



Our Vision

Our vision at Braehead is to provide a positive and engaging learning environment which challenges and supports all children to be the best they can be.

Braehead Primary School Newsletter **3 August 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Arrangements for Phased Return of Learners to Full-Time Education in August

You will be aware that the Scottish Government has announced plans for all school learners to return to full-time education by Monday 17 August and will hopefully by now have seen the update from Tony McDaid, Director of Education with regards to a suggested model of a phased return of all pupils between Wednesday 12 and Friday 14 August. Small schools like Braehead Primary have been asked to consider whole class groups rather than individual stages since our numbers are small. With that in mind we will be returning children as follows:

Date	Learners Attending
Wednesday 12th August, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All P1-3 Pupils with Mrs Wallace all day.
Thursday 13th August, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All P4/5 pupils with Miss Ellwood all day.
Friday 14th August, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All P6/7 pupils with Mrs Macrae all day.
From Monday 17th August, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All learners in school resuming normal patterns as detailed below.

From Monday 17 August I am delighted to say we will be returning to the following pattern:

Mrs Wallace – Based in ‘the wee class’

	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Monday	P1-3	P1-4
Tuesday	P1-3	P1-4
Wednesday	P1-3 (WITH MRS CARDWELL)	P1-4
Thursday	P1-3	P1-4
Friday	P1-3	P1-4

Miss Ellwood – Based in ‘the big class’

	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Monday	P4/5	P5-7
Tuesday	P4/5	P5-7
Wednesday	P4/5	P5-7
Thursday	P4/5 (WITH MRS CARDWELL)	P5-7 (WITH MRS CARDWELL)
Friday	P4/5	P5-7

Mrs Macrae – Based in the Hall

	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Monday	P6/7	PRINCIPAL TEACHER REMIT
Tuesday	P6/7	PRINCIPAL TEACHER REMIT
Wednesday	P6/7	PRINCIPAL TEACHER REMIT
Thursday	P6/7	PRINCIPAL TEACHER REMIT
Friday	P6/7	PRINCIPAL TEACHER REMIT

Please find below questions and answers to some potential questions you may have about the return of pupils to school.

Will all family members attend the school on the same days during the first week?

No. In order to ensure that whole classes/groups can attend together during the phased return, pupils will not attend as a family group (unless the pattern of attendance reflects this). We realise that this may cause some inconvenience, but the safe return of pupils and staff is of paramount importance.

What will the curriculum look like?

All schools in South Lanarkshire will continue to focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing, however, we will ensure that there is a broad balance of experiences for children. There will be no school assemblies, singing/brass or wind instruments or extra-curricular activities at this time, but this will be continually reviewed as guidance changes.

Will children still wear school uniform?

Yes. Children should wear uniform, but we do advise that children should only wear a tie if they can tie/untie it themselves. All children will need to be able to tie their laces, if not, we recommend velcro or zipped footwear. Children will not be changing shoes so there is no need for additional indoor shoes.

As the advice is for children not to change clothing on PE days, children should come to school dressed for physical activity (e.g. joggers/leggings with a school t-shirt/polo-shirt and sweatshirt if required). They should wear ‘trainers’ to school on these days. PE days will be communicated to you by the class teacher. We await further guidance from Education Scotland on the safe delivery of PE.

How will my child access resources safely in school?

In classrooms, each child will continue to have their own tray with all the resources they might need in it. Trays will be stored away safely each day but your child can now bring in their own ‘pencil case’ if they wish, as long as the contents are not shared between learners and are kept in school bags when not in use. Staff will help remind children of these rules.

Eating and Playing at school:

School lunches remain free to all P1-3 pupils, alongside those who are entitled to a free school meal. ParentPay remains the system for paying for meals/milk and information on this will be communicated to you separately when we return to school.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch, this can now be brought in their own lunch box/bag, however this should be able to fit into their school bag for storage – in the past we have encouraged children to use the trolley to store lunch boxes but since we are required to minimise contact between items brought from home this will not be in use for the time being. Most children tend to keep lunch boxes in bags anyway so this should not be an issue. We still recommend a disposable bag for packed lunches where possible.

Children should still bring a water bottle (if it is a re-useable bottle, your child's name should be clearly marked).

There will be no Breakfast Club on offer at this time, but we will inform you when this changes.

Accessing the school:

To minimise any cross contamination/ spread of Covid-19, parents and carers will only be able to access the school with prior permission given by the Head Teacher.

Parents/Carers should phone the school or may speak to a member of Office Staff through the intercom.

Due to the restrictions, we are unable to have parent helpers, Breakfast Club or extra-curricular activities at this time.

If you are accessing the school, you should adhere to all instructions given, including sanitising your hands upon entry and adhering the 2m rule.

What should we do with the information previously sent out regarding blended learning?

Please retain all information issued. The blended learning approach could still feature as a contingency plan by the Scottish Government if required.

What is the response to cases of Covid-19?

All staff working in and with schools, along with the children and young people in their care, should be supported to follow up to date health protection advice on household or self-isolation if they or someone in their household exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, or if they have been identified by NHS contact tracers as a close contact of someone with the virus. Guidance on this is available from NHS Inform.

All children, young people and staff must know that they must inform a member of staff or responsible person if they feel unwell with symptoms of COVID. Education establishments have been provided with guidance on how to respond. To reflect best practice, we have identified an area for seclusion should someone display symptoms and we will follow the provided Health Protection protocol for dealing with positive cases.

Please be assured that we will continue to carry out all appropriate risk assessments and take all necessary actions to allow for the safe, full return of learners in August. Updated risk assessments and enhanced hygiene practices will be followed as set out by SLC and the Scottish Government/NHS Scotland.

Kindest regards,



Elizabeth Steele
Head Teacher