



# GLENGOWAN PRIMARY SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS AUG 2021



*We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children to school for the new session. We will communicate updates from the Scottish Government and NLC as they arise.*

## North Lanarkshire Guidance

You can access the latest NLC guidance on <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schoolplans>

## Pupil Entry

Glengowan pupils can access the playground using the back gate only. We kindly ask that parents drop the children off as close to 8:55am as possible, unless attending Breakfast Club. The playground will be staffed from 8:45am and the children should go straight to their coloured zones on entry. We respectfully ask that parents wear face coverings when dropping their children off and leave promptly in the mornings to ease congestion around our pupil entrance and surrounding areas.



The top gate is permanently locked. This allows us to carefully manage pupil and parent access to the campus and to stop unnecessary community access. This helps to minimise the risk of transmission of Covid-19 by limiting contacts. **All Glengowan pupils enter and exit the playground through the back gate only.**

## Pupil Exit

At the end of the pupil day, in order to ease congestion at the back gate, the primary one children will leave the building first, followed by the other classes, in class order, where possible. We would appreciate if you could leave the school exit area with your child/children promptly.

At home time, parents are asked to consider arranging a pick up place with their child, if possible, to avoid congregating around the gate area. Please ensure that your child knows where to meet up with you at the end of the day.

As we are a village school, and it would be ideal if parents could arrange to walk home with their children. We can confirm that the main road outside the back gate has previously been assessed by North Lanarkshire Council's School Patrol Service.

## School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of the following options:

- white polo shirt
- white shirt and tie
- school sweatshirt with badge or black or grey jumper or cardigan
- black or grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- black or grey joggers/tracksuit bottoms/leggings (no logos if possible)
- dark coloured shoes or trainer style shoes

### **INDOOR SHOES ARE NOT CURRENTLY REQUIRED.**

The children should come to school wearing PE kit on their PE days or wearing the slightly more relaxed uniform, as we will not be accessing the changing rooms. We will communicate PE days to you. We will be continuing to have PE out of doors whenever possible and the children will also be participating in the Daily Mile each day. It is important that children come to school wearing a jacket with a hood as they will be outside more often, and in all weather. This is in line with the guidance about increased outdoor learning, as the risk of transmission is significantly less when outdoors.

During the pupil day, windows will be open more regularly to allow good ventilation. Please make sure that your child has a cardigan or jumper to wear indoors.



## School Bags/Pencil Cases/Belongings

Children should bring a school bag each day with their snack for interval, water bottle/s, packed lunch box (if required) and school reading book. Children will not need to use their own stationery whilst at school as we provide all resources they will require. Please keep pencil cases at home as use of them in school sometimes encourages other children to share or borrow items. We will issue the same resources to the whole class as we are required to limit the sharing of any resources. Children can always make use of their own stationery items to practise literacy and numeracy skills at home. No additional personal items are required during the school day.

## Home Learning

We will be continuing to send reading texts home for home learning as this is an important aspect of our literacy and English curriculum. The updated guidance states that schools are no longer required to quarantine books or jotters returned to school.



## Interval and Lunch Arrangements

Children do not need to physically distance from each other. Staggered breaks and lunches are continuing, in line with the updated guidance.

P1-3 10.15-10.35 12.30-1.15

P4-7 10.45-11.05 1.00-1.45

**ALL CHILDREN SHOULD STAY IN SCHOOL DURING LUNCHTIMES TO HAVE A PACKED LUNCH OR SCHOOL DINNER. THIS IS TO LIMIT CONTACTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.**

## Water Bottles

We are providing all children with a personal Glengowan water bottle. We ask that all children bring a sufficient amount of water to drink during the school day. This may be one or more sports cap water bottles. If your child is in P5-7 and is going to be taking part in our cycling block, they should make sure they have enough water to keep well hydrated.

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## Nut Allergies

**NUT FREE ZONE**



We are a nut free school due to allergies and potentially serious allergic reactions. This means that children should not bring sandwiches, treats, cereal or chocolate bars or any other item of

food to school containing nuts or products made from nuts. Please make sure that lunches and snacks being brought to school do not contain nuts. We would ask that you check the contents of chocolate spreads carefully, as many contain traces of nuts.

## Safety Measures

Every school in North Lanarkshire has been risk assessed. Enhanced daily cleaning is in place, with a focus on touchpoints, surfaces, equipment and ventilation. Our cleaning staff are focusing on touchpoints during the day as well as at the end of the day. In line with the current guidance, all pupils are sanitising/washing their hands regularly with soap and warm water for 20 seconds first thing in the morning, before and after break, before and after lunch, after using the toilet and at other times during the day, depending upon activities.

## Coronavirus

It's very important that nobody - staff or pupil - attends a school if they have any of the symptoms of coronavirus (a new cough, a fever, or a change in or loss of taste or smell).

**If someone has any symptoms they must immediately self-isolate and book a PCR test. They must also inform the school immediately if someone has symptoms and of the result of any test. This is really important.**

## Staffing Update

**Miss Esson and Mr Murray** completed their fixed term contracts with us and they have both moved on to new schools within NLC.

**Miss McComb, Principal Teacher**, will have a teaching commitment in P3 on Mondays and Tuesdays each week.

**Mrs Murray, Principal Teacher**, will cover teachers' non-class contact time and she will have a teaching commitment each week in P1, 2, 5, 6/5 and 7.

**Miss McCabe and Miss Mulvey** are sharing the teaching of P4 as Miss McCabe will also be providing additional support for learners throughout the school.



Mrs Gilchrist, Early Learning Practitioner, has now retired and our whole nursery and school community send her best wishes.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARENTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE PAST YEAR. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME OUR NEW PARENTS TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.**

