



**Education Resources**  
 Executive Director **Tony McDaid**  
 James Aiton Primary School Head Teacher: **Mrs Kerry McGhee**

**Our ref:** Return to school Aug 20  
**Your ref:**  
**If calling ask for:** Mrs McGhee/Miss Imrie  
**Phone:** 0141 641 2472  
**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 20

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Arrangements for the return of pupils August 2020**

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for our establishment in the reopening of schools next week. In line with yesterday’s communication from South Lanarkshire Council, pupils will be returning on a phased return to school during the first week. All pupils will return to full-time education from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Please see the table below for specific information:

Date	Stage
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	Holiday
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	Inservice (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	P1 pupils only
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	P1-P3 pupils only
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	P4-7 pupils only
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	<b>ALL</b> pupils return to school

**Staggered Entry/Exit**

As previously communicated, pupils will be entering and exiting the building at various times. Although primary children are not required to social distance, we need to consider that **all parents and staff must continue to observe physical distancing rules at all times**. Please view the timetable below and become familiar with the times your child is due to arrive/leave school. We acknowledge that families may have children arriving/leaving at different times and we cannot make alternative plans for individual families. We would ask that parents/carers respect these times to ensure the safety of everyone in our school community.

Stages	Start Time	Break	Lunch	Home Time
P1	9.00am	10.30am	12pm-12.45pm	3.00pm
P2 & P3	9.10am	10.30am	12pm-12.45pm	3.10pm
P4-7	9.15pm	10.50am	12.45pm-1.30pm	3.15pm

**All breakfast clubs across South Lanarkshire are paused at this moment in time.**

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**Parents will not be permitted in the school grounds and should line up in the lane outside the grounds, adhering to the 2m markers in place. Staff will be available to direct the children in and out of school at the end of the school day.**

Any communication with staff will be made on an appointment basis and be carried out over telephone/email. Please call the school office if you wish to speak with a member of staff – their responsibility during school hours will be with the children.

### **Uniform**

As previously communicated, the children should continue to wear uniform to school, consisting of navy blue trousers/skirt, white shirt and tie and navy blue jumper/sweatshirt. As we will be making every effort to take the children outdoors, we will permit the children to wear their yellow poloshirts and sweatshirts to school for the first term. However, we understand that parents like to take photographs on the first day, particularly Primary 1 parents. The children always look smart while wearing their white shirts, so we would encourage the children to wear their white shirt and tie on the first day. We would also encourage children to bring a sensible jacket/shoes as they will be learning outdoors in various weather conditions.

**We ask that ALL children bring a pair of indoor shoes to school on their first day back.** This will help reduce the risk of dirt and germs being carried into classrooms.

### **Bags/Stationery**

We are trying where possible, to reduce items going back and forth from home to school. Children are **not required** to bring a bag/pencil case to school during Term 1. Each child will receive their own stationery kit, courtesy of the school. The children should not bring any toys/equipment to school.

Packed lunches and one healthy snack can be brought into school and will be stored in boxes outside the classroom. The children can also bring a filled/labelled water bottle to school. This must contain water only. Our normal lunch menu will resume and all P1-3 are still entitled to a free school meal. Parents/carers **MUST SET UP A PARENTPAY ACCOUNT** at the beginning of term, particularly those paying for school lunches. This system will also be used to pay for any school trips, etc.

### **Safety Measures**

We are really looking forward to seeing all of the children back and have missed them greatly. To ensure the health and safety of all pupils and staff, a number of safety measures have been introduced. These include a one-way system and sanitising stations outside all rooms. All pupils and staff will be expected to adhere to these new procedures from the start of term. We will provide you with more information about our COVID-19 Risk Assessments at the beginning of term.

### **Recovery**

At the beginning of term, all staff will focus on rebuilding relationships and reconnecting with their pupils. This is the luxury of the children having the same teacher from last year\*. This will hopefully help the children and staff to have a smooth transition back and minimise their anxiety at the beginning of term. Our aim is to support the children back to school, following this major upset in their lives. Our main priority will be to focus on Health and Wellbeing, Literacy and Numeracy using Nurturing and Trauma-Informed approaches.

Mrs Caldwell, Miss Imrie and myself will also be available to support staff and pupils on their return to school while we try to create our new normal learning environment.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs K McGhee*  
Head Teacher

\* Please note that staffing and details within this letter are subject to change.