**Old Monkland PS and Nursery Class**

**Information on Return to School August 2020**

**Staff Inset Day = Tuesday 11th August**

NB- We will have our phased return to introduce our lower and upper corridor classes to new entry routines and interval plans for school

**Wednesday 12th August- P.1. P.2/3 and P.3/4 9am -3pm**

**(NB –New P.1 class arrive 9.30 and pick up 2.30 for first week only.)**

**Thursday 13th August – P.1 9.30-2.30  
 P.4, P.5/6, P.6 and P.7 8.45 -2.45pm**

**Friday 14th – ALL pupils to attend – use of two drop off /collection times as above**

**P.1. 9.30-2.30  
 P.2/3 and P.3/4 - 9am -3pm**

**P.4, P.5/6, P.6 and P.7 - 8.45 -2.45pm**

**Week Beginning 17th – All children attend daily at drop off/ collection times**

**P.7,P.6 P5/6 and P.4 –Upper Corridor Classes 8.45-2.45 pm**

**P.1,2/3,3/4 – Lower Corridor Classes 9-3pm**

**NURSERY CLASS**

Nursery Children will return as the letters received in June and we will be in touch with those families who contacted us with enquiries about their Placements on the 11th.

(The Nursery will issue individual letters to parents on your child’s first day back.) Nursery Parents please use the path behind the school building that leads to the Nursery Entrance only.

**GATES AND PLAYGROUND ARRANGEMENTS**

**School Children should access the gates and waiting areas in the playground as outlined in their letters in June i.e.-**

P.1 – Craigend Drive Gate, RED ZONE – Enter via P.1 door

P.2/3- Craigend Drive Gate, Yellow Zone –Enter via Usual Playground doors

P.3/4- Community Education Gate – Green Zone – Enter via Usual Playground doors

P.4- Craigend Drive Gate, RED ZONE –Enter via Red gate Path at Reception

P.5/6- Craigend Drive Gate, Yellow Zone –Enter via Red Gate Path at Reception

P.6- Community Education Gate – Green Zone – Enter via Red Gate Path at Reception

P.7 Community Education Gate – Blue Zone – Enter via Red Gate Path at Reception

Children do not need to stand on the spots in the Zone but each Zone will be the playground space for each class during their intervals.

Staff will support classes to form lines in suitable spaces throughout the first week back to school to ensure children know where to line up when the bell rings.

**DROP OFF and Collection Times**

**In line with Government and NLC Guidelines at present, Parents should not enter the playground. If you need to talk to staff please telephone or email and we will arrange a telephone call or meeting with you as required.**

We hope our families will support us and each other by adhering to social distancing at these times and reinforcing to your child where they will be able to find you around the perimeter fence at home time. School Staff will support these times as fully as we can too.

**Personal Property**

**Pupils do not need to bring a school bag for now. As previous, each child will have their own set of resources for use in school and we will not be resuming homework straight away. Our priority is to settle children back into school routines and do our utmost to reassure them and allow them to rebuild their confidence in school. At the same time, staff will have a chance to assess how children are coping with their learning. We will keep you well informed of our intentions to resume activities such as homework, Target 21 etc.**

**Children are welcome to bring a water bottle filled with fresh plain water daily, however they will be unable to refill these during the day for now. Please name these.**

**Uniform**

**Pupils are welcome to wear any form of Old Monkland uniform they prefer as previously outlined. However, it would be so helpful if consideration can be given to keeping it as simple as possible for children to manage independently. Again please label all items with your child’s name.**

**PE**

**Individual teachers will issue class letters soon to outline PE days. For now we would hope to do PE outdoors where possible and will issue further guidance on this ASAP. Our PE uniform is a plain white t shirt, black shorts and black joggers/ leggings (if agreed suitable for child/activity) We hope normal school activities will resume at some point and therefore these are our preferences, however for now simple joggers, trainers, a t shirt or school polo will be ideal to be worn on PE days until we update you further**

**Money for school**

**All monies must be paid online / we will look to issue information on how to do this as soon as it becomes available for our new P.1 and other new families.**

**For now it would be ideal if children could bring their snack with them for playtime and a packed lunch if that is their choice in a disposable bag.**

**I will update you further on how lunch service will operate now the whole school is returning ASAP.**

**Breakfast Club**

**We will not have a Breakfast Club at the moment as we will be focussing on supporting the children returning to school routines. We will then look at advice from NLC and we will then consult with parent s to see if this service would be required and if so, if we could manage the numbers attending safely.**

**First week back**

**During the first week back ( and beyond) staff will be continually reassuring children about how school will be organised for now , following advice still in place for staff and pupils to return as safely as possible where restrictions are still in place for us all .**

**We will review how the children are managing and will continually look to review our plans if and when restrictions are eased further or should staff and pupils feel different approaches would be helpful, but still allow for Health and Safety for all to be adhered to.**

**As you will all be aware this advice can change quickly and we will do our utmost to keep you informed. Therefore, please make sure we have the correct mobile phone number for contact and that you have downloaded the school app. We will continue to update on our school website too which you can find by simply googling Old Monkland Blog.**

**NB- All of this information is current as of 4/8/20 and may be updated as further information is shared from NLC. We will advise of any changes ASAP.**