



Achenlodment Primary School & ELCC

Returning to School – August 2020

22nd June 2020

Dear parent/carer,

We appreciate you will be keen to know what your child's new timetable will look like when pupils start to return to school from Wednesday 12 August, and we can now share that.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming pupils back to Achenlodment Primary School and ELCC and seeing you all again.

We understand the past few months hasn't been an easy time and our thanks go to you and your children for your patience and understanding.

This August will look different from any other year in that schools will return to a model of blended learning – with pupils learning in school on some days and from home on others.

We know this is not ideal but are sure you will appreciate the situation is unprecedented. We have worked hard to develop a model which delivers the best possible learning experience while taking every precaution to ensure the safety of pupils and staff, in line with government advice.

We will ensure physical distancing is maintained as much as possible and will do this through reduced class sizes and using all available space – however this obviously means not all pupils can be in school at the same time.

Your child's days in school

In all Renfrewshire primary schools, half of children (Group A) will attend on a Monday and Tuesday, and the other half (Group B) on a Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will allow teachers to have their contractual non-class contact time.

Your child will be in Primary 1M. Mrs Murray (Thursday) and Mrs Mullen (Friday) will be your child's class teachers.

Your child will be in Group B and will attend on Thursday and Friday each week, from Monday 17th August.

School days will run from approximately 9am to 3pm but to ensure we maintain physical distancing at the start and end of the day, we will stagger start and finish times for different groups.

Primary 1 and 2 will start school at 8.50am and finish at 2.50pm

Primary 3, 4/3 and 4 will start school at 9am and finish at 3pm.

Primary 5, 6 & 7 will start school at 9.10am and finish at 3.10pm

Please note that siblings will all start and finish at the same time. The start time is determined by the youngest sibling's start time. For example, if you have a child in P2 and a child in P6, both children will start at 8.50am.

Your child should be dropped off in the playground and then make their way into the school building where they will be met by staff. There will also be staff in the playground to direct children to the appropriate entrance for their class.

We have tried to ensure all siblings attend on the same day wherever we can, however this has not always been possible. We realise we may not have been able to satisfy every family's particular circumstances, and for this we both apologise and thank you for your understanding and support.

How long these arrangements continue depends entirely on advice and guidance from the Scottish Government. We will keep you updated on what that means for you and your family as and when that advice changes.

First week back

The first week back will look different because schools open to pupils on Wednesday 12 August so this is a shorter school week.

We want to ensure everyone gets back to school at some point during that week so arrangements for those three days will be different.

In that first week, your children will attend on the following days:

Wednesday 12th August:

Primary 1 Group A: 9.30am – 11.30am

Primary 1 Group B: 1pm – 3pm

Primary 7 Whole class: 9am- 3pm

Thursday 13th August:

Group A from all classes will attend school

Friday 14th August:

Group B from all classes will attend school

Other information

We appreciate the new model throws up a lot of questions. We will be putting in place a new a model of home learning, with teachers able to provide a level of support on the days your child is learning from home, and materials will be made available.

Childcare will be available for the children of key workers on the days they are not in school. You can find out more information on the council's website. We know the new model has implications for school transport and these are still being worked on.

The council's website has a detailed Q&A full of information for parents and carers – so please see <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-schools>

Please click on the following link which will direct you towards the Auchenlodment Returning to School Guide. This will provide you with information on uniform, school routines, first aid etc.

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/356225/>

If you have any questions which aren't answered in the Q&A please don't hesitate to contact us directly at auchenlodmentenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Once again, we thank you for your understanding at this difficult time and we look forward to seeing you all again in August. We will be doing everything we can to make your return to school as smooth as possible.

Kind Regards,

Gerry Carlton

Head Teacher