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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the First Minister's announcement on 16th February about the phased re-opening of schools, we look forward to welcoming all our P1, 2 and 3 pupils back to school on Monday 22nd February. Arrangements will also continue for keyworker/other identified children in year groups P4, P5, P6, P7 who currently attend the School Hub. Please see below information to support this return.

Online learning will continue for pupils in P4, P5, P6, P7 who do not attend the School Hub and I cannot stress strongly enough the importance of engagement with this learning. We monitor this weekly and are delighted to see what is being completed, however we are also deeply saddened by the lack of engagement from some families and also the quality of work in some cases. It is vital, in order to maintain academic progress, that the children engage in the learning provided and undertake a minimum of 3 quality pieces of school work each day. That also includes days when they are not in the School Hub, for those who attend this on a part-time basis. Please note that stationary and jotters are available from the school reception should you require these to support your learning from home.

Staffing

P1-P3 will continue to be taught by their own class teacher/s supported by a Pupil Support Assistant in each class. P4-7 will continue to be taught online by their own class teacher each day. Please note that each P4-P7 teacher will also be allocated a School Hub day and on that day they will have less opportunity to engage with their class remotely.

Further information for Parents/Carers of pupils accessing the School building

- Start and finish times are as normal (9am – 3pm). Children should not come to school too early but should aim to arrive between 8.50-9am.
- In the morning, children will be met at the wooden gate (at the right hand side of the school) by a member of staff. Children should then make their way around to their class entrance. P1 parents are allowed to wait with their child and they should wait on the larger grass area to the right hand side of the path, remembering of course, to remain socially distanced.
- At the end of the school day, in order to prevent congestion, both wooden gates will be opened from 2.50pm. We ask that, if you are collecting your child directly from the playground, you make your way through the gate on the right, socially distance on the playground, collect your child, then walk around the building, leaving through either the wooden gate on the left hand side or the metal gate near the annex. If you feel your child is responsible enough to make their way out safely then you should socially distance at the front of the school and wait there for them to come out.



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- Please note that if you have a dog with you then we cannot permit you to be on the playground through the gates as unfortunately earlier this school session we had dog excrement left on the grass. You are required to wait at the front of the building, with your dog on a lead.
- We kindly ask that only one parent or carer drops off/collects their child(ren) and that the government's social distancing guidelines are observed. You are also required to wear a mask/face covering or have visible an exemption lanyard.
- Parents should be mindful that no access to the school building is permitted and requests to speak to the head teacher/class teachers should be made by phone call.
- Items left at home e.g. outdoor clothes/packed lunch, cannot be handed in part way through the day. If a packed lunch is forgotten then you should telephone the school to arrange a hot lunch from the school canteen.
- Children should not bring personal toys/items from home. All stationary will be provided by the school.
- No PE kits are required at present.
- If your child is unable to attend school you should contact the school advising us of the reason for absence on each and every day your child is absent from school. This includes those who are remote learning from home and unable to undertake this due to illness/appointments.
- As our number of children, and therefore also adults on site, will be significantly increasing from Monday, there is NO car parking facility on the school grounds for parents/carers unless a disabled blue badge is evident or if a child is accessing a taxi. Please understand the need for safety in our school community and park in a nearby street or walk/bike/scooter to school. The school entrance will be monitored by the janitor, Mr Anderson and myself to ensure compliance in this matter.

Parents/carers should be mindful of COVID symptoms or illnesses. Even if symptoms seem unrelated to COVID it is important to be cautious before sending your child into school. Covid-19 Symptoms and advice as per NHS guidance can be accessed [here](#).

Canteen Menu

The canteen menu will start from week 4 (from the usual menu). This menu was issued again to parents earlier this week. As always your child can bring in a packed lunch, should you wish them to. Please remember to keep the options within this as healthy as possible. Please also note that nuts are not permitted within school due to allergies.



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Primary 1 and 2 Packs

All Primary 1 and 2 children were provided with a pack of jotters and other resources to support them with their remote learning.

Could all Primary 1 and 2 packs be returned to school on Monday with the children as these resources will be used in school once they have been quarantined.

P1-3 Laptops / iPads

If your child received a government laptop to help support them with remote learning, this does not need to be returned to school. This will help support them with any ongoing online learning or future homework online.

If your child borrowed a school iPad and they are returning to school next week as a P1-3 pupil, these iPads should be returned to school on Monday. Please ensure your child brings their iPad and school charger to school in a plastic bag with their name on it. Do not return these iPads to reception. Thank you.

Additional information

Also attached to this letter you will find correspondence from Jason Leitch, Chief Medical Officer for Scotland. Please do take the time to read this.

Kindest regards and we look forward to seeing many of you back with us on Monday.

Gail McIntosh

Head Teacher



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