



Education Resources
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Phone: 0141 641 2472
Date: 16 Feb 21

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following confirmation from Scotland's First Minister today, I am delighted to announce the return to school for all Primary 1-3 pupils starting Monday 22nd February 2021. Primary 4-7 pupils will continue to learn remotely until a decision has been made for their safe return. Our emergency hub provision will still be in operation for children of keyworkers.

As was the arrangement before Christmas, the children will enter and exit our building at various times to minimise congestion. Primary 1 and Hub children will enter/exit at 9am/3pm and our P2 and P3 children will enter/exit at 9:05/3:05pm. The children will follow our Risk Assessments inside our school to reduce any risk to them. A copy of our Risk Assessment can be found on our school website.

It is essential that ALL parents/carers wear a face mask and maintain a 2-metre distance in and around our school grounds. If you are unable to wear a mask, please maintain a distance or organise for a family member to drop/collect your child.

As the Scottish Government have deemed it safe for our youngest children to return to school, there will be an expectation that all P1-3 pupils return on this date. We will not be offering a remote learning package to children in these classes, unless they are having to self-isolate. We will continue to follow South Lanarkshire's attendance protocols, in association with SLC's Social Work Department, for parents who choose not to send their children back to school.

We will continue to update the rest of our school community on the progress of schools reopening as/when that happens (Update by Scottish Gov in 2 weeks). In the meantime, we would ask that you support and encourage your child to access Google Classroom and to complete the tasks set for them. Once again, we would urge any family requiring support to get in touch with us as soon as possible via any of the channels available.

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Google Classroom

This has certainly been a very trying time for all of us, as we have faced having to work and educate children from a distance. Once again, it has been a time of huge change and uncertainty for everyone.

We are so proud of all our children, who I am sure you will agree have generally coped very well. They will be missing their friends and family, their routines and learning. They have done their best and have shown resilience and positivity in the face of very new and, at times, difficult circumstances.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers. I know it has been a different challenge, supporting your children with learning at home, whilst managing work and other stresses/changes.

I am also very proud and grateful to our staff team, who have worked extremely hard to support and engage our children with their learning as well as providing care to children of keyworkers in our school hub. They have embraced a whole new way of working and I am sure you will agree that their efforts have been outstanding.

Lateral Flow Testing

The Scottish Government have introduced testing in schools for all school staff and senior pupils in S4, S5 and S6. Although not mandatory, this will be welcomed by many members of our staff team in providing another layer of protection to staff working closely with children. These tests will be taken by staff twice weekly at home to ensure that asymptomatic staff do not spread the virus into our school.

We would continue to ask families to support us by keeping your child at home if they or any family members display any symptoms consistent with Covid-19. Please book a test and provide a copy of the test result to the school before your child can return.

Reporting to Parents/Carers

Our teachers will continue to offer a phonecall to discuss your child's efforts in Google Classroom/return to school in the middle of March 2021. Teachers will also be completing a written report on your child's progress which should be issued at the end of the academic year.

We are already planning classes for next year. Our numbers so far, indicate a reduction in classes with a possible formation of 4 straight classes and 2 composite classes. This can change across the months, and decisions will be made nearer the end of the session and sometimes throughout the summer.

Should you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I would like to thank you for your continued patience, understanding and support which is very much appreciated.

Kind regards,

K McGhee

Mrs Kerry McGhee

Head Teacher

- *Please note that any plans/information are subject to change in response to national/local guidance.*