

UNCRC – Article 29 - Education should develop all talents, personality and abilities to the full.



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Nursery - Primary 3 Return to School

Following the First Ministers announcement on Tuesday 16th February, we are looking forward to welcoming children from Nursery to Primary 3 back into school.

School Times and Entry points

| Class | P1C | P1M | P1M/P | P2R/ | P2B | P3M | P3G/T |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Door | Nursery Door in the Upper Playground | Infant Gate Bon-Accord Street | Front Door Caledonian Place | Front Door Caledonian Place | Infant Gate Bon-Accord Street | Front Door Caledonian Place | Infant Gate Bon-Accord Street |
| Time In | 8.45AM | 8.45AM | 8.45AM | 8.55AM | 8.55AM | 9.05AM | 9.05AM |
| Time Out | 2.45PM | 2.45PM | 2.45PM | 2.55PM | 2.55PM | 3.05PM | 3.05PM |

We continue to work to restrict contact between different groups of pupils in school. With this in mind, we continue to ask that pupils arrive at school just in time for the start of their session. This helps to avoid a build-up of people on the pavement outside the school.

Scottish Government Guidance

The supplementary guidance issued by the Scottish Government reiterates the need for schools to continue to follow strict COVID-19 control measures and in keeping with the guidance, we have reviewed access and egress arrangements to ensure that we limit opportunities for children and parents to congregate. Staff will routinely be reminding/guiding your child to maintain regular handwashing, consider 2m distancing from staff and not routinely share resources with others. This will ensure that everyone does all they can to keep themselves and members of their family safe.

The First Minister spoke at length about how the partial return to school buildings cannot be seen as a return to normal practices and asked that parents remember to support the strict COVID-19 controls in place by not congregating at the school gates and remembering FACTS. As we plan for the partial return, I ask you to help us by ensuring that you keep a strict 2m distance between yourself and other households during drop off and pick up and continue to follow the general advice to wear face coverings when around others outwith your household. Schools will only be able to open further, if there is clear evidence that the partial return has not impacted negatively on levels of community transmission, so we are keen to minimise any risk by following this guidance closely.

Health Advice Reminder

Everyone who has the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) - a new persistent cough, fever, or a loss of sense of smell and /or taste should stay at home and arrange for coronavirus testing.

Everyone who is living with someone who has coronavirus symptoms should stay at home and follow the relevant NHS advice.

If you are unsure about any of this please call the school for advice.

Personal Belongings

We would appreciate it if pupils could avoid bringing school bags and any additional items each day. As we are currently unable to use our cloakroom areas, the classroom space is taken up by the children's belongings, making it difficult to navigate around the room and adding possible touchpoints for the virus to spread. We, therefore, ask that your child attends school only with a packed lunch box (if required) and their blue bag. As the children will be spending more time outdoors, we ask that they are dressed appropriately for the ever-changing weather conditions.

Chromebooks

The Chromebooks which were allocated to support home learning are not required to be returned for now. Please keep these until we update you with a plan for returning them.

School Hub

Our P4-7 hub will continue to run as normal with the pupils relocating to the school annex. Pupils should enter and leave through the annex door at the bottom of the upper playground.

Primary 4-7 Pupils

P4 to P7 pupils will continue to receive their learning online.

Nursery

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to nursery next week. All of our returning children will return on Monday and our new children will be phased in over the week. All new children will have received an email with their start date.

As a reminder our pick up/drop off times are as follows:

AM Sessions: Drop off between 8:30am and 8:50am

Pick up between 11:20am and 11:40am

PM Sessions: Drop off between 12:40pm and 1:00pm

Pick up between 3:30pm and 3:50pm

We will continue to use the school field and nursery garden spaces for dropping off and picking up the children. Please see the timetable below for where to drop off and pick up your child.

| Week | Date | Green AM | Red AM | Green PM | Red PM |
|------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | Monday 22nd - Friday 28th Feb | School Field | Nursery Garden | School Field | School Field |
| 2 | Monday 1st - Friday 5th March | Nursery Garden | School Field | School Field | School Field |
| 3 | Monday 8th - Friday 12th August | School Field | Nursery Garden | School Field | School Field |

- Please bring a bag with a change of clothing and outdoor shoes to stay at nursery.
- Each day please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. This includes waterproof suits/jackets and trousers, layers for warmth, hats, scarves and gloves as well as welly boots or other waterproof footwear each day.
- Please bring a filled water bottle each day. This should contain water only.

School and ELC Risk assessments

These will be available on the school website.

Yours sincerely

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