



**St. Francis Primary School and
Nursery Class
August Return Newsletter Update
2021**



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Returning to School in August 2021



Update

Dear All,

You will have received a letter from Michael Roach, Head of Education, clarifying the most up to date information from the Scottish Government regarding the reopening of schools. Most of the mitigations that were in place at the end of June are to be retained for the first 6 weeks of term. You will find the arrangements for St Francis pupils detailed below. There are very few changes to what had been previously sent out to you at the end of the term in June.

Please can you ensure we have your most up to date contact details.

Email: instfrancis@glowscotland.onmicrosoft.com TEL: 715725

All information that is being sent out to you will also be posted on our website.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/in/stfrancisprimary/>

Organisation for Returning to School

The following protocols have been put in place to support the safe return to school.

New Primary 1 pupils

- Unfortunately, the Scottish Government guidelines do not permit parents of Primary 1 pupils to accompany their child into their classroom on their first day. Please take all your lovely photographs at home. Photographs will be taken in school and posted on the school Twitter page.
- On the first two days, parents/carers of Primary 1 pupils can bring their child to the infant playground at 9.30am, socially distanced and only **one parent/carer** per child is permitted in the playground. Staff will assist in collecting your children from you and bring them in to the school. This will be for the first 2 days only. We ask that one parent returns to collect them at 2.45pm.

No other adults will be permitted in the playground before or after school.

Please wear a mask if you are not exempt.

All children will receive a free school lunch. You may however choose to give your child a packed lunch.

Staggered Times

We will continue to have a staggered start and end to the day, as well as staggered intervals and lunchtimes. The purpose of this is to assist in reducing congestion around the school. Safety is paramount at all times. Please do not gather outside the school gates but a 1m distance is required as far as practicable. A park and stride approach from parents/carers would help to ensure the access and exit points from the school are kept as clear as possible. Please ensure you also wear a mask.

Please note: The Car Park is for staff use only. For the health and safety of the children please do not drive into the car park to drop your child off.

What to do on arrival at school

Although there are no "class bubbles," it is still important that your child arrives just in time for the start of the school day. There is only supervision in the playground from **8.45am**. Information regarding the Breakfast Club will be sent out separately.

Staggered start and end to the day

Primary 1, P2, P5 & P7 pupils <i>These staggered times start from Wednesday 18th August.</i> <i>(P1 start at 9.30am Wednesday and Thursday only)</i>	8.50am	Pupils should enter the playground as close to the start of the school day as possible and proceed directly to their playground area - there will be opportunities for pupils to hand sanitise on entry to the school	2.50pm	Pupils will exit the building and should proceed to an arranged meeting point to be uplifted by their parent/carer. <u>P1 pupils will be accompanied out by staff.</u> Pupils should be aware of their arrangements for getting home at the end of the school day.
Primary 2/1, P3, P4/3, P6 pupils <i>These staggered times start from Wednesday 18th August.</i> <i>(P1 start at 9.30am Wednesday and Thursday only)</i>	9.00am	Pupils should enter the playground as close to the start of the school day as possible and proceed directly to their playground area - there will be opportunities for pupils to hand sanitise on entry to the school.	3.00pm	Pupils will exit the building and should proceed to an arranged meeting point to be uplifted by their parent/carer. <u>P1 pupils will be accompanied out by staff.</u> Pupils should be aware of their arrangements for getting home at the end of the school day.

Lunchtimes

Please note the new lunch times for all classes. These times will come into effect as of Wednesday 18th August.



P3, P4/3, P5 and P7 - 11.45am until 12.30pm

P1, P2/1, P2 and P6 - 12.30pm until 1.15pm



For health and safety reasons I would ask that children do not bring in a flask of hot water at lunchtime. However, they may bring soup in a flask. Any packed lunches that are handed into the school must be in a sealed box or packed lunch bag.

This is a reminder that children in Primary 1 - Primary 5 in Inverclyde are eligible for a free school lunch.

School Uniform

When we return to school in August '21 we will be reverting back to the pupils wearing their **full school uniform**, and as you are aware we are very proud of our uniform.

On your child's PE day, please can they wear their school polo shirt and sweat shirt. They must bring a pair of dark shorts to change into for PE, and they may also wish to bring in **plain black joggers/leggings to wear in case they are outside**. Please ensure there are **no brands** on these and **no football colours**.

A reminder of our uniform colours:

Pale blue polo shirt, brown sweatshirt/jumper/brown skirt/trousers. The preference is brown, but if this is not available then grey will be the next alternative.

Health and Hygiene

- All aspects of hygiene such as washing hands and using sanitiser will remain in place. This will still be part of the children's daily routine.
- The extra daytime cleaner will continue, cleaning door handles/banisters etc.
- We will continue to follow the appropriate guidance regarding any child/staff member who shows any symptoms of Covid-19 whilst in school.
- Twice weekly LFD testing will continue to be encouraged for all staff members.

We are all very much looking forward to having your children back after the holidays and especially welcoming our new Primary 1 pupils. As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

With kind regards,

Jane Stinson

Head Teacher

