



Education Resources
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Start and end of school day arrangements

In line with the latest advice from the Scottish Government, from Thursday, 17th February, we will remove the staggered start and end of school day arrangements. This means that all pupils should now move towards their Tutor classes when the 8.38 am warning bell sounds, with Tutor Time commencing at 8.40 am. The school day will finish at 3.35 pm from Monday to Thursday and 12.30 pm on Fridays for all pupils. We would also like to remind all pupils that they must remain within the grounds of the school at intervals.

The latest advice regarding self-isolation can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3oyDNeD> Lateral flow tests are available in the foyer at the start and end of the school day, in the Street area at intervals and lunch-times and from the school office or medical room throughout the school day. Pupils and staff are encouraged to test on Sundays and Wednesdays and to record their results, and to test and record results before attending social events.

Free Bus Travel Scheme for Under 22s

We were delighted to share with you last month that all young people and children aged 5-21 years can apply for a card to access the Young Persons' (Under 22s) Free Bus Travel Scheme.

Children and young people aged 5–21 years old need a new or replacement National Entitlement Card (NEC) or Young Scot National Entitlement Card (Young Scot NEC) before travelling. Previously issued cards will not allow access to the scheme. The [Transport Scotland website](#) provides further information and advice on how to apply for a new card.

School Travel Plan

We are currently updating our School Travel Plan and would like to invite all pupils, parents and staff to help us to determine our key priorities to improve road safety and promote safe and sustainable journeys to school. We would be grateful if all parents/carers could complete the following survey by 28th February: <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=153362743001> Please click on Clydesdale and Secondary/High School and then select Lesmahagow to start the survey. The link for the Pupil survey will be shared in Year Group Google Classrooms.

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Parents' Evenings and Reports

Our second Senior Phase Parents' Meeting takes place on Thursday, 17th February, using School Cloud. Information has been sent to parents/carers. Please contact the School Office or Mr Gray if any help is required regarding making appointments. Our S1 Parents' Meeting takes place on Wednesday, 25th May.

Reports are scheduled to be issued for pupils on the following dates:

- S1 – 9th March and 11th May;
- S2- 25th May;
- S3 – 19th April; and
- Senior Phase – 23rd March.

Parent Council

Thank you to our Parent Council for their continued help with fundraising and grant applications. This term, our pupils have benefited from the purchase of new radio microphones, a sewing machine, cake craft and art materials through a successful bid from Lesmahagow Community Council and the support of the local community at fundraising events. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Our next Parent Council Meetings take place on Tuesday, 22nd February, Wednesday, 23rd March and Monday, 9th May. All parents are welcome to join the Parent Council. Further information can be found at: <https://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/parents/parent-council/>

February Break and school holidays

We hope that pupils, their families and all staff enjoy the February break. The remaining holiday dates for this session are:

February Break – Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th February 2022

In-service day 4 – Wednesday, 16th February 2022

Spring Break – Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 1st April and reopen on Tuesday, 19th April 2022

May Day – Monday, 2nd May 2022

In-service day 5 – Thursday, 5th May 2022

Local Holiday – Friday 27th May 2022

Public Holiday – Thursday, 2nd June

Queen's Jubilee Holiday – Friday, 3rd June

Summer break – School closes at 12.30 pm on Friday, 24th June.

Details of the 2022-23 school holidays can be found at the South Lanarkshire Council website: https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200140/education_and_learning/82/school_holidays/2

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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