



Education Resources
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St. Elizabeth's Primary School and Nursery

Return to School Information Letter - 4th August 2020

Dear Parents and Families, Boys and Girls,

First of all the staff and I hope you have all been keeping well and enjoying the summer break as much as you can. We have missed you all so much and are looking forward to seeing you next week.

As you will be aware, the formal decision to return to full time education was announced on Thursday 30th July by the Depute First Minister. This letter outlines key information regarding key information at this stage. A more detailed information letter will be issued tomorrow once I receive further guidance from South Lanarkshire Council regarding particular operational procedures and organisation.

Classes and Teachers

We warmly welcome Mrs McCaig, returning from maternity leave, and 2 new members of staff – Mrs Bradley joining us in her probationary year and Miss McPhilemy joining us from teaching in Glasgow City Council.

Due to the full time return of our children, we have been required to amend previous class arrangements and have tried to keep changes as minimal as possible.

We have reconfigured our classes for this coming session in line with the new guidance. This will mean that although you were notified of your child's class and teacher in June, some pupils will be in a different class with a different teacher. Our classes are -

P1 (24 pupils)	Mrs Sullivan
P1/2 (25 pupils)	Miss Brand
P2/3 (25 pupils)	Mrs Bradley/Mrs Campbell
P3/4 (25 pupils)	Mrs McRoberts (Mon and Tues) Mrs McCaig (Wed to Fri)
P4 (32 pupils)	Mrs MacIntyre (Mon to Thurs) Teacher for Friday to be confirmed
P5 (24 pupils)	Class teacher to be confirmed
P6 (30 pupils)	Mrs McGuire
P7 (39 pupils)	Mr Kelly and Miss McPhilemy

If your child is in one of our composite classes, you will be contacted over the coming days to confirm this.

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Return Date for Pupils

In line with South Lanarkshire Council arrangements, pupils should return to school on the following dates:

All our new Primary 1 pupils only	Wednesday 12 th August 2020 10am-1.00pm
All pupils in the following classes – P1, P1/2, P2/3 and P3/4	Thursday 13 th August 2020 10.00am-1.00pm - P1 pupils 9.00am-2.30pm - all other pupils
All pupils in the following classes P4, P5, P6 and P7	Friday 14 th August 2020 9.00am-2.30pm
All pupils	Monday 17 th August 2020 onwards 9.00am-3.00pm – all pupils

Arrangements for Entering/Leaving the school

All pupils and staff will enter and leave the school building through the main door. Hand sanitizer is available within the main entrance and throughout the school.

In order to maintain a safe environment our pupils will leave the school through the front gate and classes will be dismissed beginning with our younger classes. Teachers will remain with children until they are collected safely. All parents and carers collecting school children will be asked to wait outside the school gates to prevent the front area becoming too congested. Furthermore, our nursery children and parents will be arriving and leaving through the main gate at various times and, for everyone's safety, a one way system will be in place. We will monitor the situation and amend routines as necessary.

School Uniform

Our lovely school uniform should be worn each day and children are required to wear suitable shoes and jackets for outdoor learning as this will be a prominent feature in our curriculum. It would be very helpful to have all clothing/packed lunch boxes labelled clearly as we will no longer have a lost property box. Children should not bring a change of shoes. Our preference is that children do not bring a school bag although we recognise there may be personal items required, such as packed lunch box/bottle of water/snack, so please therefore minimise the items and the size of the bag where possible.

Please note, we will be providing all school stationery - jotters, scissors, glue, rulers, coloured pens/pencils, calculator etc - and so it is not necessary for children to bring these from home.

Further Information

Further information will be coming to you over the next few days.

We are really looking forward to opening up our nursery and school again next week and welcoming all our children and families back. In the meantime, please continue to take care and stay safe,

Best wishes to everyone

Miss C MacPhee
Head Teacher