



Dalbeattie Nursery

Reopening Information for Parents and Carers

As you will all be aware from recent communication from the local authority Nurseries in Dumfries and Galloway will be opening to all children from 12th of August. This is a return to full time education providing 1140 hours.

Should use wish for your child to access shorter sessions within the first few days to assist with settling in please contact Miss Allen (Nursery Manager) on gw14allenkerry@glow.sch.uk

Nursery Staffing

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new members of staff to our team. Joining us we have;

Miss Gibson – Nursery Nurse/Deputy Manager

Mrs Martin – Nursery Nurse

Miss McDonald – Nursery Nurse

Mrs Arrowsmith – Trainee Early Years Support Assistant

Miss Wilson – Learning Assistant



Drop off and Pick off

In order to limit the number of people in and around school playground and nursery entrance we will initially (for the 12th, 13th, and 14th of August) use a soft start and finish approach where you may drop your child off between 8.50am and 9.15am and collect between 2.50pm and 3.10pm. Other drop off and pick up times are as agreed (e.g 10am /4pm) As per the authority guidance, parents are not permitted in the school or through into the nursery building. A member of staff will be available outdoors at the drop off/pick up point to chat and discuss any concerns. Children will be taken into the building one at a time to ensure they are supported with settling into nursery.

If you are dropping your child off, please adhere to social distancing guidance and remain 2m apart by following the markers at the drop off points.

	Line Up/Entry Point star and end of school day
Group 1	Main Nursery Entrance
Group 2	Nursery Fire Exit Door (next to Main Entrance)



Nursery Group Arrangements

As per Government guidance to minimise the numbers of groups mixing we will still be looking towards having designated groups within the nursery building. We have created 2 groups – Group 1 and Group 2.

Group 1 - Mrs McLatchie, Mrs McCormack, Mrs Carson, Miss Wilson, Miss Arrowsmith, Miss Gibson

Group 2 – Mrs Martin, Miss McDonald, Mrs Whitty, Miss Allen

We will be limiting movement around the school and hope to be able to manage the zones to reduce the risk of cross infection. We are also looking closely at staff within each area to limit movement around the nursery.

We are trying to limit these contact groups as we need to be aware of track, trace, test process and limit the contacts.



Lunch Arrangements

Information about school meal provision is contained in the parent's information form from the authority. On initial return we will have a cold lunch provision (sandwiches, wraps etc) with a view to hot meals being reintroduced. All nursery children are entitled to free school meals and we would encourage uptake of this to reduce risks from packed lunch boxes coming into nursery as they all require to be cleaned before storing. If your son/daughter is having a school lunch please make sure a member of staff is told at drop off time and they can update you with the filling choices for that day. If your child is bringing a packed lunch the contents should follow healthy eating guidelines and should not contain any confectionary and should also be in a clearly labelled lunch bag. Please make sure that all packed lunch boxes are cleaned and disinfected each day to reduce any risk of cross contamination.

Children's Belongings/Spare Sets of Clothes

We will be increasing our use of outdoor space during these challenging times. Please make sure that your child has a **waterproof jacket and wellies** with them every day at school as pupils will be outside participating in outdoor learning. We are grateful to Dalbeattie Rotary Club for donating £750 funds for more resources for the outdoor area.

Each child has their own drawstring bag on their coatpeg so will not need to bring a schoolbag. Please bring a full set of labelled clothes including underwear/socks on their first day and staff will move these into their designated bags. The nursery team will let you know if any replacement items of clothing are needed.



Items being brought To and From Nursery

Due to hygiene restrictions, toys or items from home will not be permitted within the nursery. If your child may require a comforter, please provide them in a zip-lock bag which can be easily wiped down by staff.



Hygiene and Medical Matters

Handwashing will be a key priority for everyone on return to school in August. Children will be washing hands as they come into nursery and throughout the day.

Please also do not send your young person to nursery if they are displaying symptoms of COVID 19. Remain vigilant at all times and follow NHS guidance around this. If a child becomes symptomatic throughout the course of the nursery day, we will follow health and safety guidance in managing this matter. If anyone in the household also shows signs or is diagnosed with COVID 19 please keep the school informed about this. School has a duty to report any COVID related absences.

Medication In School

Children who require to have medication in school should make sure that is within use by dates and hand into school in a labelled zip lock bag or a tub along with the completed permission form for the administration of medication. These can be collected in advance, from the school reception desk or a copy is available on the school blog page - Medical Forms you can download and complete as required.



Speaking to Members of Staff

Should you require to share information with a member of the nursery team, please email the nursery manager/school office within the school day 9am-3pm, or call the school office and we will return calls in due course. We are aware this may be slightly different for children with additional support needs where communication about needs which may impact on the day.

Travelling to and from nursery

Please consider this very carefully and plan this with your son/daughter for their journeys to nursery. Please walk, cycle, scoot to school where possible. We continue to promote our active travel message. Please adhere to social distancing measures when travelling to and from school.

We look forward to welcoming all children back to nursery on Wednesday. As you know, we continue to live and work in challenging times and we ask that you support us with the above measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all at Dalbeattie Nursery and the wider community of Dalbeattie Learning Campus. Thank you.