



Alexander Peden Primary School & Nursery Class

Parent Newsletter 6 – March 2021

We are delighted to be welcoming our senior base children back to school from Monday 15 March. Our aim continues to be the safety of our whole school community and it is with this in mind that I ask for your help. If our school/nursery is to be as safe as it can possibly be, we need everyone in our school community to play their part and follow the rules. We have come too far to let our guard down now and risk returning to remote learning for everyone!

KEEPING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE

STAFF WILL WELCOME CHILDREN AT OUR MAIN & BACK GATES BETWEEN 08:30 – 09:00 AND SUPPORT SAFE EXIT BETWEEN 14:45 – 15:00. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT CHILDREN ARRIVE AND ARE COLLECTED PROMPTLY AT THEIR ALLOCATED TIME.

Parents/Carers should:

- Drop/Collect your child at their **allocated** time. Please avoid arriving early, particularly at pick up times. Children **will not** be sent out early when you arrive. We have only been able to do this due to reduced numbers in the building.
 - AM Nursery 08:30/12:30
 - PM Nursery 13:00/17:00
 - AM Nursery Class older siblings & children requiring breakfast club 08:30/15:00
 - Families across the school 08:45/14:45
 - Children with no siblings/no siblings attending school 08:55/14:55
- Wear a face covering as you approach the school gates
- Avoid congregating at the school gates – please drop off/collect your child and leave the area as quickly as you can
- Adhere to 2m social distancing between adults from different households at all times
- Avoid car sharing between different households
- Follow the one-way system if entering via the main gate – drop off on side that cars travel up the hill and collection on the side cars travel down the hill
- Not enter the safety bubble (coned off) at the gates
- Ensure your child has everything they need with them – bag, pencil case, snack, water bottle, glasses, and packed lunch... Nursery children should also have a change of clothes (these can be left in nursery). If children are wearing wellies to school/nursery, a pair of indoor shoes would also be a good idea
- Accompany their child to school if they are running late and phone the school office **when you arrive at the gate.**

PLEASE DO NOT OPEN THE GATE AND LET YOUR CHILD IN.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU SHARE OUR SAFETY MEASURES WITH WHOEVER IS COLLECTING YOUR CHILD – THANKS!

IN SCHOOL MEASURES

- Staggered entry/exit times
- Separate entry/exit doors to school buildings for identified bubbles
- Hand sanitising stations at each door & regular handwashing
- Cloakrooms not in use
- Jackets, bags etc kept at child's workstation
- Identified toilets for each bubble
- First Aid kits available in all classes
- Staff require to wear a face covering when moving around the school
- Staff in school require to wear a face covering when working directly with children
- Staggered break/lunches
- All children & staff requested to remain in school during lunch time
- Designated playground areas for bubbles
- Seating plans in class and lunch hall

- Staff have access to Lateral Flow Testing – twice weekly
- Staff work with no more than 2 classes across a day

OTHER INFORMATION

- Where possible we request that children wear their school uniform. However, please do not feel you have to purchase new clothing if they have outgrown this. (We have noticed quite a difference in a number of our children over this lockdown period)!
- PE kit is NOT currently required
- Football colours **should not** be worn to school/nursery, including scarves, jackets, tops...
- **BREAKFAST CLUB IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ALL (NOT JUST KEYWORKER CHILDREN)**
- If you pay for your child's school lunch/breakfast this requires to be done on-line
- All children requested to stay in school for lunch
- All work completed at home should be kept at home

I fully understand that this will be an anxious time for everyone. If you have any queries/concerns please get in touch and we will work these through together. We need all our children in school to ensure we are supporting them as fully as we possibly can.

Over the next week or so, either myself, Mrs Hamilton or Mrs Galbraith will be in touch with all our families. This will be a supportive call to chat about how you feel about your child/ren returning to school and the impact you feel the pandemic has had of them and your family. We are fully committed to ensuring that we get the right supports in place at the right time for everyone, facilitating a positive return to school and opportunity for every single child to realise their full potential.

REMINDER - COVID MAIN SYMPTOMS

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal



Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD HAVE SYMPTOMS

If you or your child have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.
- Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

As we head into cold and flu season it is important to note that a sore head, sore throat and a runny nose are not symptoms of coronavirus and DO NOT require a test.

If you require support/advice please contact the COVID Helpline on 08000282816.