

EDUCATION & YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Dalry Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to be able to welcome all of our pupils back to full time education by Friday 14th August. We have missed the routines, the 'buzz' of school and being part of the development of our children, sharing in their achievements and supporting their wellbeing.

At Dalry Primary School we continue to prepare for the return of pupils and staff. As you would expect, we will have the school fully cleaned and all appropriate safety measures necessary in place. These include; robust hygiene and cleaning procedures; supervision of pupils entering and leaving the school building; hand sanitisers at all entrance and exit points; and revised risk assessments to ensure we have taken all appropriate precautions. The safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff are of the highest importance.

There will be enhanced personal hygiene measures in place. This includes measures to ensure pupils and staff have time to clean their hands with soap and warm running water or sanitiser, when they arrive at school, return from breaks, change rooms and before and after eating. Children may wish to bring in their own soap and hand sanitiser, please ensure this is labelled with your child's name and class. Due to the drying nature of hand sanitiser, staff and pupils should use moisturising cream when they get home.

There will be two in-service days for staff on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th August, this will allow staff time to prepare for the safe return of all pupils.

P1 Phased Return

There will be a phased return for our Primary 1 pupils for the first week back. This is to allow our new pupils time to settle in and become familiar with the building and routines. Please see details below.

Date	Primary 1H	Primary 1R	Door to enter and exit the school
Wednesday 12 th August and Thursday 13 th August	Start: 9:15am Finish: 12 noon	Start: 9:30am Finish: 12 noon	Crossword entrance door
Friday 14 th August	Start: 9:30am Finish: 2:30pm	Start: 9:30am Finish: 2:30pm	Crossword entrance door

Primary 1 pupils will be provided with a packed lunch to take away on Wednesday 12th August and Thursday 13th August. From Monday 17th August P1 will follow the timetable like everyone else.

Our Primary 2 to Primary 7 pupils will be returning to full time education on Wednesday 12th August. We will be operating a staggered start and finish time for the foreseeable future. This is to allow children to enter and exit the school building safely and this will also help to reduce large gatherings of parents and carers outside of our school grounds. If you have more than one child then we ask that your children come at the earliest time slot and their siblings will be monitored closely in the playground until it is their time to enter

the school building. Once the children enter the playground they will be directed to designated areas to line up. We would appreciate that Public Health Guidance is followed in relation to social distancing when collecting and dropping off pupils.

Starting and finishing times (except P1 for the first week)

These arrangements will be monitored closely and may be subject to change.

Class	Gate to enter and exit the school	Start Time	End Time
P1H	Crossword entrance door	9:00am	3:00pm
P1R	Crossword entrance door	9:00am	3:00pm
P2S	Bottom gate near Vennel Street	8:50am	2:50pm
P3/2M	Crossword entrance gate	8:50am	2:50pm
P3P	Bottom gate near Vennel Street	8:45am	2:45pm
P4/3L	Crossword entrance gate	8:45am	2:45pm
P4P	Crossword entrance gate	8:45am	2:45pm
P5M	Gate near nursery entrance	8:45am	2:45pm
P5/4M	Bottom gate near Vennel Street	8:50am	2:50pm
P6D	Gate near nursery entrance	8:50am	2:50pm
P6M	Gate near nursery entrance	8:50am	2:50pm
P7C	Gate near nursery entrance	9:00am	3:00pm
P7S	Gate near nursery entrance	9:00am	3:00pm

Uniform

As uniform helps to create a sense of community and equity, we would still encourage pupils to come to school in a uniform. We would ask all parents/carers to support the wearing of school uniform, however there is no longer a requirement for pupils to wear freshly laundered clothes each day. We would expect uniform to be washed in the normal way. Due to Government guidelines of an increase in outdoor learning we would like the children to be prepared for both environments. This would mean that pupils should wear a white or red polo shirt (with or without logo) and a red or black sweatshirt (with or without logo). Pupils can wear track suit bottoms or leggings with waterproof shoes / trainers. We also ask that pupils do not wear branded labels and football clothes. A waterproof jacket with a hood should also be worn.

What to bring to school

We would ask that pupils bring a school bag to school each day in order to carry their water bottle, snack and packed lunch box if they are not having a school lunch. The school bag will be kept in the classroom under the pupil's desk. Please ensure that your child has a fresh water bottle each day, which is labelled with their name. If your child drinks more than one bottle a day, please put in an additional bottle. Each child will be provided with a resource pack which will include everything your child will need for learning, such as pencil, ruler, rubber, coloured pencils, pens etc. Your child's resource pack will be kept in school. Please ensure that your child does not bring in any other personal items from home, including toys.

P.E.

Your child will require to have a P.E. kit, however they are not required to bring this on the first week back. Education Scotland have prepared guidance on safe practice in Physical Education, which will be available in time for the return to school in August. We will be in touch once we have these details.

School Lunches and break times

We are still in the process of working out arrangements for lunches, however please be assured that all pupils will have access to the school meal facility.

As per Scottish Government guidance, year groups will have allocated areas in the playground at break time and lunch time. This is to limit large groupings within the school and manage breaks as safely and efficiently as possible.

School Transport

The children are not required to wear a face covering on dedicated school transport, however those who wish to do so should be permitted.

Visitors to the school

There will be restricted arrangements for parents/carers and visiting services. No parents/carers are permitted in the school building, unless this has been agreed by the Head Teacher.

Further information regarding returning to school is available on North Ayrshires website

(<https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-learning/education-learning-covid-19.aspx>)
including Frequently Asked Questions and National Guidance.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact the school via email or phone. We will continue to send you updates and any further information as our plans continue to develop. The method of communication will be through Twitter, school website, text and Parent Council Facebook page.

I would like to thank all pupils and parents/carers for their support over the last few months, and also for the many kind words in regard to the work the staff were doing to support the children.

Staff are excited to welcome the children back and are so excited about working with their classes. We look forward to working with you to promote a safe and nurturing environment for our young people.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Carson
Head Teacher