

Dear Parents/Carers,

School is up and running well and the safety procedures which took so much planning are quickly becoming just part of the way we work. Life is (almost) feeling normal again here at Glenaire and the children are busy learning, working hard. Classes are settled and children keen to learn. Please look out for a survey we will email you to find out ways in which we can help you with whatever you need to support your child's learning at home now and if there is any future school closure.

### Social Distance

Thank you to parents and carers for continuing to follow our systems and precautions to keep everyone safe. Please keep up the good work with remembering to wear a face covering on the school site. (Are face masks becoming the new re-usable shopping bags – you have loads but still occasionally forget one!)

## STAY ALERT

### Covid Update

Although many schools have already needed to isolate one or more 'bubbles', we have been fortunate so far in having no positive cases within our school pupils or staff. This is reassuring in showing our strict procedures in school are working, but of course, it is likely that this may happen to us in the coming weeks and we have clear plans in place if we need them.

### Problems/Concerns

From time to time, as in all schools, you may have a concern or wish to share a problem. Please ensure that you do this in a calm and polite manner. Our staff work hard to ensure the best for your children and our school is well-regarded for our nurture and care – parent surveys often comment on kind and supportive staff. If there is a problem, we will always do our best to help.

I would also like to reassure parents that any visiting teachers or other professionals are carefully checked to ensure that they are safe to be on school site and if they attend other settings, strict rules are followed to ensure they isolate if a case is confirmed in that setting. We only have visitors if absolutely necessary to deliver our curriculum or a face-to-face meeting is needed. We do lots of our meetings by video now!



### Our Outdoor Offer



I know many of our families chose Glenaire because of the fabulous opportunities we offer for outdoor learning in our wonderful grounds. Nature and being outdoors in spaces such as woodland and gardens are known to help with promoting positive mental health and brain development, which has a good impact on all other learning. Thanks to Friends Of Glenaire (FOG) we are in the process of renovating our garden area so that each class can have a raised bed in which to grow all kinds of things! Look out for a request for help with other garden projects – we have such large grounds we need everyone involved! Do you know a silver birch tree from a beech, or an oak from a sycamore? Your children soon will, as part of our wild passport learning – see if they can spot and name any trees whilst out and about.

Reminder!!!! Please don't forget to provide wellies! If you have good, outgrown wellies please think of donating to us. We are looking for a community donor to fund welly bags for all of the children – do you know any organisation who might help?

### Yeargroup News

Well done to Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 children – your attendance is currently above our target of 96% We also have very few lates, so well done to parents too!

Early years children were very excited to receive their Glenaire book bags last week and have already been making good use of them. This is a habit that will set them up well for their whole education at Glenaire. This group of pupils are really enjoying stories – please keep their enthusiasm going by enjoying stories together at home.

Year 6 have been exploring social behaviour and creating a social charter for their class. This will help them start their preparation for high school – have you filled in their secondary school application online yet? The deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> October – we can help if you need it – just ask.

### A Hidden Gem!



During the lockdown period, it surprised us to find that lots of people in the local community don't know all we do here at Glenaire or in some cases, even that we are here at all!

School may have been through some difficult times in recent years, but Glenaire is definitely 'on the up' and working in and beyond our community as part of Footprints Federation to share our areas of best practice with other schools.

At our heart, we are a caring family school, serving our community. We believe as the only one-form entry school in our area, with our outdoor learning and our nurturing support, we have a lot to offer.

We need you! How can we get our message out and let others see our shine? Please email ideas to [head@glenaireprimary.co.uk](mailto:head@glenaireprimary.co.uk)

### Staff News



Congratulations to Mrs Helen Wilkinson and family, who have added a beautiful baby girl called Lyra to their family. She is adorable! Still waiting for news from Mrs Metcalfe...

One of our teachers has a BIG BIRTHDAY this week! Of course it would be rude to say who and how old, but think of a multiple of ten between 30 and 50!



As always, thank you for your support for your child and our school – particularly in the current circumstances,

Jo Wilkinson  
Headteacher

