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Dear Parents / Carers,

Dropping off and Collecting children from School

Last Friday was the first day we had all pupils back in the building. The children have spent a lot of time learning new routines and washing their hands. It has been great to see children laughing and having fun in the playground. They seem really happy to be back and staff are happy to see them back in the classroom.

Renfrewshire Council have asked that **no** adults apart from staff are allowed in the playground. We realise that the space surrounding our school is limited and the area can become very congested which is why we already have a yellow line in the playground. We organised enter and exit gates with the hope that parents would walk through quickly while dropping or collecting P1-P3 children at school but there was still a lot of congestion.

At the start of the day we will continue with the enter and exit gates with children going straight to class. We ask that children do not arrive earlier than their allotted start time to help with the congestion. Starting and finishing times for classes are at the end of this letter. Only one adult should accompany children into the playground. Please do not stand at the gates. Children in P4 to P7 should enter the school by themselves. All parents **must** wear face coverings while in the playground and think about social distancing and the 2 metre rule. Please do **not** park outside the school as it can be dangerous and adds to the congestion.

In order to help at the end of the day parents P1a children will collect their children at the P1 door in the P1 playground at 3.00 pm. This will take P1a children away from the main playground and make it easier for parents to collect their children. P1b can be collected at their classroom door at 3.00 pm. P2/1 can be collected at 3.10 pm at their classroom door. I realise that you may not be able to collect the children today but from tomorrow that would be great. Once children are collected parents **must** leave the playground immediately to stop the playground becoming congested.

Parents of P2 children will be able to come into the playground and stand near the pencils in the school at the right-hand side of the main playground. P2a and P2b children will walk this way at the end of the day for parents to collect.

Parents of P3 children can stand at the bottom of the playground near the wall to wait for their children. Parents of children in P4-7 should not enter the playground and should arrange to meet their children at an agreed nearby safe location. Parents who collect children in P1, P2 or P3 who also have older children to collect at a later time should leave the playground and meet their older children at an agreed safe location. I realise that if you have not arranged a safe location with your children for today you will need to be near the playground to collect children in P4-7.

We will continue to review the situation and will develop other solutions as necessary to alleviate any congestion we may have in this area. Thank you for all your comments and suggestions as to what we can improve on. I am sure as we all become more confident in the routines, the process will run much more quickly and smoothly.

It is important that parents follow the guidance given for the different stages as we want our school to stay open. We want the best for every child and we look forward to our first full week at school.

If your child or members of your family have any symptoms of COVID 19 you should keep your child off school and arrange a test.

If you want to contact the school please phone on 0300 300 0172 or email newmainsenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk.

I thank you for your patience and support.

Regards



Carol Cooke
Head Teacher

Start and Finish times

Class	Start	Finish
P1a and P1b	8.50 am	* 3.00 pm
P2/1	9.00 am	* 3.10 pm
P2a	9.00 am	3.15 pm
P2b and P3/2	8.50 am	3.05 pm
P3, P3/4 and P4	9.00 am	3.15 pm
P5a and P5b	8.50 am	3.05 pm
P6a and P6b	8.50 am	3.05 pm
P7a and P7b	9.00 am	3.15 pm

*Children in P1a, P1b and P2/1 should be collected 5 minutes earlier until further notice.

Please do not arrive at the school earlier than your start time or collection time and leave the playground as soon as you have collected your children. Staff will be in the playground to help.

Remember face coverings and think about social distancing.