to send out at the present time due to Covid-19 restraints on planning. Please note that for the most up to date information at any time, it is advised to check South Lanarkshire's website or the school app and website. (<http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk>).

▪ **Insurance**

As provided by South Lanarkshire Council.

▪ **GDPR**

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) information.

▪ **Parent Pay Activation Information – this will follow for new parents. Existing parents should hopefully all already be set up.**

We aim to be a cashless school .. therefore, the use of ParentPay is strongly encouraged as a means to pay for meals (if necessary) and trips etc via this system. Please note that if your child would like milk this needs to be pre-booked on the Parentpay app for each day you wish to take milk. If you require any additional help with this, please let me know.

▪ **Buses/Transport**

For those on school transport, please could you let us know if there are any changes in regard to home time. For example, if there is a regular activity on a certain day (ie swimming each Monday) or on the day if plans have changed and your child will be collected. Either call the office or email on office@wiston-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk. If we haven't heard of a change to going home from a parent/carer, the pupil will be placed on the bus or whatever is the usual arrangements

