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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Return to School P1-3**

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our P1-3 children back to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, following confirmation by the First Minister this week.

We will continue to operate a staggered start and finish time:

P1 8.50am – 2.50pm P1/2 8.55am – 2.55pm P2 9am – 3pm P3 8.50am – 2.50pm

The First Minister stressed very strongly the need for parents/carers to avoid gathering at school gates/drop off and collection times, particularly as the new variant of Covid-19 is more easily transmitted. To ensure the safety of all our school community parents/carers must arrive no earlier than 5 minutes before your child's start/finish time. Parents/carers must ensure 2 metres distance between adults at all times. Adults must not gather to chat, within the school grounds or in our local area.

P1 and P1/2 children should enter via the pedestrian gate into the infant playground. P2 and P3 children should enter via the MUGA gate into the infant playground.

As before, visitors into school are restricted. We would ask that, if at all possible, you call the school office rather than come in to the building. If you need to come to the school office, please continue to follow the 'one person/one family' limit in the bubble. If the bubble is busy, please wait outside. Masks should be worn when entering the bubble.

The school will have a deep clean prior to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, and we will continue to follow enhanced cleaning procedures which include a weekly electrostatic spray and frequent cleaning throughout the day of touch points (handles etc). We will continue to ensure classrooms/dining hall etc are well ventilated throughout the day. Along with all establishments across South Lanarkshire, we are participating in the staff Lateral Flow Testing programme which identifies asymptomatic positive Covid cases.

Please ensure your child comes to school comfortably and warmly dressed, with a jumper/cardigan. At present, PE can only take place outdoors. In the case of very poor weather, PE may be postponed so it makes sense that children wear clothes suitable for outdoor PE throughout the week. Children do not need to bring indoor shoes at present.

Playtime is 10.30-10.45am. P1 and P1/2 will use the infant playground and MUGA. P2 and P3 will use the two separated areas in the senior playground. Classes will stay within



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their 'bubble' at break and lunchtimes. Lunchtime is 12.30-1.15pm and, as before, children will be seated in their class bubble in the dinner hall. Packed lunches can be brought if wished.

On Monday, all children should bring their jotters, reading books and any other home learning items into school, along with their home link folder and diary.

Finally, and certainly not least, I would like to express my grateful thanks to you all for the help and support you have given your children during these last few weeks – we know how hard it is and you have done an incredible job. We also know that the transition back into school can be tricky for some, so please do get in touch with us so that we can give you, and your child, the support you need as we come back into school routines.

Yours sincerely,

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