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Council**

Children's Services

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to begin by recognising what is a busy and exciting term across our school community. It has been encouraging to see our RENFREW values reflected so clearly in the respectful attitudes and resilience shown by our young people, alongside the dedication of the wider staff team in offering so many opportunities for our young people and preparing our seniors so well for the final exams.

I am also very grateful for the continued support of parents and carers. By working together, we are strengthening a shared culture that supports all our pupils to engage, achieve, and Aim Higher!

Health and Wellbeing

Now we are in the summer term, it is more important than ever that students come to school prepared with a refillable water bottle. Staying well hydrated supports concentration, energy levels, and overall wellbeing, helping everyone to get the most from their learning. Bringing a reusable bottle also promotes sustainability by reducing single use plastics and caring for our environment.

Students are encouraged to refill their bottles at break and lunchtime so that lessons can run smoothly without interruptions. I also remind families that energy drinks and other sugary or caffeinated beverages are not permitted in school, as they can have a negative impact on health and focus. Thank you for supporting us in nurturing healthy habits and a positive learning environment for all.

School Uniform Reminder

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a gentle but important reminder about our expectations around school uniform. Recently, there has been an increase in young people wearing non-school uniform items such as tracksuit tops and hoodies.

Our school uniform plays an important role in promoting a sense of belonging, equality, and pride in our community, and I would ask for the continued support of parents and carers in ensuring that pupils arrive at school dressed appropriately each day. While I appreciate that comfort and personal style are important to young people, these items are not part of our agreed uniform.

It is important to highlight that our uniform was reviewed in recent years in partnership with pupils and the Parent Council. This review took careful account of sensory needs and was designed to make our uniform more inclusive and comfortable for all learners. As part of this process, we introduced options such as polo shirts and quarter zip tops, offering greater flexibility while still maintaining a smart and consistent appearance.

Members of the wider staff team will continue to support and remind pupils of these expectations in a respectful and consistent manner. By working together, we can maintain the high standards that help create a positive and focused learning environment for all. As always, should you require any support in relation to uniform please contact your child's pupil support teacher.

Senior Phase Update

I would like to commend our senior pupils for their positive engagement with the Qualifications Scotland examinations so far. Their commitment, resilience, and mature approach have been excellent to see, and I am very proud, alongside the wider staff team, of how they are representing the school during this important time.



AT RENFREW WE AIM HIGHER!



Looking ahead, the Senior Phase Induction for all S4 and S5 pupils returning for S5 and S6 will take place during the week beginning 1st June. This week is designed to support pupils as they prepare for the next stage of their learning. During the induction, pupils will take part in a range of training opportunities and begin working towards additional awards. All new S5 pupils will undertake the National 5 Mental Health and Wellbeing Award, helping to build awareness, resilience, and positive coping strategies. S6 pupils will begin the Level 6 Leadership Award and will also receive training in Mentors in Violence Prevention, known as MVP. This programme helps young people to develop confidence and leadership skills and supports them to safely challenge negative or harmful behaviours, promoting a culture of respect and inclusion across the school community.

At the end of the induction week, pupils will receive their new timetables, which will begin the following week. I would also highlight that some courses, particularly Advanced Highers and other courses delivered through consortium arrangements with partner schools or colleges, may not begin immediately. I appreciate the support and patience of parents and carers as these arrangements are coordinated to ensure the best possible opportunities for our young people.

I am aware that some changes to courses may take place following the exam period, and I want to reassure pupils and families that there will be opportunities after the summer break to review and, where appropriate, renegotiate subject choices.

As a team, we look forward to supporting our young people as they take these exciting next steps in their Senior Phase journey.

Additional School Holiday

You may already be aware that last month, councillors agreed Monday 15th June 2026 will be a bank holiday as designated by Scottish Government, to celebrate Scotland's participation in the FIFA Men's World Cup.

The power to amend school holidays sits with the Education and Children's Services Policy Board. They next meet on Thursday 21st May, and when they do, they will be asked to formally approve the closure of our schools and nurseries on Monday 15th June.

In advance of that, parents and carers may wish to consider their childcare options for Monday 15th June, should the closure be approved. The council will contact parents after the meeting on Thursday 21st May to confirm if the closure has been approved.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 14 th May	-	The Big Trek
Friday 15 th May	-	S2 Trip to M&Ds
19 th – 22 nd May	-	P7/S1 Induction Week
Monday 25 th May	-	Holiday
Tuesday 26 th May	-	New timetable for new S2, S3 and S4 begins
Thursday 28 th May	-	Sports Day (Information to be shared by PE)
Monday 1 st June	-	Senior Phase Induction Week Commences
Tuesday 2 nd June	-	Parent Council Meeting (AGM)
Wednesday 3 rd June	-	S6 Prom at Dalmeny Park House Hotel
Thursday 11 June	-	Sports Awards Dinner (Information to be shared by PE)
Thursday 18 th June	-	BGE Awards Ceremony (All invites will be distributed by Monday 8 th June)
Wednesday 24 th June	-	"From Hollywood to Broadway" – A School Revue
Friday 26 th June	-	House Rewards Day
Tuesday 30 th June	-	Last Day of Term

Yours Sincerely

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