



Education Resources
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Date: September 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I wanted to say thank you to everyone who has tried to support the school with the ongoing traffic issues by parking further away.

There was a review of the situation carried out last week by South Lanarkshire Roads Dept. and the outcome of that review is detailed below

- Temporarily more traffic restriction cones are now in place along the front of the school building.
- Permanent traffic restrictions will be painted along the front of the school building.
- The Crossing Patrol person must stay at the roundabout, as it is not safe to move to another point in the road without causing more congestion or danger.

Please encourage your child to walk, and cross with the Crossing Patrol at all times.

I realise the restrictions with the cones, and eventually the painted lines, will cause an issue with parking. Please try to park further away from the school and consider arranging to meet up with your child at another area, especially if your child is in primary 4 to 7.

The construction companies agreeing not to drive passed the school at the 10 minutes before and 10 minutes after the hour of 9.00am and 3.00pm has helped with this issue.

Now we are in a local Lockdown situation it is even more imperative that we follow Social Distancing rules and stay 2 metres apart, no gatherings and no face-to-face talking, especially with staff at all times to keep everyone safe.

Recently there has been a swamp of adults entering the school from both sides of the gates and from across the road. This is not keeping the school staff safe and we are doing all we can to keep you and your child safe.

To prevent this from happening at home time, please use both sides of the school exit car park gates to line up, regardless of your child's stage, keeping socially distanced. If you choose to wait across the road then you will have to wait until the lines at the gates are clear. Please inform anyone who collects your child about this change. This change will start on Thursday 17th September.

Your child now has 2 sets of homework jotters/ folders to ensure that there is minimal risk of cross

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contamination and to allow work to be returned to school. This will also be useful if we go into a full Lockdown situation, as your child will have the equipment required to complete his / her work. We are currently training the children in using Google Classrooms as we are moving on to Google Classrooms hopefully by the end of this month for homework tasks, further information about this platform will be issued.

Due to the current Scottish Government and South Lanarkshire guidelines, we are unable to hold our Parent/ Carer Reporting Information event. You will receive a Pupil Interim Report before the October holiday. If your child's teacher has any concerns about your child's learning we will contact you directly.

Please try to provide your child with a healthy snack; many of the children are bringing lollipops in to school. These are a danger to them and others when they are running around the playground or field. Please keep them for a snack at home.

Please continue to contact the school via the school email, as the school office is not manned before 9.00am and after 3.00pm. During the day school, the staff can be busy attending to children; if you need to phone please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

If you have any issues, please email the school office on office@st-charles-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk Please make sure you follow our social media sites as this is the main form of communication and if you do not read it on the sites or hear it from us then it is not happening.

School Website: <http://www.st-charles-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/>

School App: Search for **School APP for Parents** in the APP store .

School Twitter: @StCharlesNewton

Facebook Page: St Charles Primary School, Newton

This email and all our social media sites will be checked through the school day between 9.00am and 3.00pm.

Best Wishes

M Harris

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Head Teacher