



Dear Parents and Carers,

As September approaches thoughts naturally turn to school. This year is no different however with all the focus of the media on schools reopening many of you may have questions or concerns about what might be happening in school when the children go back.

All our re-opening details were shared with you before we finished for summer and the letter remains on our website. This information has not changed but I have tried to ensure that all queries and questions are addressed here.

Date of return

School will begin for most children on Wednesday 2nd September. All children will be expected to start on this day, unless they have been given a separate date (Some Nursery and Reception)

Attendance

From September, the usual rules on school attendance will apply meaning **ALL** children should be attending school. Children or those with family members on the shielding list should also return to school.

Social Distancing

Children will be returning to school in year group “bubbles”. This means that children and staff will have interactions predominantly with their year group only.

Children in Primary Schools, particularly our youngest pupils, cannot be expected to maintain social distancing but we will be limiting the interactions between “bubbles” of children. As such some of our routines have had to be modified such as lunch, playtimes and assemblies. For example only children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Nursery –Year 2) will access the hall for their lunch. Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) will have lunch in classrooms. This is because we can only allow 1 year group to access the lunch hall at a time. Assemblies will be conducted via zoom.

There is much in the media about children in Scotland wearing masks, this applies only to secondary children in corridors. Our children will not need to wear a mask in school.

Equipment and uniform

All children will be expected in school uniform except for the days they have PE in which case they can come in their PE kit. They will need to bring a bag with a hat, waterproof coat and a named water bottle. They will not be allowed to bring other personal items from home.

Children **DO NOT** need to bring in their own hand sanitiser.

As a school we have plenty of hand sanitiser as well as handwashing stations in each classroom.

Children will be supervised while washing their hands at key points throughout the day.

Reading books will be issued on a Monday and collected in on a Friday morning. Wherever possible all other homework will be shared on-line via our VLE.

Breakfast and After school clubs

Unfortunately there will be no breakfast club provision or after school clubs. This will be something we are constantly reviewing and once we feel we are able to provide the service safely under the guidance given, we will let parents / carers know.

Start and end of the school day

To avoid overcrowding at these times we are offering a more flexible start time.

Year group	Start time	End time	Entry/ Exit point*
Nursery	See individual letters for details		Nursery door
Reception	8:45-9:15am	3:15pm	Reception gate
Year 1		3:15pm	Yard Y1 door
Year 2		3:15pm	External door/ Yard
Year 3		3:25pm	Hall door/ Yard
Year 4		3:25pm	Hall door/Yard
Year 5		3:35pm	Own external doors
Year 6		3:35pm	Own external doors
Rainbow Room	8:45am	3:30pm	Main entrance

*Entry and exit points will be clearly signposted

External class doors will be open at 8:45am. Children will not line up but just go straight into their classroom where they will wash their hands and register. The doors will close at 9:15 and formal teaching begins. There will be staff available to direct you and your child to the right place and we will also be producing guidance on our website prior to reopening.

We will have a single file walk way and parents are asked to maintain social distancing and request that only one adult should accompany children. Year 5 and 6 children, we are asking parents to drop children off and pick up at the main gates. This is to reduce the number of people on site at these times. We also request that parents and carers make a prior appointment if they need to speak to a member of staff, rather than on the yard at the start and end of the school day.

We hope like us you are looking forward to seeing all children back at school and focus on all the positives this will bring to your child.

Many thanks for all your understanding and support throughout this time. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hirst