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Dear Parent /Carer

I truly hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well, having managed to make the most of the summer holiday in some way. A huge thank you for your patience and endless support over the past months. It is with great pleasure that we can bring pupils back to school full time and please be reassured that safety and wellbeing are a priority for all.

You will have received a letter from the Director of Children's Services, Steven Quinn, outlining the plan for children to return to school and you may receive some more information from the Council. However, please find within this letter some additional information specific to Langcraigs Primary School, which I hope you will find helpful.

Start Days

Pupil start dates will be as outlined in the Director's letter. Children should only attend school on these days **specified for their year group**:

Wednesday 12 th August	P1 and P7 Pupils
Thursday 13 th August	P2, P3 and P4 Pupils (alongside P1 and P7)
Friday 14 th August	P5 & P6 Pupils (alongside P1-4 & P7)
Monday 17 th August onwards	All year groups

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL P1 AND P7 PUPILS WILL START THE FIRST DAY AT 9 AM AND END 3.00 PM BUT TIMES WILL CHANGE THE FOLLOWING DAY – PLEASE SEE BELOW.

P1 pupils and parents should meet in the infant playground at the front of the school and P7 pupils in the senior playground at the rear of the school. Staff will be on hand to organise and escort the pupils into the building.

Safety

We are continually updating our risk assessments, in line with local and national guidance, to ensure the safety of pupils, parents and staff. The government guidance states that a 2 metre distance must be maintained between all adults and between children and staff. For this reason, many of the

measures we had put in place prior to the summer will remain in place. There will be a cleaner on site throughout the day to ensure resources etc remain clean. Children will be required to regularly wash their hands and socially distance from staff members. Where specific risk assessments are required and more information is needed, a member of staff will be in touch to discuss with you directly. Please be aware that in terms of the medical needs of your child, it will be your responsibility to seek advice from your GP and pass this information directly to the school. This can be done via email or telephone contact.

Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school. Anyone who develops symptoms during the school day must be collected from school immediately by a parent or carer.

Classes for 2020-2021

As you know, prior to the summer holidays, we had to create classes in line with the 50% model as advised by the government regarding our class structures. This has changed and Langcraigs now has the appropriate core staffing to operate full time education for all our pupils in line with council practice. The classes/teachers are listed below. We will do our best to inform pupils/parents of which class they are in before they attend but it may be that pupils will be informed on the day they attend.

P1 Ms Callery	P1/2 Miss Stewart	P2 Miss McMillan
P2/3 Mrs de Lange/Mrs Murphy	P3 Miss McLennan	P4 Miss Colquhoun
P4/5 Mrs Dickson	P5 Mr Lardner	P6 Mrs Mullen/Mr Hannah
P6/7 Miss Mitchell	P7 Miss Wilson	

Exits & Entry

Staggered entry and exits will be in place across the school. This is to ensure the safety of all children, staff and parents/carers. *At this time, only parents of P1, 2 & 3 pupils should come into the playgrounds and when teachers come out to welcome their classes, it is at this point that parents and carers are asked to leave the playground speedily to minimise crowding – thank you.* We kindly request that P4-7 parents do not enter the playground. *This decision has been taken to ensure adults maintain 2 metres social distancing from all other adults for their own safety.*

Class	Start of day	End of day
P1, P4/5, P6 & P7	8.50 am	2.50 pm
P1/2, P2/3, P5 & P4	9.00 am	3.00 pm
P6/7, P3 & P2	9.10 am	3.10 pm

Please note that pupils in P2/3 will enter and exit the building via the senior playground which is a change from previous years.

Only staff are allowed in the school building at this time. All other adults will only be able to gain access to the building by pre-arranged appointment – thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Uniform

As mentioned in previous correspondence, we are recommending that all pupils wear school uniform as they normally would, and this is what we are encouraging all pupils to do. However, attendance at school is the most important criteria, therefore all pupils will be warmly welcomed each day, even if they are dressed more casually than they normally would be. It is important to mention that PE is not permissible to take place indoors and therefore outdoor learning will play an important part of our pupils' learning experience. Pupils should bring appropriate clothing to school e.g. waterproof jacket. Your child's class teacher will provide you with further information as the term progresses.

Breakfast Club

Unfortunately, the breakfast club will not be open initially. We will continue to review this and I will inform you when this service will resume.

After School Clubs

These will not start immediately. We will work over the coming weeks to get some clubs back up and running as I know this is a support to many of you. Again, the focus is the return of children to school and ensuring their safety within their class group.

Health & Wellbeing

These last five months have been challenging for everyone in different ways. We are aware that many of our families may have experienced illness, bereavement, job loss to name but a few. Therefore, I would like to reassure you that the health and wellbeing of our pupils will be our number one priority. Staff will be focussing on health and wellbeing with the children over the coming months. Our aim is to ensure that our pupils feel safe returning to school and we will help them in any way we can. If there is anything specific about your child that you feel we should know about then please get in touch, as this will help us to support them better.

Learning

Teachers will spend much of the first few weeks getting to know their pupils and making them feel comfortable coming back to school and finding out what they have remembered and what has been forgotten! The main focus will be on Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing. Initially no homework will be sent home but we will update you with regards to this.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. As we go forward there will likely be changes to our procedures but please be assured that these will be to ensure safety and I will provide as much notice around changes as possible.

Kind Regards

Graeme Maclean

Head Teacher

