



Onthank Primary School
Welcome Back!
August 2021



Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope this information finds yourself and your family safe and you have been able to enjoy the fantastic weather we've had this summer! We are excited to welcome you all back on **Thursday 19th August 2021**. Please find below some key information about returning to school after the holidays.

Arrival from Thursday 19th August 2021

- Our entry doors and gates continue to be colour coded/labelled and your child's class should enter the door and playground area noted below at the allocated time to allow for **staggered arrival**.
- **All P4-P7 parents/carers** are asked to encourage your children to be independent and, if you are happy, allow your child to arrive at their gate and enter the playground **without you**.
- Alternatively, drop your child off at their entry gate and **do not enter** the playground. Parents/carers are encouraged to leave once their child is safely in the playground supervised by staff.
- We kindly ask parents/carers to **stay within their own 2m distanced box** on drop off/pick up which is clearly marked on the ground around the perimeter of our school.
- Parents/Carers are asked **not to gather at gate entry/exit points**, are responsible for maintaining Government physical distancing at all times and are asked to **wear a face mask**.

Collection at the end of the day will operate as arrival procedures detailed above with all pupils being safely signed out by the class teacher to the parent/carer.

Entry & Exit Times for new PRIMARY 1 Pupils for Thurs 19th Aug ONLY

On the first day, to allow parents/friends/relatives to be part of your child's First Day at School we are having staggered start times. Photographs can be taken outside in the playground.

P1A Miss Adam's Class: 9.15am - 2.15pm

P1C Mrs Cree's Class: 9.30am - 2.30pm

P1K Mrs Klein's Class: 9.45am - 2.45pm

P1M Mrs McKie's Class: 10.00am - 3.00pm

We will have a designated area for each class. Pupils will be met by their class teacher and taken into their classroom. Please be aware of the physical distancing signage in the playground. All P1 pupils enter and exit by their class doors. There are areas in the playground assigned to each class for drop off and collect. **From Friday 20th August**, Primary 1 pupils will follow the overview of entry and exit times below.



Overview of Entry and Exit Times

STAGE	START TIME	STOP TIME	ENTRY DOOR	PLAYGROUND
P1	8.55am	2.55pm	ENTRANCE GATE to RED DOOR	Back Playground -either side of school
P2	9.05am	3.05pm	ENTRANCE GATE to VIOLET DOOR	Back Playground -either side of school
P3	9.05am	3.05pm	MAIN ENTRANCE GATE to GREEN DOOR	Front Playground
P4	8.50am	2.50pm	MAIN ENTRANCE GATE to GREEN DOOR	Front Playground
P5	8.55am	2.55pm	MAIN ENTRANCE GATE to BLUE DOOR	Front Playground
P6	9.00am	3.00pm	MAIN ENTRANCE GATE to BLUE DOOR	Front Playground
P7	8.50am	2.50pm	ENTRANCE PINK GATE to YELLOW DOOR	Back Playground - Pink Gate
The Centre	9.00am	3.00pm	ENTRANCE PINK GATE to PINK DOOR	Back Playground - Pink Gate

Breaks & Lunches

Break and lunch times will continue to be staggered with young people playing in separate playground areas and eating in separate indoor areas, supervised by staff.

Onthank School Uniform Swap Shop



Based at the school reception, our swap shop is a great way for parents to donate or swap any school uniforms, jackets, bags, etc. or simply collect any uniform items that you need. There is a great selection of school jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts, etc. already on display so come in and take your pick! If you have any school uniform items, jackets, bags or packed lunch boxes you wish to donate then please hand these into the school office.

Our uniform comprises of:

- White polo shirt (preferably with school badge if not wearing a sweatshirt)
- Red school sweatshirt/cardigan
- White shirt & school tie
- Red/grey tartan skirt/pinafore
- Black/grey skirt/trousers/shorts
- Black/red shoes

The Curriculum

Children can now engage in all drama, music, PE and dance activity in schools, indoors and outdoors. Pupils should come to school with a PE Kit (shorts, white polo shirt/t-shirt and a change of shoes). Earrings or other body piercing jewellery should not be worn for any P.E. related activity. We kindly ask that names are written on all items of clothing.



COVID-19 Management

Please do not send your child to school or ECC if they, or any of your household, have symptoms of COVID-19. Please alert us to this immediately should this occur.

Schools have been instructed to ensure that any child who is symptomatic be taken home as soon as possible. If you are contacted please arrange to pick your child up from school immediately and follow subsequent medical advice. Thank you for your understanding.

How can I help?

- Reinforcing hygiene measures and social distancing with your child(ren).
- Having your child(ren) bring tissues to school to capture any coughs or sneezes. Reinforcing positive, safe relationships between all children and our staff.
- Dropping your child off at school gates and allowing them to enter the playground area independently.
- Understanding that we are not permitted to allow visitors in school buildings, other than in emergency or other exceptional circumstances.

Thank you again for your support as we continue to adapt school protocols to ensure your child's safety and positive learning experiences are at the heart of our community.

Have any questions?

If you have any questions about our return to school, members of our team will be available to chat to on Tues 17th and Wed 18th August. Please call 01563 525477 if you have any questions or email eaonthank.ps@eastayrshire.org.uk.

Stay safe,
Senior Leadership Team.

