

People Directorate

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Welcome back

We are delighted at how well our children are arriving into school in the mornings. A big thank you to our parents/carers for following the one adult drop off/pick up rule and observing the social distancing measures. To ensure everyone's safety **no** children or parents should be walking through the car park at any time. By complying with these safety measures, we are keeping our school community safe.

Contacting the School

We are currently experiencing a high volume of calls to the school. Please be patient with us if you are trying to get in touch. Office staff will answer the phone from 8:45am onwards. This allows management to be available in the playground at drop off times to supervise.

COVID-19 procedures

Your child should **NOT** come to school if they are displaying one or more of the coronavirus symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough or
- a loss/change to their sense of taste or smell)

You should notify the school immediately and arrange for your child to be tested using the **NHS Inform [link](#)**. You can also contact NHS inform on 0800 028 2816. Family members or other members of a child's household should self-isolate until the test results are confirmed. If they test positive close contacts will be traced through the national Test and

Protect scheme and advised what to do.

Positive Test Result

If the test is positive, your child **must not return to school** and self-isolate for ten days from the date the test was taken. You should inform the school and follow guidance from the Test and Protect Team.

Please see NHS Inform for further information:
<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

Negative Test Result

If the result is negative, your child can return to school as long as they have been fever free for 48 hours without the use of medication. They must remain vigilant.

If they develop COVID-19 symptoms, they must seek testing immediately.

Clarification on NON- Covid-19 related illness

We would always ask that parents do NOT send their children to school if they are feeling unwell however colds are a normal part of childhood illness. Pupils can still attend providing they do not have any of the symptoms above and feel well enough to do so.

Arrival

Please continue to drop off children as close to 9am as possible, especially in wet weather. We will start to filter children into the school if the weather is very wet. There will be supervision on the two gates from 8:50am.

Clothing

Thursday is Outdoor Learning/PE for all classes. Children can come in sports clothes but please ensure they have a suitable warm jacket and outdoor trainers.

Lunches/Snacks

Please ensure your child comes to school with a healthy snack for break time and a labelled water bottle for throughout the day. Free 'Pack a snacks' are available for all P1-4 children and those entitled to free school meals in the upper school. We are planning for hot meals to return after the September weekend.

Health and Wellbeing

Following the school closure, we are aware that some pupils may be experiencing additional difficulties since returning to school. We have thorough assessment procedures in place and an additional Health and Wellbeing focus within all classes. We will be running a variety of groups that target loss, bereavement, self-esteem, confidence and friendships. If you feel your child would benefit from any of these interventions or if you wish to speak to us further please contact the school on **01655 885802** to arrange an appointment to speak to Mrs Kay or Miss Flint.

Medication

It is a parent's responsibility to supply the correct medication needed for their child. Medicine should have the pharmacy label clearly printed on the side. Please contact the school to make an appointment if your child requires medication.

Consent Forms/Contact details

You will receive consent forms out in due course. This is to allow your child to take part in activities, which are outwith the school grounds. If there are any changes to your emergency contact details please contact the school as soon as possible on **01655 885802**. If you have not already done so, please provide us with an email address. We have to limit the amount of paper travelling between home and school. We will therefore be sending most letters out via email.

School Work/ Homework

Pupils are settling back into the new routines. Classes will be consolidating some areas of literacy and numeracy before moving forward with new learning. We have a range of targeted interventions to support children if they are struggling in any particular areas of the curriculum. Please let us know if your child is finding things difficult. We will be in touch shortly regarding homework.

We appreciate your co-operation and patience while we have introduced many new measures and hope that your children are enjoying being back in school learning with their friends.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss S Flint
Acting Head Teacher