



Parent and Carer Guide for Returning to School August 2021

We are looking forward to welcoming our children back to school on Wednesday 18th August 2021. This guide has been created to support families with some of the key questions for children returning to school after the summer break as we move beyond Level 0 of the Covid Protection Levels. The guide is not exhaustive and just provides some key pieces of information which might be helpful.

On Wednesday 18th August new Primary 1 pupils should arrive at 9.15am and be collected at 2.45pm on this day only. For all other pupils, school will open at 8.50am with the school day beginning at 9.00am as usual.

If you have any questions regarding these arrangements please contact the school via schoolmail@st-johns.e-renfrew.sch.uk or phone the office on 0141 570 7360.

Theme	Advice	Further Information
Preparing for School	<p>Uniform</p> <p>All pupils will be expected to wear their school uniform as normal. You can find more information about school uniform in the school handbook.</p> <p>Please note PE days are not non-uniform days and we are still committed to <i>Dressing for Excellence</i> as per council policy. The PE kit should closely resemble the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yellow school polo shirt• Grey or black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms• Suitable shoes and jumper/jacket for outdoor sessions <p>PE days for your child will be confirmed by the end of the week and PE will begin from Monday 23rd August.</p> <p>School Bags and Equipment</p> <p>Pupils should bring school bags, lunch boxes and pencil cases as normal, however, must avoid bringing in unnecessary toys or other items from home. Pupils should use their own equipment and where possible avoid sharing with others.</p> <p>Face coverings</p> <p>Pupils won't be required to wear face coverings in school.</p>	<p>There are no additional requirements for extra cleaning of school uniforms or blazers so pupils are expected to wear their uniform as normal.</p> <p>If you are having difficulty accessing uniform please contact the school office schoolmail@st-johns.e-renfrew.sch.uk.</p> <p>Pupils can wear a face covering if they wish to do so. If pupils want to wear a covering they should bring this to school with them. Staff will continue to wear face coverings for at least the first six weeks of term in communal areas of the school and playground.</p>

<p>Getting to school</p>	<p>Walking Pupils should walk to school where they are able to do so this helps reduce the amount of traffic and congestion around each of our schools. Where parents are walking their children to school, you should drop your children and avoid spending time around the school wherever possible to reduce the amount of people in close proximity. Please consider parking and walking the final short distance to school where possible. Please be mindful of other road users and residents when dropping off and picking up children by car. Importantly, parents or other adults, should not enter the school grounds or building at any point.</p> <p>Driving Schools are already very busy, so where possible, please park away from the school and walk the short distance to drop off as part of our Park and Stride approach. Park only in designated areas, do not park in the bus bay and do not block any other traffic when dropping off or picking children up around the school. At the end of the school day please do not arrive early and spend time around the school.</p> <p>Public Transport For pupils using public transport to get to school, they will be required to adhere to the rules on travel. Children under the age of 12 are no longer required to wear face coverings.</p>	<p>The soft start from 8.50am-9.00am will continue as normal. The Senior Leadership team will be at the gates and entry door each morning to support pupils. Pupils should enter the school grounds without accompanying adults. At the end of the day, class teachers will escort pupils to the gate. Please do not enter the playground or arrive too early as there is limited space for adults to congregate safely around the school. P1 and P2 parents are permitted in the school car park where they can collect their child. *See photographs at the bottom for class pick up locations. Please also remember to maintain social distancing from other families.</p> <p>Transport providers will be undertaking additional cleaning of vehicles to ensure that buses are safe to use for all pupils. Pupils should not be eating or drinking on the bus at any time. Where practicable, pupils may wish to wash/sanitise their hands at home or in school before accessing the school bus.</p>
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<p>During the school day</p>	<p>Assemblies and Gatherings Schools will continue to limit large gatherings of pupils for at least the first six weeks of term.</p> <p>Intervals and lunchtime Class bubbles are no longer required. Lunch sittings will continue to be staggered.</p> <p>Drama, Music, PE and Dance Pupils can now engage in all drama, music, PE and dance activity in schools, indoors and outdoors. This includes those children who access instrumental music tuition.</p> <p>Outdoor Learning There will be a continuing emphasis on the use of the outdoors for learning. Staff will be looking at how best to use the outdoor spaces available in the school and will keep you updated on this.</p> <p>Water Coolers Please ensure pupils bring their own filled water bottles to school in the morning. If required, children can refill their water bottle from the water coolers at break or lunchtime. Pupils should look to practice good hand hygiene before and after use of the coolers.</p>	
<p>Lunchtime</p>	<p>Free School Meals All P1-P4 pupils and those entitled to free school meals will continue to receive these in school.</p> <p>Packed Lunches Pupils will be able to continue to bring in their own food to eat in school if they wish to do so. <i>Please remember children should not bring food containing nuts.</i></p>	<p>If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please visit https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals</p> <p>Primary 5 and 6 pupils will be able to access Free School Meals from January 2022.</p>

	<p>Out of School for Lunch Pupils will be able to continue to go home for lunch in line with existing arrangements for their school. Appropriate hygiene measures should be taken when they return to school.</p>	<p>Lunchtime is from 12:35-1:20pm every day. If your child is going home for lunch please collect them from the main office where a member of staff will sign them out and ensure that they return by 1:20pm.</p>
After School	<p>School Clubs We are able to run after school clubs both indoors and outdoors. More information to follow.</p> <p>Access to the School Building There will be limited access to the school building for parents and pupils outside of school hours due to the need for enhanced cleaning to take place. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, you should phone the school in the first instance to make an appointment.</p>	
Cleaning/Hygiene	<p>Hand Hygiene All staff will continue to encourage hand hygiene amongst pupils, with pupils being expected to wash/sanitise their hands after entering the school and at regular intervals throughout the day.</p> <p>Cleaning workstations and desks Wipes will be available in classrooms to wipe down desks or workstations where appropriate. These will also be available in specialist classrooms, for example in IT or music rooms.</p>	<p>In most classrooms, pupils will be able to use soap and water to clean their hands. Where this isn't available, hand sanitiser will be made available.</p> <p>Appropriate cleaning materials will be available for pupils to use.</p>
What if my child has COVID Symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please be vigilant for symptoms of COVID-19. If your child develops any symptoms of COVID-19 they must not attend school. They should stay at home, self-isolate and get tested for COVID-19. Find out more on NHS Inform. • All other household members of your child (including yourself) must also stay at home and follow the latest guidance, which can be found on NHS Inform. In the 	<p>Please see information letter from NHS public health for more information: COVID-19 Information letter for the new school term</p>

event of a positive result, Test and Protect will contact you to provide tailored advice on what to do.

- Book a test at [NHS Inform](#) for your nearest COVID-19 test site. There are drive-through, walk-through, and mobile testing units across Scotland which are open from 8-am until 8pm, 7 days a week. A full list of sites can be found at [Gov.Scot](#). Or you can order a home PCR test kit [online](#), or by calling 119. A test will then be delivered to your home. To return you can either drop the test at your nearest priority post box, or if you are unable to go out, you can also call 119 to book a courier collection from your home.

In School

If your child develops symptoms when in school, you will be requested to collect them as soon as possible and take them home. You should, as above, follow the guidance on NHS Inform and Test and Protect.

If your child develops symptoms in school, they will be accommodated in an identified room within the school until they are collected. These rooms have been specifically set up with appropriate measures to reduce transmission.

***Class collection locations**

P1 and P2



Please enter the carpark and follow the signs.
P2 will be to the left and P1 to the right.

P3 and P4



Please wait outside school grounds.

P5, P6 and P7



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