



Collin Primary & Nursery

School Return FAQ's - 12th August 2020

Q. Is my child allowed to bring a school bag?

Children can bring their coats, indoor shoes, PE kits, filled water bottles, packed lunches, pencil cases and anything they need for school. To minimise the sharing of equipment, we ask that as many pupils as can bring a pencil case stocked with – pencils, sharpener, rubber, ruler, coloured pencil/pens and glue stick. We ask that they do not bring any toys, football type cards or extra items. They will be able to hang their coats up on their pegs.

Q. Does my child need to wear their school uniform?

Uniforms – Guidance states that children should wear clean clothes every day to reduce risk of virus transmission. We would encourage pupils to wear school sweatshirt/T-shirt, but other than that, may wear their own casual clothes.

Q. Will the school / nursery look different?

There are signs up around the school and nursery reminding everyone about social distancing and hygiene. Pupils do not have to social distance, but staff do. There are “sanitation stations” at the entrance. Staff have anti-viral wipes for cleaning equipment eg laptops

Q. Can parents visit the school?

We aim to keep visitors to our schools to a minimum where possible, so this is only by prior arrangement. You will be asked to sanitise your hands before entering the building and will have to observe physical distancing rules. All visitors will be asked to leave their name and a contact number for *Test and Protect* purposes. Parents are asked to stay out of the playground, with the exception of new P1 pupils on the first day. Social distancing rules apply to parents while dropping off or collecting pupils. Nursery pupils will enter by the green gate on the right hand side of the school building, where parents and pupils will be met by Nursery staff.

Q. What about social distancing for pupils that are coming into school?

We will continue to follow Scottish Government guidelines. The latest advice issued on 30 July 2020 has confirmed that no distancing is required between children in primary schools, but that children and young people should be encouraged to maintain distance where possible by not crowding together or making physical contact.

Q. My child is entitled to free school transport - will they still get this?

Unless you hear otherwise, your child's existing transport arrangements will remain in place.

Q. How will transport arrangements change?

We are working with all our providers to ensure that national guidance is followed on all transport. All pupils travelling on school transport will be

expected to ensure that their hands are cleaned/sanitised prior to boarding school transport and to wear a face covering unless they are exempt for medical reasons. This is to ensure the driver feels safe and protected whilst at work.

There will be space for siblings, and members of the public who pay, however, entitled pupils will have spaces blocked off for them either at the front or rear of the vehicle (more likely to be the rear) and fare paying passengers will need to socially distance (1m). This means that entitled pupils with fare paying siblings would be unable to sit together.

Q. Will we be offered the same menu options as we did prior to COVID-19?

For the first three days, a very simple option will be applied - meat or vegetarian filling on bread choice of the day. After the first few days then a phased return to a hot food provision. Children may bring a packed lunch from home.

Q. How will lunch money be collected in primary schools?

We are in the process of introducing cashless catering in all of our primary schools to avoid the need for handling cash payments. Until this is in place, we have made plans to issue envelopes to allow parents/carers to insert monies and send to school with their child(ren). The envelopes that will be provided will be brought into school sealed, these envelopes will be placed in a container inside the door of each class.

Q. My child is entitled to free school meals, how does this work?

All Primary 1 to Primary 3 children are entitled to free school meals. Pupils from Primary 4 upwards may also be eligible for free school meals. To check if your child is eligible visit <https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/schoolmenus>.

Q. Where will my child eat their lunch?

We are fortunate that we are dealing with smaller numbers than some and all pupils will be able to eat in the dining hall at the same time.