

Dear Everyone,

We are looking forward to meeting the children again on Monday 2nd November. Just to remind you of the procedures for starting school again after our two week break.

P1 Arrive at 9:05 am and leave at 2:00 pm

Miss Herron's class – children will enter and leave the school through the Back Door leading to the P1-P2 playground.

Miss Brown's class – children will enter and leave the school through the P1 Door beside Miss Brown's room. (There are steps outside this door.)

P2 Arrive at 8:45 am and leave at 1:45 pm

P3 Arrive at **8:40 am** by Lower Front Gate and leave at **2:00 pm- Mrs Spence's class** leave through Lower Front Gate, **Miss Pinkerton's class** leave through Main Front door.

P4 Arrive at 9:00 am and leave at 3:00 pm- through Lower Front Gate

P5 Arrive at 8:50 am and leave at 2:50 pm- through Lower Front Gate

P6 Arrive at 8:50 am and leave at 2:50 pm - through Main Front Gate

P7 Arrive at 8:40 am and leave at 2:40 pm - through Main Front Gate

It is really important that the pupils arrive and are collected on time. If your **P3-P7** child is late in the morning, please bring them to the Waiting area inside the Main Front Gate where a member of staff will escort them safely to their class.

Parents please maintain social distancing in line with the PHA Guidance and if possible wear a mask when bringing your child to or collecting your child from school.

Coats

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing a waterproof coat so that they will be able to go out and play in the playground during Break time and Lunch time.

Play at break and lunchtimes

Play at break and lunchtimes will be staggered and outdoor spaces will be divided into zones. Classes will remain in their class bubbles and not mingle with other children.

Homework

Remote learning platforms have now been set up to manage homeworks. Books and equipment will not be sent home and such items should not be brought into school.

Children or family members who have Covid-19 symptoms

CHILDREN WHO EXHIBIT ANY SYMPTOM OF COVID-19 SHOULD NOT ATTEND SCHOOL OR IF SOMEONE IN A CHILD'S HOUSEHOLD DISPLAYS ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOM THE PUPIL SHOULD NOT ATTEND SCHOOL.

Please do not send your child to school if your child or anyone you live with has any of the following symptoms:

• a high temperature – this means the person feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure temperature)

• a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if the person usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)

• a loss of or change in sense of smell or taste.

Children may return to school when everyone in their household has received a negative test result and provided they have not had a raised temperature for 48 hours. If children display any symptom of COVID-19 in school, they will be isolated in a designated room and a parent will be called to collect them.

Any child who has been out of the country and is subsequently required to self-isolate should ensure that the required period has elapsed before coming to school.

Updated Guidance

The Department of Education sent primary schools principals updated guidance regarding managing schools during COVID-19 pandemic. Schools must continue to do everything they can to maintain the integrity of the class bubbles.

- All children and adults must wash their hands on arrival in the morning.
- Hand washing and sanitising will continue during the school day.
- Adults will wear a face-covering (not a visor) when bringing the children in each morning and seeing them out at the end of the day.
- Parents are asked to respect the 2 metre rule and move away quickly from the school gates once their child has joined the line.
- Adults will wear a face-covering (not a visor) at all times when in the corridors

Breakfast Club, 2-3 Club and Afternoon Club

A starting date for our Breakfast Club, 2-3 Club and Afternoon Club has not yet been decided.

Yours sincerely, Mrs A.Palnoch