



Education Resources
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Nursery and Primary 1-3 Return

Dear parents/carers,

We would like to say a big 'thank you' for your patience and support throughout lockdown. The success of our remote learning would not have been possible without the support from you, our parents/carers, and I would like to thank you all for your incredible support throughout this extremely difficult time.

Following the recent announcement from the Scottish Government, we are now moving towards a phased return of our pupils, starting with our Nursery and Primary 1-3 pupils only, starting back at school on Monday 22nd February. We will also remain open for our Primary 4-7 pupils who are currently attending our school hub (these pupils should continue to follow the guidance they have been following). All other Primary 4-7 pupils will continue with their remote learning at present and should continue to follow the guidance they have been following for this, registering every day, completing and submitting tasks and attending live Google Meet sessions.

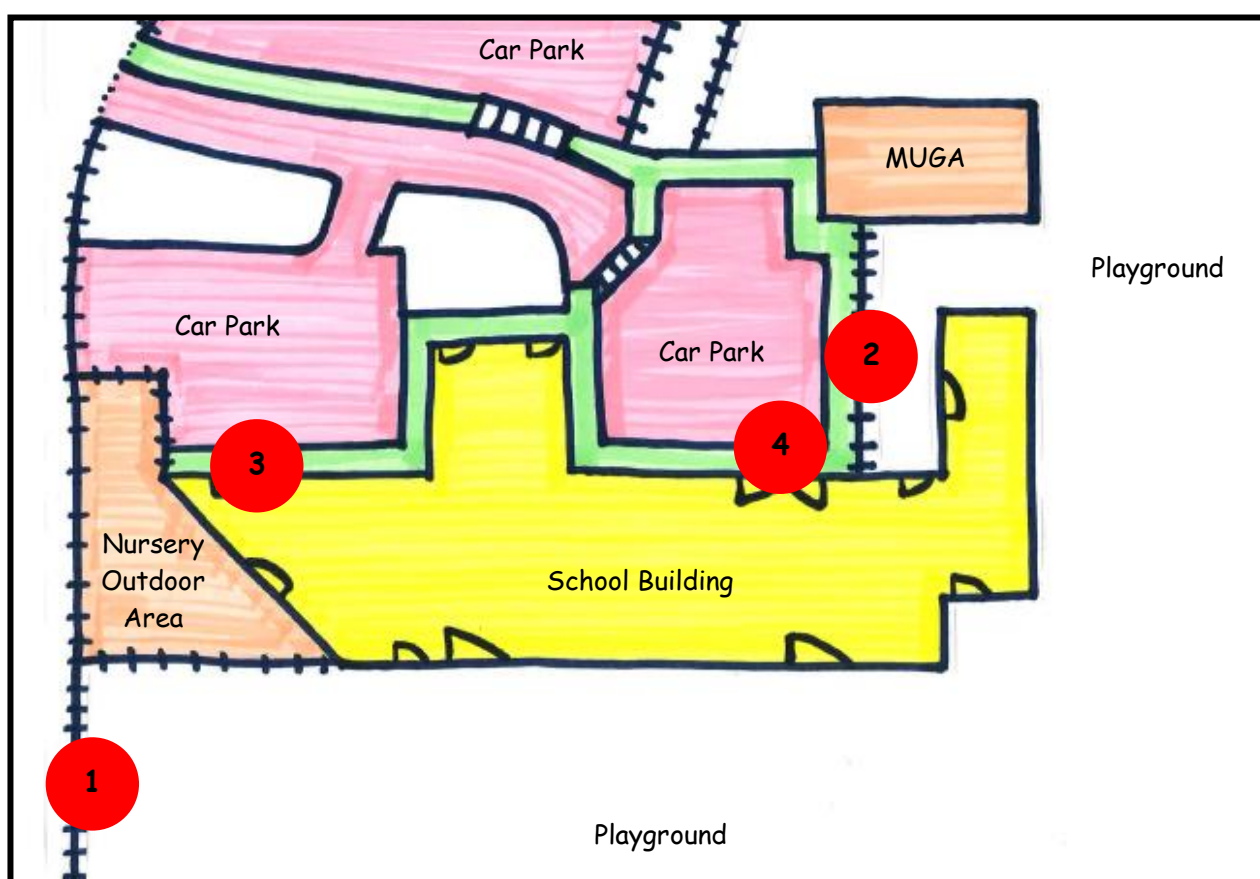
As before, the safe return of our pupils and staff has been paramount to our planning. Social distancing measures will be in place in all areas of the school and these must also be followed by all pupils and parents/carers during drop off and collection. The following procedures will be in place to ensure the health and safety of all and we kindly ask that you discuss these changes with your child to prepare them for their return to school.

Timings of the school day:

- To minimise large groups and to ensure social distancing measures are in place, there will be staggered start and stop times for all children. There will also be various entrances/exits used. **Please ensure your child uses their allocated entrance/exit.** We ask that you ensure your child arrives and is picked up at the allocated times to minimise overcrowding and to observe social distancing rules. **All parents/carers should wear a face mask when entering the school grounds, unless exempt.** Following guidance, it is important that we all work together to ensure the health and safety of all. For this reason, please ensure you maintain a 2-metre social distance from all other households at all times.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>START TIME</u>	<u>FINISH TIME</u>	<u>ENTRANCE/EXIT</u>
Nursery (BLUE and PURPLE groups)	9:10am	3:10pm	Nursery main entrance (entrance 3)
Nursery (GREEN and YELLOW groups)	9:20am	3:20pm	Nursery main entrance (entrance 3)
Nursery (ORANGE group)	9:30am	3:30pm	Nursery main entrance (entrance 3)

Primary 1a (Mrs Sistrunk)	8:50am	2:50pm	Front entrance at car park (entrance 2)
Primary 1b (Miss Motherwell)	8:50am	2:50pm	Front entrance at car park (entrance 2)
Primary 2 (Mrs Campbell/Mrs Burns)	8:50am	2:50pm	Rear main playground entrance (entrance 1)
Primary 2/3 (Miss Simpson)	9:00am	3:00pm	Rear main playground entrance (entrance 1)
Primary 3 ONLY (Mrs Smith/Mrs Henderson)	9:00am	3:00pm	Rear main playground entrance (entrance 1)



- As we will be using our entrance next to the school MUGA pitch, our school car park will be closed during drop-off and pick-up times to ensure the safety of all. It will only be opened for SLC transport, staff and for pupils who require additional support.
- Unfortunately at this time, no parents/carers are allowed in the school building or within the playground gates. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office on 0141 634 7217.
- The school breakfast club will not be able to operate until further notice.

Uniform:

- All pupils should wear their full school uniform as normal to school. We ask that children bring a change of shoes for indoors (gym shoes). These indoor shoes will remain within school.
- Pupils should continue to bring their school bag to school. Bags will hang on the back of the children's seats.
- Each pupil will be provided with a stationary pack to use within school which will only be used by them. This will be kept in school.

Lunches:

- Lunches will be eaten within the school dining hall. Pupils will sit within their class bubbles at allocated tables.
- Pupils are allowed to bring their own packed lunch from home. If possible, this should be brought in a bag to allow for quick disposal. If your child brings a packed lunch box, this should remain in their school bag.
- Children are allowed to bring a water bottle to school. As always, this should be cleaned every night at home and should be filled with plain water only.

Playtimes/Lunchtime:

- Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered to ensure social distancing measures are in place. Each class will be allocated a section of the playground and pupils should remain in this 'bubble' throughout the breaks. Areas will be rotated weekly to ensure all areas can be explored.

The School Day:

- We are keen to keep the school day as 'normal' as possible. The key focus will be on Health and Wellbeing, Literacy and Numeracy. Other areas of the curriculum will also be taught. Staff will continue to plan to suit the needs and interests of our children.
- Outdoor learning will be encouraged so please make sure your child has appropriate shoes/wellies for outdoors and a waterproof jacket.
- When homework is allocated it will be via Google Classroom to avoid the transfer of work between home and school.
- Your child will participate in PE outdoors at present. If possible, a pair of gym shorts and a polo shirt should be worn on these days (under school uniform if possible).

Procedures for Unwell Children:

- If any child is feeling unwell on the morning they are due to attend school, they must remain at home.
- If your child or a member of your household has any Covid-19 symptoms, the whole household must remain at home and follow NHS guidelines.
- Any child displaying Covid-19 symptoms when at school will be brought to the PT Office and parents/carers will be called to collect them immediately.
- All parents/carers must follow NHS and Scottish Government advice for suspected Covid-19 cases which can be found on the NHS website.
- Please inform the school immediately if your child has symptoms or if you or any of the family have tested positive for Covid-19 or have been contacted by the Test and Trace Team.

Social Distancing and Hand Washing Procedures:

- Children can wear masks at school if they or their parent/carer wishes. This is not compulsory.
- Social distancing is encouraged where appropriate. Please speak to your child about the importance of maintaining the 2-metre social distance from other children and staff.
- We have social distancing markers around the school and all staircases will be one-way.
- Handwashing is the best way to prevent the spread of germs. All pupils will be asked to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. We have hand sanitisers and soap dispensers installed in all classes, toilets and open areas. We would encourage pupils to wash their hands before coming to school and again on their return home.

We realise that adjusting to these procedures and routines will take time and may change but staff will be here to support the children and to ensure they feel comfortable within the school

environment.

We can't wait to welcome our pupils back to school and look forward to being back together again!
We also look forward to welcoming our Primary 4-7 pupils back as soon as it is safe to do so and will continue to ensure they are receiving positive remote learning opportunities!

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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