



In August 2020 your child will return to school. In line with all other schools across Scotland. Langbank Primary School will be operating a “Blended Learning “model. This means your child will spend some time learning in school & some time learning at home each week. Further parent information on blended learning will be issued in August.

An assessment of the space available in Langbank Primary School has been conducted to allow the safe introduction of this model. In order to ensure the safety of pupils & staff some changes have been required. The school has been split into two cohorts of learners (GROUP A & GROUP B.) Children in GROUP A will attend every Monday/Tuesday. Children in GROUP B will attend every Thursday/ Friday. Siblings have been placed together in the same GROUP to ensure they attend on the same days. School will be closed every Wednesday.

Please find below some further school information & guidance which I hope you will find helpful at this time

Are there any changes to the curriculum on offer in Langbank Primary School?

Children will continue to have in-school learning experiences & lessons which are age & stage appropriate & meet their individual needs. We are however unable to organise excursions, hold assemblies, host family learning or parent events until further notice.

What will my child’s learning environment look like?

Classrooms & other teaching spaces have been reorganised to ensure physical distancing guidelines are implemented as much as possible. All unnecessary equipment and resources have been removed to allow effective cleaning at the end of each day. All children will have their own designated workstation in the room. Each workstation will be set up with resources to be used only by the child assigned. Children will not share resources. A cleaning station will be set up for each teaching space & all children will be encouraged to keep their own workspace clean & tidy. Staff will encourage children to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. Water & soap, alongside hand sanitiser, will be available to children across the school for this purpose. There will be signage displayed at strategic points inside the building to reinforce key safety messages for children & staff.

What should my child wear to school?

On the days your children attend school they should wear the following: - • white school polo shirt (with or without school badge) • school sweatshirt or jumper (with or without school badge) • black or grey trousers/leggings/joggers (suitable for outdoor activities) • sturdy footwear (suitable for outdoors)

We would respectfully ask that clothing emblazoned with other colours/ sports logos etc are not worn & school colours are retained as much as possible. Pupils will also require a suitable outdoor jacket appropriate for seasonal weather (which may be of any colour).

No PE kit is required as all PE lessons will take place outdoors. A change of shoes should be brought into school each day – soft shoes, plimsoles or trainers. Children will change into these, only when necessary, & keep their outdoor shoes inside their schoolbags. Where available, cloakrooms will only be used to store outdoor jackets.

**Should my child bring a school bag/ lunch box /water bottle to school?**

Children may bring a school bag to school which will be kept beside them at their own workstation. Mid-morning snacks will be kept in school bags until playtime.

If your child will be bringing a packed lunch from home each day this may be brought to school in a lunchbox which must be taken home each day to be cleaned. All children should bring a water bottle to school and take this home each day to be cleaned. This will be kept at your child's own workstation. Please note there will be no operational water fountains in the school.

Should my child bring a pencil case / other personal belonging to school?

We will provide all the necessary stationary resources for your child's learning therefore a pencil case is not required. We respectfully request that any such items are not brought to school but remain at home to support the work your child will undertake there. This will help minimise items at your child's workstation to aid cleaning in school. We ask that children do not bring any other unnecessary personal items to school. This includes items for Golden Time or toys for use in the playground. This will help support our good hygiene & cleaning protocols.

What will the playtime & lunchtime arrangements be?

Recreational play times will be staggered across the day. Children will be taken outside by an adult – teachers and/or support staff. Our playground will operate in zones to maximise the safety of children & staff.

Children will remain at their own workstation to eat lunch each day. Lunches will be delivered to each teaching space & will be a sandwich lunch for everyone. Further information regarding lunch options available will be shared in August. Children may continue to bring in a packed lunch from home.

Free school meals will continue to be provided for all children P1-3. Parents with children in P4-7 are required to apply to the council, in the usual way. Application forms can be found on the Renfrewshire Council website.

Will my child be given homework to complete?

The blended learning model being adopted means that all children will be issued with home learning tasks to be completed on the days they are not in school. These will not necessarily be monitored by the teacher they will have when attending school, as that teacher will be in class teaching other groups of pupils on those days. Staff will respond to any concerns raised through Seesaw as soon as they are able.

What about children with additional support needs?

Pupils with Additional Support Needs will continue to have their needs met as outlined in their individual support plan. Parents will continue to be involved in the support planning process.

Will First Aid be provided if required?

For minor scrapes & injuries children will be supervised by an adult & encouraged to be self-sufficient in cleaning scratches & scrapes. First Aid will be available for more serious injury in line with our current practice.

**What about administration of essential medication?**

Only children who require medication for specific conditions, as detailed on their health care plan, will have this administered. Parents will be contacted directly to discuss this should this apply to their child. Children who require to use an EpiPen or an inhaler should always keep this on their person.

What happens if my child becomes unwell in school?

If your child becomes unwell in school, you will be contacted to collect them as soon as possible. If your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 they will be required to remain in isolation in a specific room away from others, which has been identified for this purpose. Alternative toilet facilities will also be provided. Your child will be supervised by an adult during this time.

Can Parents still visit the building?

Regrettably no visitors can be received into the school building at present.

What if I need to pass on information to my child's teacher?

Teaching staff can be contacted directly using Google Classrooms or Seesaw as both will continue to be used to support home learning. Information can be passed to the school office by telephone (0300 300 0165) or emailed to langbankenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk When emailing please clearly mark correspondence with the staff members name that the information is intended for.

What if I need to speak to a member of Senior Management Team?

Should you need to speak to a senior member of staff team this can be done by arrangement by telephone or video call. Please contact the school office by telephone (0300 300 0165) to arrange a suitable time for this to be scheduled.

Will the school operational hours remain the same?

For Langbank school operational hours will be 9am-3pm

What are the drop off & pick-up arrangements?

Staff will be in attendance at the front gate each day to assist & direct you. Parents are asked to drop off at the front gate & leave the street immediately each morning. There will be no parent access to the playground at any time.

To avoid congestion please arrive just a minute or two before dismissal time at the end of each day. It is important that only one adult attends at the beginning & end of each day.

It may be necessary to form a queue & parents are always asked to respect social distancing in this situation.

What happens if I am late to drop off in the morning?

It is important that children arrive each day on time. A member of staff will remain at the gate till 9.10am. The school gates will be closed and further access can only be arranged by phoning the school office where a member of staff will come and meet you.

What happens if I am late to collect my child at the end of the day?

If you are late to collect your child, a member of staff will wait with your child under the covered area at the school office until a parent arrives at the gate for collection.



Will there be any extra-curricular clubs at the end of the school day?

There will be no extra-curricular clubs in the school. This will be kept under review and will be re-instated as soon as it is safe to do so.

What are the arrangements for pupils requiring school bus transport?

Arrangements are still being considered for children who are eligible for home/school transport. This will be issued as soon as it is available. This includes children eligible to travel free to school by school bus & contract taxi. Children arriving on the school bus or by contract taxi will be met by staff on arrival.

How long will these changes remain in place?

These changes will remain in place for the period the school is required to operate a blended learning model. Please be assured the changes will be kept under review & relaxed as soon as it is safe to do so in accordance with Scottish Government guidance & in partnership with Renfrewshire Council Children's Services. We look forward to resuming a traditional schooling model as soon as we are safely able to do so.