

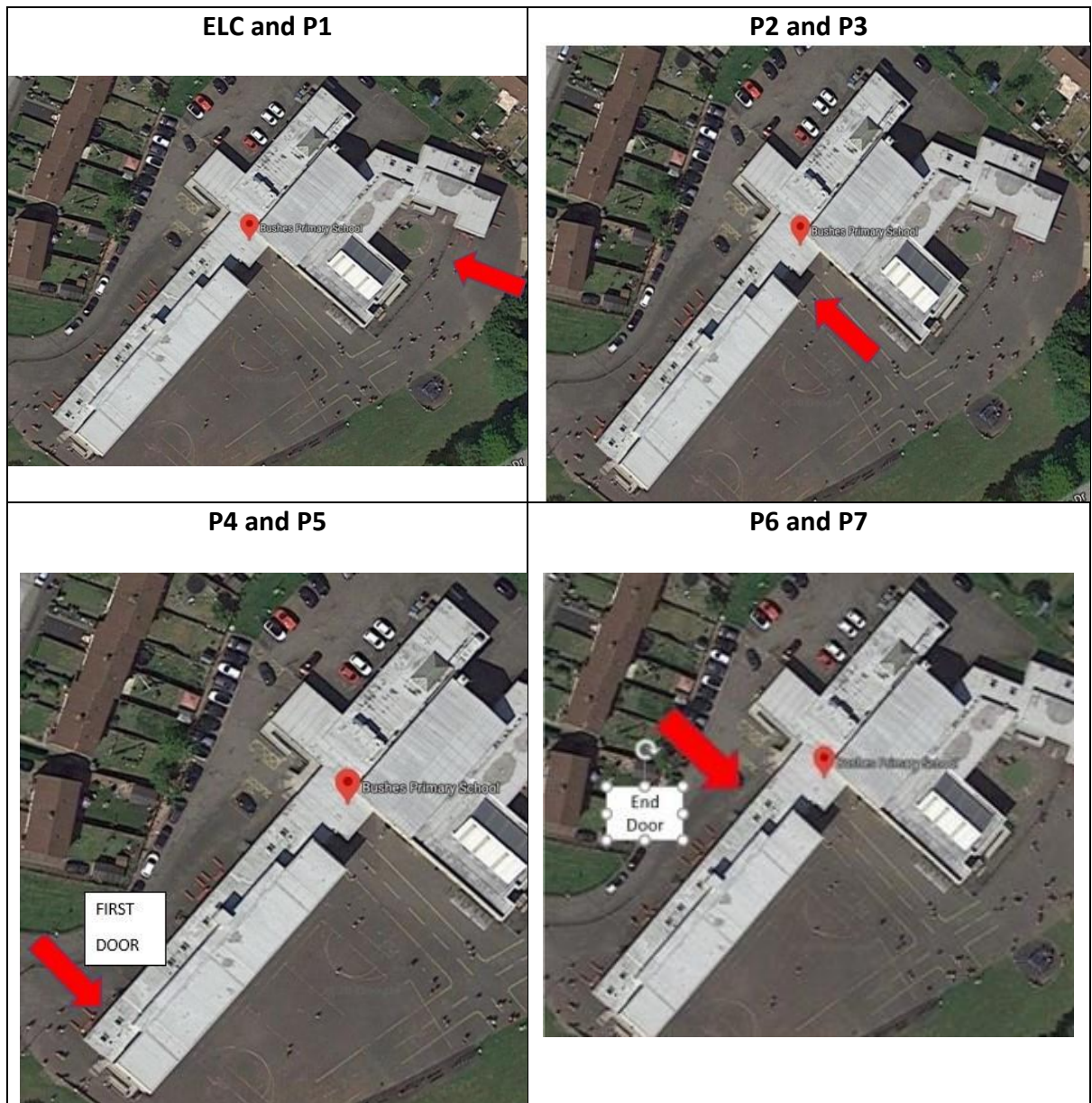
Dear Parent/Carer,

A very warm welcome to term 3 and the year 2021. On behalf of everyone at Bushes, I hope you had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and I wish you all good health and happiness for 2021. I know we are returning under conditions different to those we imagined when we stopped for Christmas, however, everyone at Bushes is ready to support all our learners and families through these uncertain and challenging times.

### **Bushes Hub**

It has been lovely to welcome back some of our pupils this week who have attended our Hub classes. For children attending from next week I wanted to share the arrangements and some information that will be useful to you:

- The day starts at 9am and finishes at 3pm.
- 1 adult per child can enter the playground and we would ask that, as you have done since August, that you do not approach staff in the playground and instead contact the school office with any queries.
- Adults should wear face masks and socially distance when in the school grounds.
- Children do not need to wear school uniform but should come dressed appropriately and in a way that enables them to take part in outdoor activities.
- Children should bring a snack and lunch can be brought/ordered as normal.
- If your child has a device that they could use (laptop, tablet etc.), then this can be brought with them and used in the classroom. When in the Hub, children will be completing the activities set by their teacher on Seesaw for that day.
- Children will be split into the following groupings:
  - ELC and P1
  - P2 and P3
  - P4 and P5
  - P6 and P7
- Children will be taught work that is differentiated and appropriate to their learning needs.
- Entry and exit points are as follows:



As a staff we are proud to be supporting the children of our Keyworkers and contributing to the nationwide efforts to bring normality back to our lives as soon as possible. It is pertinent for me to remind you all that Hub places for Keyworker's children should only be used when there is no alternative and all other avenues have been explored first. If a place has been granted, children should only attend on days when there is no alternative childcare available and this includes keyworkers who are working from home. I am also aware that more businesses are being encouraged to support their employees to work from home so please let us know if your circumstances change and you no longer need/qualify for a place in the Hub.



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## Online Learning

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, ELC and teaching staff will be online on a daily basis. As was the case during the last Lockdown period, online learning will take place through the Seesaw platform. If you do not have access to this yet, please go to our Seesaw support page on our website (<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/bushes/seesaw-support/>) and complete a request for assistance form. Someone will respond as soon as possible.

At the beginning of each week an overview will be posted for each class with a summary of what will be taught that week. On a daily basis, work will be uploaded with teacher videos and audio files to support learning. These will be recorded files that can be accessed when best suits families. Staff will be interacting with pupils throughout the day.

I fully understand that traditional school timings for home schooling may not be workable around Lockdown life when many families will be juggling home schooling along with their own jobs. To support your child, you can encourage them to complete the work that has been set at a time that suits and to interact with school staff via Seesaw regularly and when possible.

I also understand that you may be feeling anxious around home schooling and also your child's progress. I would ask that you give staff the opportunity to get things up and running and encourage your child to participate in as many of the learning opportunities as possible. Staff are very much looking forward to working with pupils online from Monday and beginning term 3 in as positive a way as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything at all that we can do to help your child and your family.

Take care and stay safe.

Kindest Regards



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