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Dear Parent/Carer and staff

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING COP26 CONFERENCE

As you may be aware Glasgow is to host the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) from 31 October until 12 November 2021. We are expecting around 140 world leaders and some 25,000 delegates to attend the two-week conference, to agree action on halting the devastating impacts of climate change.

Bringing an event of this size and stature, like COP26, means it is inevitable that daily life for many people in the city will change.

Due to the significance of the event and importance of the attendees, the security operation around the venues and surrounding areas, on certain days, will be substantial. This will affect our school communities because the council has been asked to close key routes in Glasgow to facilitate the COP26 events, as part of this security operation and due to the number of visitors expected in the city.

These measures are essential to make sure everyone, residents and visitors alike, remain safe, but they will cause congestion and disruption. They will affect how people get to and from work and school. However, we have been preparing for the conference for a number of months now and have plans to help keep Glasgow moving and lessen the impact on people's lives.

You can find full details of all the roads, footpaths and cycle ways that are going to be closed at www.getreadyglasgow.com The site also has full details of all the diversion routes. We have also prepared day-by-day 'heat' maps which show where we expect there to be congestion because of specific COP26 events.

Everything that you need to plan ahead for these events is on the www.getreadyglasgow.com website including: full details of all the roads, footpaths and cycle ways that are going to be closed. The site also has details of all the alternative routes. We have also prepared day-by-day 'heat' maps which show where we expect there to be congestion because of specific COP26 events.

The best way that our parent/carers and staff can help to minimise the impact on themselves is to: plan ahead; allow more time for your journey; leave the car at home and use public transport, walk or cycle, where possible. We have been trying to encourage more active travel and this is an ideal time to start using public transport or walk or cycle to school/nursery.

It is also likely that we will see unplanned disruption caused by activists and campaigners during COP26 and again staying up to date with on the day travel disruption and thinking about alternative plans will help reduce the likelihood of disrupted journeys.

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The first road closure is this weekend. The A814 Clydeside Expressway will be closed from the Partick Interchange to J19 at Anderston, from 9am on Saturday 23 October 2021 until 6am on Monday 15 November 2021.

Some days are also going to be busier than others. World leaders and heads of state will be in Glasgow on Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 November and we expect the congestion to be particularly bad.

In addition to the information contained on getreadyglasgow.com you can also get in touch with the Get Ready Glasgow team via the website, by email getreadyglasgow@glasgow.gov.uk or by calling 0141 276 2014 (10am-4pm daily.)

We apologise for the inconvenience that these security measures may cause, but your continued support remains crucial in helping the city to deliver a safe and successful climate change summit.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maureen McKenna". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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