



June 26th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following advice from the City of Edinburgh Council and the Scottish Government the current plan is to open to 100% of pupils daily in August for children in P1 to P7. A separate communication will be issued to parents of nursery pupils. This is subject to change as we see progress against the suppression of the virus and take account of the most up to date scientific guidance.

Children will return to school on Wednesday 12th August. Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th will be in-service days for staff only to prepare for the children returning.

Inside the school building we will operate a one-way system to ensure we can adhere to the most up to date social distancing rules for the adults who work in the school. Children will go up the blue staircase and come down the yellow staircase.

Classrooms will be well ventilated, and children should wear warm clothes. They should also wear comfortable footwear and have a waterproof jacket with them daily as we will be increasing the amount of time that the children will learn outdoors.

The children will arrive and be dismissed from school using staggered starts and finishes. There will be no bells for any classes and pupils must arrive and be picked up on time for safety reasons. All children needs to know who is collecting them each day or whether they are walking home independently.

All children will be required to sanitise their hands on entry and exit of the building and handwashing routines will be in place throughout the day in classrooms and toilets.

Staggered Start and Dismissal

Class	Start Time	Pick Up
P1 and P2	8.40AM	2.57PM
P3 to P7	8.50AM	3.15PM

Children should try to arrive a few minutes before their start time.

Latecomers will not be admitted until after 8.55AM for all stages of the school. This is for H&S reasons.

There will be no staff available to look after children at the end of the day and parents MUST arrive a few minutes early if they are collecting their children from the playground. Children will not be readmitted into the school building.

P5 to P7 pupils are encouraged to come to school and walk home independently wherever possible. (Or parents to meet them outside of the school gates)

P1 and P2 pupils should be brought in by one parent who must adhere to the social distancing rules. P3 and P4 children will be encouraged to separate from parents at the school gates. The vehicle gate will be open at the start and end of the day to allow children to enter and exit safely. Staff will be visible in the playground to support the start and end of the school day to help with this.

Only one parent per pupil will be permitted inside the school grounds.

Parents will not be allowed into the building unless there are exceptional circumstances.

The children will have staggered lunches to allow the staff to comply with the social distancing rules in the staffroom.

School lunches are soup and a sandwich option, and the new menu will be shared with parents soon on Parent Pay. It is likely to be served to most pupils in their classrooms.

Lunches

Class	Lunch in classroom (supervised by PSAs)	Outdoor Play (supervised by PSAs)
P1, P1/2 and P2	12.00PM-12.15PM	12.15PM-1.15PM
P3 to P7	12.30PM-12.45PM	12.45PM-1.15PM

Any uneaten food at the end of 15-minute lunch window will need to be eaten outdoors.

There will be no breakfast club, homework club or Active Schools clubs until further notice.

Children on P3 to P7 will be issued with a bag containing the essential items that they need to use in school. e.g. pencils, rubbers, rulers etc to ensure children are not sharing equipment.

Please can parents in P3 to P7 purchase and empty pencil case for children to keep in school to keep their equipment safe and send to school on the first day of term.

Resources in P1 and P2 classrooms will be reduced and rotated to meet with H&S requirements whilst still enabling the children to experience a play-based curriculum.

Water bottles and packed lunch boxes should be taken home daily and no personal belongings will be permitted in school. The water fountain will not be in use and parents should ensure children come with fresh water each day.

We appreciate that this is a huge amount of information for parents and we will be happy to support you with understanding any parts by email now, or in person in August. We will try wherever possible to use school staff and Bilingual Support Assistants to call parents with limited English to explain this letter in their first language on the August In-Service days.

Meanwhile I want to say a huge well done to all our children and families for managing the challenge of home learning so well. I know that this has been particularly difficult for households of full-time working parents. I have loved following everyone's progress on Twitter as well as reading emails about how everyone is getting on.

Please continue to stay safe and I wish you all a wonderful summer break. We can't wait to welcome everyone back safely in August.

Mrs Honeyman