



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that all children will return to school and nursery this week and would like to share some of the final details with you to ensure we keep everyone as safe as possible. We are delighted to be welcoming our pupils back next week.

While there is no requirement for children to socially distance we must follow Scottish Government and Renfrewshire Council guidance regarding the distancing of adults which includes staff and parents. I hope the information below is helpful.

When will my child return to nursery?

Wednesday 12th August: Pre-schoolers and pupils having a deferred year
Thursday 13th August: Ante pre-schoolers induction settling in visit
(Times to be issued)

How will the playroom be set up for August?

As stated in the guidance from the Scottish Government children will not be expected to social distance but instead we will operate in two groupings. Children will be placed in a group with key adults who will support them, this will include their key worker. Their group will be allocated a number of zones in the playroom and outdoors which will not overlap with other group. Children will also stay with this group for snack and lunchtime. There will be no more than 30 children in each group.

What will my child's learning environment look like?

The playroom and outdoor area will be split into two areas where the children will experience a number of zones within the area. This will be rotated on a fortnightly basis.

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 area of the playroom and a day cleaner has been employed to maintain the hygiene practises across the school and nursery.

Staff will encourage children to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. Hot water and soap, will be available to children across the nursery for this purpose alongside hand sanitiser for adults.

There will be signage displayed at strategic points inside the building to reinforce key safety messages for children and staff.

What should my child wear to nursery in August?

As usual our nursery uniform is optional, children should be comfortable and be prepared for indoor and outdoor play. Please ensure all children's clothes are fully labelled so no clothing is left in nursery overnight. Please ensure ALL clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with your child's name to ensure all items can be returned to the correct owner.

Will my child require outdoor wear?

We hope the children will spend more time learning outdoors and we will be encouraging outdoor learning in most weathers to allow the children to get fresh air and to move about more. In warm weather please ensure your child arrives at nursery wearing sun cream, the nursery will provide sun hats which will be washed after every use. Children will be able to wear the nursery waterproof suits, jackets and wellingtons, suits will be washed and wellingtons sanitised after each use. All clothing and footwear will be rotated between use to reduce any risk of infection spread.

What about lunches?

All children in the nursery will be entitled to a free school meal, where possible, children will attend the lunch hall area for lunch. They will have lunch in their group with staff from their group. They will be offered a grab and go option from the lunch hall or can bring a packed lunch.

Please send packed lunches in a labelled, disposable bag. Where possible please use disposable packaging. This will be stored in the fridge and will prevent spreading of germs from home to school. Please remember we are a NUT FREE nursery and this includes nut products like Nutella.

How will my children arrive at nursery?

Nursery parents are permitted in the playground for drop off, this will be at a designated time for drop off and pick up.

Drop Off: 8.40am - 8.50am (surname begins with A-L) or 9.10am - 9.20am (surname begins with M-Z)

Pick Up: 2.40pm - 2.50pm (surname begins with A-L) or 3.10pm - 3.20pm (surname begins with M-Z)

Please take your child to the nursery entrance/playground where a member of staff will be there to welcome your child. Parents are not allowed to enter the nursery building. Another member of nursery staff will be present in the cloakroom area who will support the children but we are encouraging them to be as independent as possible. Please maintain a 2m social distancing from other parents and staff and we encourage wearing a mask when in the playground.

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 fully involved in the support planning process. Should you have any concerns please contact Mrs Diana Brooker to discuss.

What if my child has a medical condition?

It is parents' responsibility to seek medical advice and inform the school if they have concerns or adaptations required for their child. We will then update the child's care plan and implement actions required.

Will First Aid be provided if required?

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

Will pupils and staff have PPE?

Any member of staff or pupil is permitted to wear a mask if they wish. Staff working in close contact with pupils for more than 15 minutes will wear a protective mask. As mentioned above, appropriate PPE will be worn to administer first aid and personal care.

What about administration of essential medication?

Only children who require medication for specific conditions, as detailed in 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 nursery?

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 within the school building 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. If you are required to collect your child due to him/her displaying COVID symptoms they should be collected from the office at the school main entrance.

Can parents still visit the building?

Regrettably no visitors can be received into the nursery building at present. If you need to drop something off in an emergency you should telephone in advance and you will be given instructions on how to do this safely by the office staff.

What if I need to pass on information to staff?

A member of staff will be at the door to welcome each child, staff can also be contacted directly using Seesaw during nursery hours, responses will be limited as staff are supporting children. We recommend if it is urgent you contact the nursery by phone (0300 300 0194) or email to wallaceenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk. Please clearly mark correspondence with the staff member's 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 0194) to arrange a suitable time for this to be scheduled.

Senior Early Learning and Childcare Officer - Mrs Lynne Anderson

Depute Head Teacher - Mrs Diana Brooker

Head Teacher - Mrs Susan Dalrymple

As always if you wish to discuss any of the above, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Susan Dalrymple

Head Teacher