



Guidance for Parents - Covid-19

In August your child will return to school. In line with all other schools across Scotland Riverbrae will be operating a full return for all pupils.

August 12 August 2020	All primary aged children return to school
August 13 August 2020	All primary and secondary pupils return to school
August 14 August 2020	All pupils in school

An assessment of the space available in Riverbrae has been conducted to allow the safe introduction of this model. In order to ensure the safety of pupils and staff some changes have been required. Please find below some further school information and guidance which I trust you will find helpful.

What will my child’s learning environment look like?

We recognise that physical distancing is not possible within Riverbrae due to the needs of the children and young people. Staff will continue to socially distance from each other.

Classrooms and 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.

A cleaning station will be set up for each teaching space and all spaces will be cleaned as and when required. Staff will encourage children to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. Warm water and soap 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 and staff.

Are there any changes to the curriculum on offer in Riverbrae School and ELCC?

Children will continue to have in-school learning experiences and lessons which are age and stage appropriate and meet their individual needs.

There will be no access to the swimming pool, soft play or sensory room until further guidance is issued.

We are however unable to organise excursions, hold assemblies, host family learning or parent events until further notice.

What should my child wear to school?

On the days your child is at school we are planning to spend an increased amount of time learning outdoors therefore it is important that our children are prepared for the Scottish weather.

- We recognise that some children will find it difficult to wear their uniform after such a long break. Our priority is to get the children and young people into school and therefore please let your child wear what they are comfortable with.
- Children should be dressed for the weather and ensure that their jackets and footwear are appropriate for outdoor learning.

Due to current COVID-19 guidelines we request that your child has fresh clothes on every day. Should any family have difficulty in providing this please contact myself or any member of the SMT, as we are always here to help and support families in confidence.

No PE kit is required as all PE lessons will take place outdoors.

Should my child bring a school bag to school?

Yes but this must only be used for snack, packed lunches if appropriate, pads/wipes and aids. Home/school diaries will be sent via Google Classroom each day in order to reduce items travelling between home and school.

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

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 and a snack to school and take this home each day to be cleaned.

Should my child bring other personal belongings?

Where possible we would ask that children do not bring any other unnecessary personal items to school. This will help support our good hygiene and cleaning protocols. However, I do understand that this is not always possible.

What are the playtime and lunchtime arrangements?

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 and staff. Children will only play with children in the same grouping as themselves.

Children will have a hot lunch provided in lunch hall. Further information regarding lunch options available will be available in August. Children may continue to bring in a packed lunch from home.

Will First Aid be provided if required?

First Aid will be available in line with our current practice and current COVID-19 guidance.

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.

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.

Can Parents park in school grounds?

For children and young people being brought to school I would ask that you wait in your car and telephone the school office on your arrival. A staff member will then collect/drop off your child.

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

Teaching staff can be contacted directly using Glow or Google Classroom as both will continue to be used to support home learning.

Information can be passed to the school office by telephone **(0300 300)** or emailed to riverbraeenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

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 1372) to arrange a suitable time for this to be scheduled.

How long will these changes remain in place?

Please be assured the changes will be kept under review and relaxed as soon as it is safe to do so in accordance with Scottish Government guidance and 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.



We work together to build an inclusive and happy community where every achievement is celebrated and every experience is viewed as an opportunity for learning. We want our young people to have success for today and be prepared for tomorrow.