



Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been great to see the children back in school over the last few days. Their ability to adapt to our new routines, enthusiasm and smiling faces have helped make a challenging situation a little easier.

This is just a little update on some of the information that was contained in the first issue of our Back to School Recovery Document.

Drop Off & Pick Up

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported our request not to bring cars into the school campus. This has made a huge difference and has helped to make all the new requirements a little easier to manage. Please continue to use our recommended one-way system around the school. Everyone should enter through the left hand pedestrian gate of the school, or cross to the left hand side side once inside the campus using the zebra crossings. Please follow the path around the perimeter of the pitch and cross the carpark at the zebra crossing. Unfortunately, we do not have the staffing to supervise this on a daily basis, so we would ask for your support in promoting these recommendations. We have extremely limited parking on the campus and this has been reduced further by the drainage remedial works.

If you are coming into the campus at the end of the day to collect your child, can we please ask you to stand around the perimeter fence of the nursery and away from the playground entry/exit gates. Designated zones have been set up at the fence around the pond for Buchanan Park Afterschool Care, C&S Afterschool Care and child minders to collect groups of children. Please avoid standing in front of these zones, and immediately to the left and right of the gates. We will bring classes out one, or two, at a time. Please stand back and only come forward when your child's class arrives at the gate. Please move away from the gates as quickly as possible to make room for other parents/carers. Siblings have a designated waiting area in the playground, so they should all come out together.

Please keep a clear path down the centre of the walkway from the main school doors to the school gates to enable others to get past.

We appreciate that it may take a while to dismiss all the children, but until we are permitted to have parents/carers in the playground, we want to make the exit as controlled and safe as possible. If it takes a little longer for you to get to the gates to pick up your child, please do not worry. There will be staff members there to ensure your child is safe. We don't mind waiting a little longer to keep you and your child safe.

If you are waiting for your child, please remember social distancing requirements at all times. It has taken an incredibly long time for schools to



return and we want to ensure that we do our best to keep our school open by following Scottish Government guidance.

School Lunches

We are delighted that we are now able to use our lunch hall again. We now have two lunch breaks and set dining times for year groups within these breaks. I have noted the times of these breaks below. In keeping with Scottish Government advice, we are minimising the contact between classes/year groups as much as we can. Complete isolation is impossible in a school situation. As we have four year groups to get through in our second sitting, P4 & P5 packed lunches will continue to be eaten in classrooms for now. They will eat at the same time as anyone in P4 & P5 having a school meal, which means that they will have the same amount of time in the playground together. Each year group has a designated area of the grounds to play in to reduce mixing with a large number of year groups.

P1-P3 Lunch – 11.45am – 12.30pm

P4-P7 Lunch – 12.45am – 1.30pm

Breakfast Club

We will write out to parents/carers next week with the official start date for our school Breakfast Club. We will also provide further information and additional guidance about this service. It is extremely important that only children requiring breakfast before the start of the school day use this club.

Thank you in advance for your support. We know that this is not easy for anyone. There are a number of things that we are unable to do at the moment due to government and Local Authority guidance. For example, we have not been able to set up our normal P7/P1 Buddy Programme at the minute as we have been advised to minimise contact between different year groups. Our P7s have always worked very closely with our new P1s and we are already missing the extremely valuable role they play. Hopefully, as restrictions start to ease, this will be one of many of elements of school life that can return to normal.

Kind regards

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