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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re-opening of Ruthvenfield Primary School

Please find below a few reminders and other information in regard to our return to school.

Important reminders:-

Arrival at school

There will be no lining up outside this week. Support staff will open class entrances from 8:50-9am this week (*we are aware that you may require to drop off children a few minutes before this time to get to work etc...*) The staff will direct the children to their classrooms where their teachers will be waiting to welcome them. **P1/2** should enter through the **main entrance**, **P3/4** children should enter through the **gym hall door** and **P5-7** through the **side playground entrance** as the videos demonstrated prior to the holidays. **Parents/adults should not linger or gather once children have been dropped off. Please respect social distancing at all times. Thank you.**

When we return to school this week, and to reduce risk, **ADULTS should NOT enter the school building**, unless this has been pre-arranged. This is to ensure that we can safely comply with social distancing and limit the number of adults in the school building and grounds. Please kindly telephone the school or leave a message on the school answer phone if you require to speak to a member of staff and the staff member will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

End of day arrangements:-

Arrangements to ensure social distancing and to avoid congestion at the school gates and on the public pavements

3:15pm:- P5-7 learners (either walk home, walk to their parent/carer's car or see below re playing field – dependent on parent/carer wishes)

Older siblings may also meet their younger sibling to walk them to parent/carer's car dependent on parent wishes

3:20pm – P1/2 parents to socially distance in the main playground to collect their children

3:20pm – P3/4 children (either walk home, walk to parent/carer's car or see below re playing field – dependent on parent/carer wishes)

3:20pm: P3-7 parents to socially distance on the large playing field if they are meeting their child/children to walk home

We would kindly ask all parents/adults to respect social distancing when waiting to collect their children and not gather in groups, or linger, in the school grounds at the end of the school day. Thank you.

P3-7 Class Groupings

As we warmly welcome new families to Ruthvenfield, who moved into over the summer holidays, our pupil numbers in the P3/4 and P5-7 classes have increased. In order to address increasing numbers, best meet the needs of the children, meet composite number restrictions and room capacities, Miss Mackenzie and Miss Bruce will be planning together throughout the year. This will continue to ensure progression, support and challenge in learning. This also means that your child/children may work with Miss Mackenzie for some aspects of the curriculum and with Miss Bruce for others. We will limit movement as much as possible. Mrs Turner, our Pupil Support Worker, and Ms. Black, our Pupil Support Teacher, will also continue to support pupil learning.

This arrangement means that we will have a few spaces left across P3-7 for any other new families that move in to the area in the coming weeks and months, and will hopefully avoid us splitting year groups throughout the year.

Learning Outdoors Session 2020-21

Each class will have gym on a Friday this term starting on Friday 21st August. Further learning will also take place outdoors, particularly on Fridays, where each class will have a timetabled slot with Mrs Ritchie. With this in mind, children should wear plain, outdoor clothing which will be appropriate for gym and learning outdoors. beginning on **Friday 21st August.**

It would be helpful for children to also bring **named waterproof clothing/wellies** with them so that they are prepared for all types of weather (you may wish your child to leave their waterproof clothing and wellies at school if this is easier. We will purchase some spare waterproofs to keep in school too). On sunnier days, please remember to apply sun cream to your child and you may also wish them to wear a sun cap too. I have included a letter with this email from Mrs Ritchie in regard to Fridays.

We look forward to welcoming all children back into school and would assure you we are taking every precaution to ensure they, and our staff, are as safe as can be when they return.

Yours sincerely

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