

RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

18 February 2021

Dear Families

The First Minister confirmed on Tuesday 16 February that our P1-3 pupils will return to school on Monday 22 February. We are delighted!

We have been busy preparing for the children to come back. Please see the table below for start and finish times/lining up arrangements for P1-3 and Hub pupils. Each class will line up in their designated section of the playground at their allocated time. Cones will mark where to line up. As usual, please drop children off at the entrance gate.

Year Group	Start Time	Mon – Thurs Finish Time	Friday Finish Time	ENTRANCE/EXIT
P1	9.00am	3.00pm	12.05pm	WEST DOOR (Sick Kids side) Parents wait in playground in West zone at pick up
P2	9.00am	3.00pm	12.05pm	EAST DOOR (Main Entrance) Parents wait in playground in East zone at pick up
P3	8.50am	3.20pm	12.10pm	WEST DOOR (Sick Kids side) Parents wait in playground in West zone at pick up
Hub P4-7	8.50am	3.20pm	12.10pm	EAST DOOR (Main Entrance) Bike sheds

Please note the following changes to Hub arrangements from 22 February:
All Hub children should now register **by 8.50am** at the **bike sheds**.

All P1-3 and Hub children who require a school lunch must order via ParentPay by midnight on the previous Wednesday. (Please note that orders for next week's lunches are now closed.) Children should bring a warm coat with a hood ready for outdoor learning every day.

The First Minister stated she feels schools are safe places but that there is an increased risk from the larger number of adults coming into contact with one another. Please can you therefore leave as soon as you have dropped off your child. I know it is very tempting to socialise and catch up with friends that you have not seen for a while but we really want P4-P7 children back in school as soon as possible and we all have to play our part.

The Hub will continue for those Keyworker families where both parents are Keyworkers who cannot work from home and have no alternative means of childcare. Pupil Support Assistants who have been supporting online and at the Hub and normally work with P1-3 will return to school with the children. Those who work with our older pupils will continue supporting online and at the Hub.

P4-7 pupils will continue learning remotely at home using Teams. An update from the First Minister is given every two weeks, though a return before 15 March is not anticipated.

We would be grateful if P1-3 families could return with any borrowed iPads and chargers on Monday 22 February. This will allow us time to get them set up ready in anticipation for the return of our older pupils

We are taking part in a new Schools Asymptomatic Testing Programme, which is being put in place as part of the package of COVID-19 risk reduction mitigations in schools across Scotland.

Regular Lateral Flow testing of all staff (teaching and non-teaching) will be used along with our existing protective measures to keep our school community safe. The tests will help to identify asymptomatic individuals at the earliest possible opportunity. Anyone testing positive will be asked to self-isolate, thus minimising the likelihood of them passing on the virus. The tests supplied do not require laboratory processing and can provide a quick result in around thirty minutes. We will ask staff to test regularly at home, twice a week (every three to four days, ideally in the morning before school).

Testing is voluntary. However, we are strongly encouraging all school staff who are attending school to participate wherever possible, in order to contribute to the wellbeing of our school community.

We are all really looking forward to seeing the children on Monday.

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