

Borestone Primary School Newsletter



August 2020

Dates for your diary:

October Holidays

Starts - Monday 12th
October 2020

Ends - Friday 23rd
October 2020

Christmas Holidays

Starts - Thursday 24th
December 2020

Ends - Wednesday 6th
January 2021

February Holidays

Staff development days
- Monday 15th February
and Tuesday 16th
February 2021

Local holiday -
Wednesday 17th,
Thursday 18th and
Friday 19th February
2021

Spring Holidays

Starts - Friday 2nd April
2021

Ends - Friday 16th April
2021

May Holidays

Local holidays - Monday
3rd May 2021

Staff Development
day— Thursday 6th
May 2021

Summer Holidays

Starts - Monday 28th
June 2021

Ends - Friday 13th
August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back!! It is wonderful to all be back in school together and I thank you all for your continued patience and support with the on going changes that have to be in place to allow us to come back to school safely. As time goes on, some of the processes that are in place have to be refined as guidance from Scottish Government changes.

Day to day running of the school also needs to be refined, as until we are all in the new routines, it can feel a little bit unfamiliar. I again ask for your patience and support, all staff are working incredibly hard to ensure that risk assessments in place are followed to keep all of us safe and well as we continue our journey into Session 2020—2021. At Borestone, I know that we work together and we are a strong community!

Kindest Regards
Linda Dawson Headteacher

School Day Timings

Please note some slight changes to timings throughout the school day. This is to allow for staggered entry/exit from the school.

Stage	Start	Break	Lunch	Finish
P1-4	9am	10.30 - 10.45am	12.15 - 1.00pm	3pm
P5-7	9.15am	10.50 - 11.05am	12.15 - 1.05pm	3.15pm

Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome a number of new members of staff to Borestone Primary School for the 2020/2021 academic session.

Ewan Logan - Principal Teacher
Sara Green - P6/5
Sara-Anne McQueen - P5
Donna Ketterick - Support for Learning Assistant
Lorriane Chambers -Support for Learning Assistant

Also please note, all staff are entitled to non-contact time which means that another member of staff will teach your child's class to allow this to take place.

In Primary 1F, Primary 1T, Primary 2M, Primary 3M and Primary 3B - Mrs Caroline Ferguson will provide that non contact time, many of you will know Mrs Ferguson from last year. Primary 2D/Y will have Mr Ewan Logan as their visiting teacher for non contact time. Primary 4, Primary 4/3, Primary 6, Primary 7K and Primary 7M will have Miss Liz Johnstone. Primary 5's job share situation will cover their own non contact time. Primary 6/5 will have Ms Gillian Sewall.

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blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/
borestoneprimary/](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/borestoneprimary/)

New Signage Around School



Hand sanitiser stations located at every entrance and classroom door. Children are reminded to sanitise their hands when entering and leaving school or their classroom.



Footprints and signage on doors in our corridors to remind everyone to walk on the left

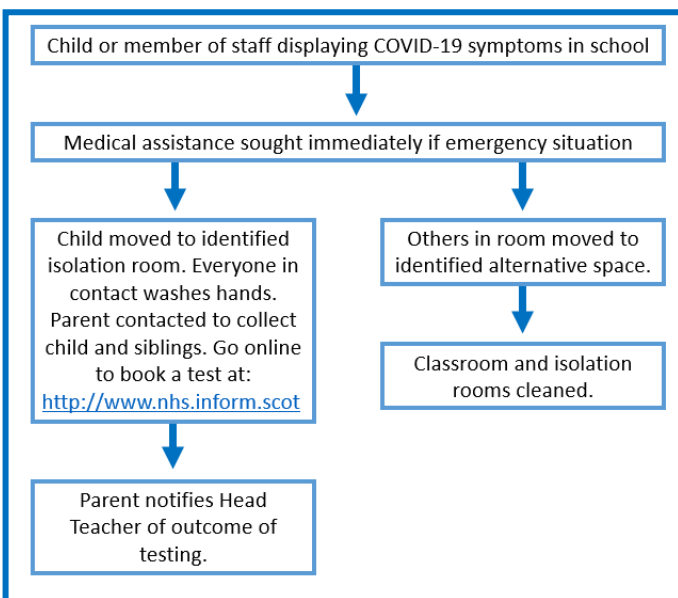
Posters reminding staff to wipe all surfaces after use.



Posters reminding everyone how many people can be in one area at a time to ensure social distancing can take place.

Suspected COVID-19 Cases

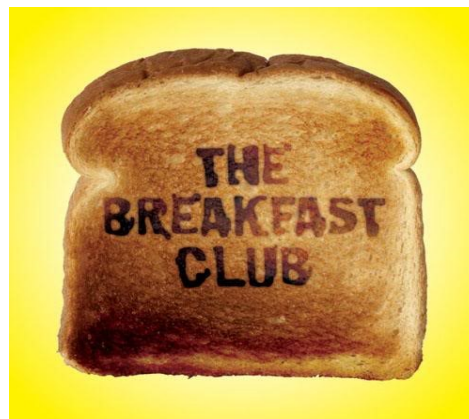
If a child is displaying any COVID-19 symptoms whilst at school, these are the steps that will be followed



YOUR CHILD MUST NOT ATTEND SCHOOL IF THEY, OR ANYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD ARE DISPLAYING CO-VID 19 SYMTOMS - YOU MUST ARRANGE A TEST BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Due to current restrictions, please note that we are currently unable to run Breakfast and after school clubs until further notice. We will keep you informed with any updates or changes to this.



Medication and Inhalers



Please ensure all medication and inhalers have been sent in with your child. You must fill in the relevant forms, please speak to the School Office or Mrs McDougall.

Social Distancing

Whilst in school children do not need to socially distance with each other. They will remain within their class bubbles throughout the day and in the playground. In order to do this, the playground has been zoned and timetabled.



Please support us with this by reminding the children that they still need to socially distance from adults. Thank you to all our parents and families who have been socially distancing in our starred parent zones at drop-off and pick-up times.

Our Classroom Environments

There have been some slight changes to our classroom environments since returning. All children are sat facing the front of the classroom and have their own pack of stationary to ensure resources aren't being shared. Resources in class are being carefully managed with frequent cleaning taking place.

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them each day. Children are not able to use the water fountains, however, if they need refilled an adult will do so.

All P.E will be outdoors. Your child's class teacher will advise you of which days children can come dressed in P.E kit.



P6



P5

Catch It, Bin It, Kill It

All classrooms now have 'Snuffle Stations' to encourage the children maintain good personal hygiene when coughing, sneezing and blowing their nose.



Face Masks

At times you may notice that staff are wearing face masks, this is in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained. We would like to ask that parents and families do the same when visiting school.



School Lunches

School lunches are free for P1-3 and are £2.25 for P4-7, paid for via Parent Pay. Children can order a school packed lunch (green tray) or bring their own from home.

Lunches will be eaten in classrooms with cleaning taking place before and after.

If your child is bring a packed lunch from home, you may wish to put an ice pack in to keep things cool.



Visiting School

If you need to drop something off at school, please ring at the Main Entrance for the school office.

Please wait until a member of staff comes to speak to you and do not enter the school building.

If you need to make an appointment or arrange a meeting please phone the school office. Where possible, communication should take place via phone call or by emailing the school office.

Remember if you are visiting school, please wear a face mask.

School phone number - [01786 237984](tel:01786237984)

School email address - boreps@stirling.gov.uk



Nursery News



We are so pleased to welcome our children back to nursery and looking forward to welcoming and getting to know all our new starts. We are loving our hand-washing stations outside!

We are having social distance chats with our friends who have moved to Primary 1 through the garden gates.



The nursery has two cohorts of children who are split into their colour groups and also have new long days. We have been lucky that our garden has been developed and we have different areas that we can have our snacks and lunch

outside.

We are reminding parents to send in a change of clothes, waterproofs and wellies with their children where possible. This is to limit cross contamination and ensures children are using their own resources. As research says we are safer outside we are sending lots of time exploring outside in all weathers.



As parents cannot come inside - have a wee peek of inside nursery!



Outdoor Learning

Already, all of our classes have been outside enjoying the beautiful weather and our wonderful playground. Classes have been taking their learning outside, going for walks, playing games and getting to know their new teachers.

All classes' learning will be focused on developing our school grounds and taking responsibility for different areas. We intend to have the children outside as much as possible, so please ensure they are dressed appropriately for the weather.



We've loved seeing the children back and look forward to a busy year ahead!



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