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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Arrangements for August 2020**

I appreciate this will be an anxious time as we prepare to welcome back our children to school but the staff and I are very much looking forward to everyone returning. We have missed them terribly, hearing their stories and smiley faces.

Last week the First Minister announced that all children will return to school full time by the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Since then the staff and I have been working hard making adaptations to accommodate all our children. As a result, there have been some staff and class changes due to returning full time.

I would like to reassure you that all health and safety guidance has been adhered to, and steps have been taken to make sure everyone is as safe as they possibly can be.

I am aware many of you will have questions about the safe return of pupil. The information below will help you and your child in returning to school.

### **General Health & Safety Measures**

- **Parents are NOT allowed on the school site (including the car park). Children should walk in the gates by themselves. This does not include parents who need to make use of the disabled parking facilities at the front of the school.**
- If a parent or carer needs to enter the building a face covering must be worn throughout and a track and trace form must be completed as per government guidance.
- Children will be asked to wash hands or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day.
- All PE sessions will be done outdoors.
- Children will have staggered break and lunch times.
- Adults enter the building by appointment only, and only when absolutely necessary.



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- Clear signage is displayed around the school with a 'Keep Left' policy for moving round the building.
- Staff will require to wear a face covering if in close contact for 15 minutes or more.
- Staff will wear a face covering, plastic apron and disposable gloves if administering first aid.
- There are enhanced cleaning procedures in place throughout the day, with particular focus on touchpoints such as door handles etc.
- Furniture and resources have been removed to ensure only essential items are used.
- Children will be provided with their own zipped bag which contains all the stationary resources they will need to complete tasks.

### Primary 1

- Primary 1 pupils will start school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August.
- Children will start at 9.30am and end at 2.30pm each day for the first week and from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August onwards their hours will be 8.50am to 2.45pm.
- Children should enter the playground using the middle gate marked Zone 2. For the first week only Primary 1 parents will be allowed into the playground at the start and end of the day. From week 2 onwards the children will be walked to the middle gate by their teacher.
- Unfortunately parents are not permitted to enter the school building to visit the classroom.
- From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August pupils should enter the playground from the middle gate and follow the arrows to their designated part of the playground.

### Primary 2

- P2 pupils will return to school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 8.50am and will finish at 2.50pm.
- Children will enter the playground using the top gate which will marked Zone 3. Children should follow the green arrows to their designated part of the playground.
- Following NLC guidelines parents will not be allowed into the playground or school building.
- P2 pupils should **not** attend Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August. They will return to school full time from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 8.50am to 2.50pm.
- Children will be dismissed by their class teacher into the playground.
- Please keep clear of the gates to allow the children to be dismissed safely.

### Primary 3

- P3 pupils will return to school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 9am to 3pm.
- Children will enter the playground using the top gate which will be marked Zone 3. Children should follow the green arrows to their designated part of the playground.
- Following NLC guidelines parents will not be allowed into the playground or school building.
- P3 pupils should **not** attend Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August. They will return to school full time from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 9am to 3pm.
- Children will be dismissed by their class teacher into the playground.
- Please keep clear of the gates to allow the children to be dismissed safely.

### Primary 4

- P4 pupils will return full time to school from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 8.50am to 2.50pm.
- P4 pupils should **not** attend Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August.
- Children will enter the playground using the bottom gate which will be marked Zone 1. Children should follow the red to their designated part of the playground.
- Following NLC guidelines parents will not be allowed into the playground or school building.
- Children will be dismissed by their class teacher into the playground.
- Please keep clear of the gates to allow the children to be dismissed safely.

### Primary 4/5

- P4/5 pupils will return full time to school from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 9am to 3pm.
- P4/5 pupils should **not** attend Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August.
- Children will enter the playground using the middle gate which will be marked Zone 2. Children should follow the yellow arrows to their designated part of the playground.
- Following NLC guidelines parents will not be allowed into the playground or school building.
- Children will be dismissed by their class teacher into the playground.
- Please keep clear of the gates to allow the children to be dismissed safely.

### Primary 6

- P6 pupils will return full time to school from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 9am to 3pm.
- P6 pupils should **not** attend Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August.
- Children will enter the playground using the bottom gate which will be marked Zone 1. Children should follow the red arrows to their designated part of the playground.
- Following NLC guidelines parents will not be allowed into the playground or school building.
- Children will be dismissed by their class teacher into the playground.
- Please keep clear of the gates to allow the children to be dismissed safely.

## Primary 7

- P7 pupils will return full time to school from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 9.10am to 3.10pm.
- P7 pupils should **not** attend Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August.
- Children will enter the playground using the middle gate which will be marked Zone 2. Children should follow the yellow arrows to their designated part of the playground.
- Following NLC guidelines parents will not be allowed into the playground or school building.
- Children will be dismissed by their class teacher into the playground.
- Please keep clear of the gates to allow the children to be dismissed safely.

### **School Uniform & Equipment**

- Children can bring school bags and water bottles but these should not be shared with others.
- Normal school uniform is encouraged, please note ties and blazers are permitted. All PE sessions will be outdoors, and times/clothing will be communicated in the new term.
- Please label EVERY item of clothing, and provide clothing to allow children to be outdoors in all but the most severe weather conditions. A warm and waterproof jacket is essential. Please contact the school if there are challenges in providing this.
- It is important that children come to school with freshly washed clothes each day.

### **Breakfast Club**

- Breakfast Club will be running as normal from 8:15am on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Primary 1 will be able to attend breakfast club from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August.
- Children should enter using the normal pupil door and sanitise their hands when they enter the building. Please note no parents are not permitted into the school grounds or building.

### **Lunch Provision**

- Lunch cards must be topped up online. More information on this can be found here: <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=22284>
- Children can bring a packed lunch or have a school lunch as normal. If bringing a packed lunch it would be preferred if this was in a disposable bag.
- Catering staff are also following strict health and safety procedures and will be wearing face masks during lunch service.

### **Curriculum**

When children return, our first priority will be to make sure children feel cared for, happy and safe. We have worked to develop our understanding of nurture and our approaches to relationships over the last two years, and planned to continue this work anyway, even without the current situation arising. This puts us in a strong position to support our children and families as we reconnect.

Health and Wellbeing is the foundation on which we will build our curriculum in the new term, with a focus on Literacy and Numeracy alongside this. Part of this will be working with materials from the Resilience Alphabet.

I want to reassure you that as a school we are taking all the steps necessary to ensure that your children return to a safe and nurturing environment where their educational and social and emotional needs will be met.

The staff and I look forward to welcoming our children back to school next week.

Yours sincerely

**Laura Simpson**  
**Head Teacher**