



Our shared vision: Working together to create a nurturing, inclusive, rights respecting community, where learning is exciting, challenging and relevant.

5<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Welcome Back

Thank you for your patience and support during this time. We have had to update our recovery arrangements in line with Scottish Government Guidance within the last week of the holiday. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back into our school but there are a lot of changes we have made to make sure everyone is safe. Although things will not be as normal, we are hoping that we can make their transition as smooth and easy as we can.

### Arrangements for Next Week

Yesterday, North Lanarkshire announced a phased return for pupils. We will organise the children's return based on their class structure as below. If your child is in P4/3, he/she will attend on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August. During this phased return, we will discuss changes and establish new routines. All children will attend school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Times and arrangements for this will be issued soon.

### Arrangements for P1

We can't wait to welcome our new Primary 1 children next week. To support their transition, the children will attend from 10am until 2pm for the first week only (Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August). P1 arrangements will follow separately. From week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> August, Primary 1 will start at 9am and finish at 3pm.

### Entering and Leaving Our School - Pupils

Our playground has been organised into four coloured zones (see picture and table). This is to support access and egress of pupils and to reduce congestion areas. Adults are reminded that it is their responsibility to socially distance outwith the school gate, and we would politely ask you not to congregate once your child has entered the school playground.

When your child enters school, he/she will be asked to line up in the allocated zone. Staff will be on hand to support the children as we get used to this way of working. Children must arrive on time. This is new for all of us and we will no doubt have to reflect and evaluate systems.



Starting on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August, there will be two starting and finishing times:  
8.50am to 2.50pm: P3, P4/3, P5/4 (Zone 2) and P7a and P7b (Zone 4)  
9am to 3pm P1, P2/1, P2, (Zone 1) P5, P6/5a, P6/5b (Zone 3)

I understand this may not suit every family however, we have to have the health and safety of staff and pupils at the forefront of our plans, and again, **we will keep everything under review**. NO ADULT SHOULD ENTER THE PLAYGROUND.

The map shows where children should enter and line up. The areas are marked. The playground will be supervised from 8.40am for those children starting at 8.50am. The children should line up in their class which will be marked on the ground. Again, staff will be on hand to reassure children where to go. Please see grid for times for your child's class:

Zone	Class	Start Time	Enter From	Finish Time	Exit From
1	P1	9am	Baird Place Gate	3pm	Baird Place Gate
	P2/1	9am	Baird Place Gate	3pm	Baird Place Gate
	P2	9am	Baird Place Gate	3pm	Baird Place Gate
2	P3	8.50am	Baird Place Gate	2.50pm	Fleming Road Gate
	P4/3	8.50am	Baird Place Gate	2.50pm	Fleming Road Gate
	P5/4	8.50am	Baird Place Gate	2.50pm	Fleming Road Gate
3	P5	9am	Fleming Road Gate	3pm	Fleming Road Gate
	P6/5a	9am	Fleming Road Gate	3pm	Fleming Road Gate
	P6/5b	9am	Fleming Road Gate	3pm	Fleming Road Gate
4	P7a	8.50am	Fleming Road Gate	2.50pm	Fleming Road Gate
	P7b	8.50am	Fleming Road Gate	2.50pm	Fleming Road Gate

### Uniform Update

With just a week to go before school returns, I understand that many of you will have purchased jogging bottoms and leggings in line with our previous guidance. I do not want parents going to extra expense to purchase additional uniform. Therefore, If you have purchased leggings, jogging bottoms, school trousers or a skirt, pinafore etc, all of these items will be acceptable but please be aware that we intend to have outdoor PE and outdoor learning activities. We will still have no ties as a general rule. The children should be warm and comfortable. **JOGGING BOTTOMS & LEGGINGS SHOULD BE FREE FROM SPORTS LABELS**. Scottish Government advice states uniform should be cleaned regularly.

## Uniform Arrangements

We still expect our children to wear a uniform. **At the moment, we are advising against wearing ties.**  
 We anticipate that we will be utilizing the outdoor space more often with the children. This is in line with NLC and Scottish Government Guidance. For the first term, our uniform policy will be relaxed to allow children to come to school in black jogging bottoms or black leggings. This also means that children can participate in PE activities without getting changed. A warm, waterproof jacket will be essential as children will be outdoors as much as possible.  
 Please consider:

- White shirt/polo shirt
- Navy blue school jumper or cardigan
- Shoes suitable for outdoors (If your child is unable to tie their lace, consider Velcro shoes).
- Jacket (Children can still wear blazers).
- Black joggies/leggings (as above).



### Class Changes

We may have to alter some of our class groupings in light of the new guidance. If this involves your child, we will email you with any changes.

### More Information to Follow

As you can appreciate, this is still a period of holiday for the school. We are working hard to finalise our arrangements prior to next week. There will be more information to follow over the next few days relating to school bags, personal belongings etc. once we have received specific guidance from North Lanarkshire Council. **We do not have any information about Breakfast Clubs at present.**