



Uphall Primary and ELC Newsletter

Twitter: @TEAMUphallPS

School Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/uphallprimary/>

August 2021

Uphall learning community uses positive relationships to develop resilience and independence in our learners supporting them to achieve their full potential.

Welcome Back

We were delighted to welcome back our learners last week and they have settled quickly back into the routines. Our primary one children have also settled well into school and have become experts at our school routines. Our ELC children enjoyed the play and learning opportunities over the summer. They have been welcoming some new friends over the last week as our transition gets underway. I want to thank all our families for their support with our return to school and supporting our uniform expectations.

We continue to follow all Scottish government and authority guidance to reduce the spread of COVID 19. With changes to this guidance on the 9th of August, the children have now been able to play with their peers outside at break and lunchtimes. This has been welcomed by all. There is useful information about the return to school on the West Lothian Council website: <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/back-to-school>.

We welcomed two new staff members to the school in August, Miss Mannion and Miss Clark. Miss Mannion is our small group setting teacher and Miss Clark has joined our pupil support worker team. Mrs Borthwick is now working with Mrs Paterson at the main office and will still be the main contact for medication in school. Mrs Hare who is working with P5/4 will also be working with P7 pupils this session as part of the P7 staff team.

School communication

We use various methods to communicate with our parents which include:

- School Glow Blog/Website/Twitter
- Groupcall
- Phonecall
- Newsletter

Please ensure the school office has your current mobile phone number and e-mail address to make sure you don't miss any important communication from school.

Remember if you have a message that is not related to absence please continue to use learning journals (ELC), seesaw (P1-3) school phone or e-mail. We are always happy to help with any question or concern and will aim to get back to you as quickly as we can. **If your message is related to your child not attending school you must contact the school office by phone before 9.10am on the first day of absence to avoid safe arrivals procedures being implemented.**

Parking

We would kindly ask that when dropping off or collecting please be mindful of our neighbours and children's safe access to school. If possible park further away and walk to collect or drop off your child.

Parent Council

Our parent council work closely with the school throughout the session. Check out their facebook page: Uphall Primary Community to keep up to date with events.

Allergies

Due to allergies we ask that children do not bring in any nut based snacks to school including nut based chocolate items.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school by phone or e-mail and we will be happy to help.

Mrs J Bruce (Head Teacher)

Dates for Diary Key Dates for 2021

School Dates

20th September
Holiday

21st September
School closed to pupils

22nd September
School resumes

7th October
Parents Consultations

8th October
School breaks for holiday

11th October – 18th October
Autumn Holiday

19th October
School resumes

22nd December
School breaks for Christmas

22nd December – 5th January
Christmas Holiday

6th January 2022
School resumes

ELC Dates

22nd December – 4th January
Christmas Holiday

5th January 2022
ELC resumes

Please note some dates are
subject to change.