

# ST. AIDAN'S

Primary School, Nursery Class and

Language & Communication Support Centre

## August 2020

### Issue 2

# NEWSLETTER

## To Our St.Aidan's School Family,

I hope that this August newsletter finds you and your family well and relaxed after our summer break. Further to the letter issued on 04.08.2020 from our Executive Director, Derek Brown, I am pleased to be able to write to you to advise you on the plans for reopening our school, nursery and LCSC. The advice shared here is the most recent up-to-date guidance. Please be aware the advice changes regularly, but we expect these plans/procedures to be in place for at least Term 1.

As you'll be aware, prior to the summer break, all families received information for a **Blended Learning Model**, this is no longer necessary as all children will return to school full time from WB 17/08/2020. This has resulted in some changes to classes and class teachers. If your child's class or class teacher has changed them you will have been notified of this today ( 05.08.2020). If you have not been contacted by the school then there are no changes to your child's class or class teacher arrangements.

As of Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, pupils will return on a phased basis in week 1 with a return to full-time attendance as of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August. ( **Details of Week 1 phased return is within this newsletter**)

We appreciate your patience and understanding in these first few weeks as we, as a school, come to terms with the changes now in place, which as you will be aware, are subject to change in line with government guidance at very short notice

You can access the latest NLC guidance, along with a brief information video at:  
<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schoolplans>

Over the summer, extensive planning has taken place to ensure we have a safe and supportive return to school. School staff have given freely of their own time to support me in redesigning and reorganising our school, LCSC and nursery. We have established new systems and procedures to ensure that when we bring our children back next week, it will be in a safe and controlled way. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my amazing staff team for all their hard work and dedication.

Finally, we understand that the children will be feeling a little nervous about returning to school/nursery. To this end, we have attached to this newsletter, a **child friendly guide to returning to school**. The guide includes a welcome message from the staff team. We have missed each and every child and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school next week. I am so proud of our children, staff and families for working together to ensure we continue to stay connected.

God Bless

Mrs McLean

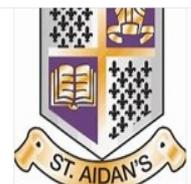
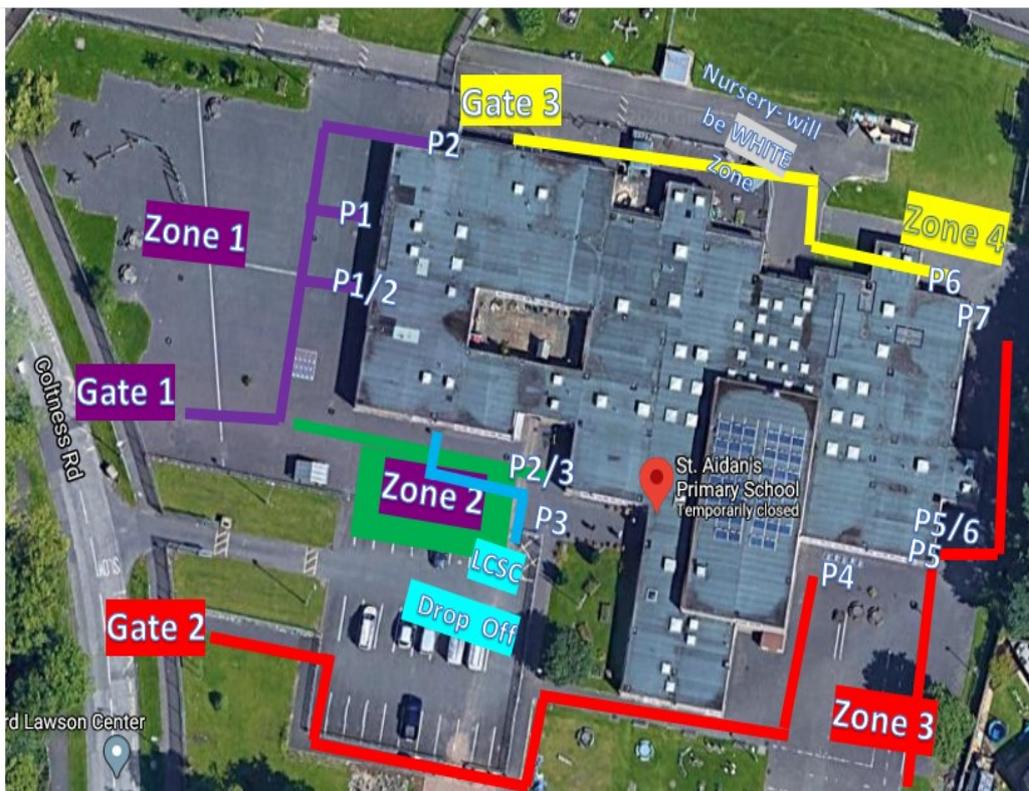
Head Teacher

## Growing in Faith, Learning for Life

## CLASSIFICATION

Class	No. of Children	Teacher	Room	Entry/Exit Zones
P1	21	Miss McKenzie	Rm1	Gate 1/Zone 1
P1/2	20	Mrs Airth– Mon, Tue & Wed/ Miss Harbison– Thurs/Fri	Rm2	Gate 1/Zone 1
P2	20	Mrs Jankauskiene	Rm3	Gate 1/Zone 1
P2/3	23	Miss Hughes- Covering Mrs Anderson’s Maternity Leave	Rm 4	Gate 1/Zone 2
P3	21	Miss McGinn	Rm 5	Gate 1/Zone 2
P4	20	Mrs Duffy-Mon, Thurs, Fri Miss Harbison– Tue/Wed	Rm 6	Gate 2/Zone 3
P5	28	Miss Murphy– Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri pm Mrs Shields– Thurs/Fri am	Rm 7	Gate 2/Zone 3
P5/6	21	Mrs McGeough	Rm 8	Gate 2/Zone 3
P6	28	Mrs Donnelly– Mon– Fri am Mr Fowler– Mon–Fri pm	Rm 9	Gate 3/Zone 4
P7	28	Mrs Quinn	Rm 10	Gate 3/Zone 4
P1 LCSC	6	Mrs Jaconelli/ Mr Fowler	Willow LCSC Room	Zone 2– LCSC Drop off
P2LCSC	6	Mrs Zonfrillo	Oak LCSC Room	Zone 2– LCSC Drop off
P3A LCSC	6	Miss Sherry	Maple LCSC Room	Zone 2– LCSC Drop off
P3B LCSC	6	Miss Mahoney	Beech LCSC Room	Zone 2– LCSC Drop off
NCCT Teachers		Mrs Young/ and Mr Fowler		

## ZONES



St Aidan's

Primary

## ATTENDANCE

### Current NLC phased return guidance for all Primary Schools: Week 1

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	In-Service: Staff only
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3 attend school
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Primary 1, Primary 4, Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7 attend school
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	All pupils attend school

### Specific arrangements for St Aidan's Primary School: Week 1

Stage	Days to attend	Staggered Start/Finish Times
P1	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> August Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Wed 12th– 10am till 1pm Thursday 13th- 10am till 2pm Friday 14th -9.30am till 2.30pm
P2	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Start: 9am Finish:3pm
P3	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Start: 9am Finish: 3pm
P4	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> August Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Start: 9am Finish: 3pm
P5	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> August Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Start:-9am Finish: 3pm
P6	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> August Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Start: 9am Finish: 3pm
P7	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> August Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Start: 9am Finish: 3pm

### Week 2 onwards as above except P1:

P1	Monday to Friday	Start: 9am Finish: 3m
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## Movement Around the School

In following national guidance we aim to ensure there is as little crowding/gathering of pupils as possible. Every class has a designated entry /exit gate and zone...Please note only those gates and entrances should be used. Classes will be dismissed in a calm and orderly manner. **Please note parents are not permitted to be within the school grounds.**

Please arrive as soon as possible to 9am as there will be less playground supervision before school starts. **Late-coming:** your child should still come in by their designated gate and entrance—they will be open. Please inform us if your child is ever running late, so that we can look out for them.

**Wet Mornings:** as the school hall cannot be used for large group supervision, in the event of rain, please ensure your child is suitably dressed as they have to stand in zoned playground area for a few minutes before entering the classroom.

**No bells will sound.** Teachers will collect classes from zones at the designated times and dismiss children safely from the same zones. P1 and P2 teachers will bring classes to their gates.

**Dropping off/Picking up children:** Only pupils and staff are allowed within the perimeter fenced areas of the school. Parents **will not be permitted to enter these areas.** SMT will meet our younger children at the designated gates and bring the children to their zoned areas. P1 and P2 teachers will dismiss classes from their designated gates.

**Parents accessing the school building:** In following guidance, please note that will be operating an **appointment only system.** We ask that parents and carers avoid entering the school building in order to reduce the footfall within the campus. Should you require to contact us please email or phone the school and we will address any issues or concerns as quickly as possible.

## WILL THE CHILDREN BE WEARING UNIFORM?

The short answer to this question is... *“YES!” with a few suggestions to make life a little easier...*

Here in St. Aidan’s we pride ourselves on our beautiful school uniform. One of the things we are all looking forward to is a return to routine and normality. The most normal thing about coming to school, is wearing uniform. It sends a clear message to everyone that when we come to school, things are different than they are when we are at home. We can begin to re-create the sense of identity and show that we are part of the St. Aidan's school family.

However in light of the current Covid-19 pandemic, please find below some suggested advice which may make life a little easier...

## WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR?

- Grey trousers-Grey/tartan skirt or tartan pinafore
- White shirt or white/gold polo shirt—**A change is that children can now wear ties but I encourage P1/P2 parents to purchase elastic ties** as staff will be unable to tie normal ties for the children.
- We will contact P7 children as soon as the ties have been delivered.
- Grey or purple jumper or sweatshirt
- School blazer/fleece or suitable outdoor jacket
- Black shoes – **Velcro fastened shoes**. Staff will be unable to tie shoelaces for children. Shoes with laces/ buckles should only be worn if children can fasten these unaided.
- All items worn to school should be **washed and clean**.

You can purchase our uniform by logging onto [www.logoexpres-schoolwear.co.uk](http://www.logoexpres-schoolwear.co.uk)

## PLEASE DO NOT BRING PERSONAL BELONGINGS TO SCHOOL

**Only bring a bag if your child needs it to carry Packed Lunch, Snack, Bottles of Water, gloves, hat, scarf etc... No toys or mobile phones are permitted.**

Everything your child will need for school will be provided. We have already begun to make up individual packs for every child with a selection of resources. These include jotters, colouring pens, pencils, rubber, sharpener, whiteboard and marker, scissors and a glue stick. This will help with infection control!

**Medication:** Children should bring their medication into school and hand it into the school office. Parents of younger children may hand it in to the office. New medical updates forms will be given out during our first week back.

## Outdoor Physical Learning

At present there is no indoor PE, we have therefore allocated all classes an **(Outdoor Learning Schedule)** allowing each class access to an area of the playground each day to participate in an outdoor activity. Please ensure the children

	Upper School Grass Area/Pencils			Middle School Yard			Wooded Area/Science Area			Infant Yard		
	AM 1	AM 2	PM	AM 1	AM 2	PM	AM 1	AM 2	PM	AM 1	AM 2	PM
<b>Mon-day</b>	P1	P1/2	P2	P2/3	P3	P4	P5	P5/6	P6	P7	LCSC	LCSC
<b>Tues-day</b>	P6	P7	LCSC	LCSC	P1	P1/2	P2	P2/3	P3	P4	P5	P5/6
<b>Wedne-sday</b>	P3	P4	P5	P5/6	P6	P7	LCSC	LCSC	P1	P1/2	P2	P2/3
<b>Thurs-day</b>	P2/3	P3	P4	P5	P5/6	P6	P7	LCSC	LCSC	P1	P1/2	P2
<b>Friday</b>	LCSC	P1	P1/2	P2	P2/3	P3	P4	P5	P5/6	P6	P7	LCSC

have suitable outdoor coats and shoes on every day.

## Playtime and Lunchtimes

Children will get breaks and lunchtimes at different times.

Children should bring a snack to school for their break. Hot toast will be available from the school canteen. For lunch, the children should bring a packed lunch, or order a meal from the school canteen. Options may be subject to restrictions or changes. Some children may eat in the canteen, some may eat in class, to avoid crowding.



In Term 1, lunchtimes will be staggered across the day. All P1-3 meals remain free as normal.

**We strongly recommend that all children stay for lunch.** We will presume that to be the case unless you inform us individually.

As indicated via Social media, the online payment system should be used for all payments. If you require login details to be resent please contact school office on Tuesday 11th August.

**Breakfast Service:** we are awaiting council instructions about this service. I will send an update to the school app/twitter.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Children will be asked to wash their hands regularly throughout the day.
- Face coverings for children are not required unless clinically advised to do so.
- Enhanced cleaning will take place throughout the school day.
- Signage will be in place to support the children move around safely.
- Adults will practice social distancing
- Children will be encouraged to practice catching coughs, sneezes with tissues and avoid face touching
- Windows and classroom doors will be opened for ventilation.
- A short cartoon video is available for pupils to watch on the NLC website regarding returning to school which may provide some reassurance for our children.
- A child friendly guide to returning to school is attached to this newsletter
- In school, classes will not be sharing with other classes, and will be mixing as little as possible; there will be no assemblies, outings or shows for the term ahead:

## Supporting children's wellbeing/Recovery Curriculum

Your child's health, wellbeing and safety will be our main priority. School will look a little different but it should feel the same...a place where the children feel happy and safe. As a team, we have been planning ways in which we can support the children's emotional wellbeing and plan for our recovery curriculum. It's important that during Term 1 we take time to reconnect as a school community. We have planned a whole school IDL topic which will allow our school and nursery community to explore similar themes-The IDL topic is called 'Here We Are'. This resource along with Playback Ice and Emotion Works will allow us to gain that sense of unity and community.

As a school, it's important that we take time this term to also revisit and consolidate previous learning, especially in the areas of literacy and numeracy. I am keen to continue to move the school forward. We will use time wisely to reconnect, revisit previous learning and move the learning forward. We will use stage interventions to support children who are identified as requiring additional support and support plans will be in place for pupils who may require this intervention.



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