



Woodhead Primary Nursery Class

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August 2021

Scotland moved to 'Beyond Level 0' on Monday 9th August 2021 with many of the Covid restrictions removed. However, Scottish Government have kept tighter restrictions for school in place for a period of at least 6 weeks.

You can read the full COVID Guidance for ELC at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-learning-and-childcare-services/>

This document provides information specific to Woodhead Primary Nursery Class about coming back to nursery in August 2021.

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All information is correct at the time of writing (10th August 2021). Any changes or updates will be emailed and shared via Twitter/School Blog.

Section 1: Covid Symptoms

As before, children who display any of the following symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school and are advised to take a PCR test if possible.

The most common symptoms are:

- new continuous cough
- fever/high temperature (37.8c or greater)
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia)

A new continuous cough is where you:

- have a new cough that's lasted for an hour
- have had 3 or more episodes of coughing in 24 hours
- are coughing more than usual

Parents/carers should follow the most up-to-date advice regarding testing and self-isolation available on NHS Inform website:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

Section 2: COVID-Secure Arrangements at Woodhead

In line with Scottish Government advice, the following mitigations will remain in place at Woodhead Nursery Class for at least 6 weeks:

- One way system in the playground for collection and drop-off of pupils.
- Pick up and drop-off of Nursery children at the black nursery playground gate.
- Staggered pick-up and drop-off times (see below).
- Mandatory wearing of face coverings for parents/carers in all areas of the school and grounds (unless medically exempt).
- A limit of one parent per household permitted to come into the playground for drop-off and collection.
- Parents/Carers to maintain at least 1m distance from other households.
- Parents/Carers not permitted to enter the school building (except at HT's discretion for transition/ASN purposes).
- No access to the playground for pupils/parents before 8.40am and 2.40pm
- No toys permitted from home (unless agreed by HT, DHT or Team Leader for ASN purposes)

Previous restrictions that are no longer required.

- Children are no longer required to maintain strict 'Pods' as schools will be less involved in Track and Trace activities.

Please note that at Woodhead Nursery Class, children will work in their group pods for the first few days to allow us time to prepare the playroom for shared use. We will inform you when this is no longer required.

Scottish Government guidance permits the use of bubbles/pods for up to 4 weeks from re-opening.

Section 3: First Day Arrangements (Returning Children)

Parents/Carers should arrive with the children at their designated drop-off time. Nursery staff will inform you of this time in the next few days via email or telephone.

(The gate will be opened at 8.40am to allow nursery pupils to enter for the 8.45am drop-off. Please avoid any queues forming at the gate by not arriving before this time.)

Please queue at the nursery playground black gate inside the coned area until you are called forward.

Children can be picked up from the same gate at their designated time.

Only one parent/carer per family should attend for drop-off/collection.

Section 4: First Day Arrangements (New Children)

Nursery staff will contact parents/carers by telephone to discuss the first day arrangements for each child.

We aim to offer a suitable, phased start that meets your child's individual needs.

After the first day, parents/carers and the key worker will agree upon the arrangements for the following days.

Section 5: Staffing Update

SLC operate a transfer system for Early Years Workers that allow them to request a post in a different establishment for two reasons:

1. To change their working pattern to 52 weeks instead of term time (and vice-versa)
2. To move to a nursery that is more suitable for their own family commitments or place of residence.

Some of our Early Years workers applied for transfers several months ago for these reasons. This process has been delayed due to COVID lockdowns and the expansion of 1140 hours across Scotland.

Now that this process has been resumed, some of our EY staff have been granted transfers during the summer holidays.

Miss McCormick, Miss Fulton, Miss McWilliams and Mrs. Roe have all accepted transfers to other SLC nurseries.

Miss Morton has been successful at interview for a School Support Assistant post over the summer and will begin her new post in another SLC school this week.

All of our vacancies have been filled by staff transferring out of their nurseries into Woodhead. See below for a full list of staff from August 2021.

During the in-service days, key workers will telephone all parents/carers of children starting back or joining us for the first time this term. This will allow them to introduce themselves, confirm your drop-off/pick up time and answer any questions you may have.

Nursery Staff (Session 2021/22)

Depute Head Teacher

Mrs. C. Watson

Team Leader

Miss A. Harkness

Early Years Workers

Ms. C. Garland

Ms. J. Forrest

Miss A. Pirie

Mrs. D. Yates

Ms. V. Kerr

Mrs. L. Goldie

Miss L. Davidson

Early Years Support Assistant

Mrs. L. Doherty

Section 6: Additional Information and FAQs

Nursery Uniform

Nursery uniform is not mandatory but is encouraged. It is recommended that this is laundered frequently to comply with COVID-19 guidelines.

If you need help with any items of uniform, please get in touch. We have some new and pre-loved uniform available.

We gratefully receive any donations of unneeded uniform. These should be laundered and placed in a carrier bag when being handed in.

Details of our School Uniform Dress Code is available at:

https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sl/woodheadprimary/?page_id=62

Nursery Lunch Menu

The menu from 16th August 2021 is Week 2.

You can download the lunch menu at

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sl/public/woodheadprimary/uploads/sites/9618/2021/05/03104021/NurseryLunchesSummer2021.pdf>

A revised menu will be introduced on Monday 23rd August 2021.

All nursery children are eligible for a free school meal. They are also provided with a light snack twice a day (usually fruit, vegetables and/or bread sticks, bagels etc.)

From 16th August 2021 we will return to taking lunch orders in person when children are dropped off.

Parents may provide their own packed lunch if preferred.

Lunch Areas

All nursery children eat their lunch in the school dinner hall. Nursery lunches are served at 11.45am

Milk

All nursery children are provided with the option of milk each day. This does not need to be pre-ordered.

Outdoor Clothing

We provide children with suitable clothing for outdoor activities. Parents/carers may supply their own if preferred.

We request that children have suitable footwear for outdoors e.g. wellingtons and for indoors e.g. gym shoes.

We also request that children have a change of clothes in their bag in case this is required during the session.

Car Park

Nursery parents are permitted to use the school car park at drop-off and pick up times.

As spaces are limited, we ask you to only use this if essential and to leave as promptly as possible to make space for parents of later drop-off times.

Further assistance

If you require any assistance, please call or email the school office:

Email: gw14woodheadpsoffice@glow.sch.uk (Marked FAO Nursery Class)

Phone: 01698 457669