



August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday, we are really looking forward to welcoming the children back next Wednesday.

Although Scotland is now in level zero many of the mitigations in school will remain in place for the next 6 weeks. This is to allow all staff and parents to become fully vaccinated and to review the impact on schools of the wider easing of restrictions.

Children will continue to be dismissed from school using the staggered start and finish times below. Pupils must arrive and be picked up on time for safety reasons. All children need to know who is collecting them each day or whether they are walking home independently.

Class	Start time	Pick up time
P1a and P1b Early Years Playground	08.40	14.57 Mon to Thursday 12.15 Friday
P2, P2/3 and P3 Rabbit Playground	08.40	P2 – 14.57 Mon to Thursday 12.15 Friday P3 – 15.07 12.15 Friday
P4 to P7 Football Playground	8.50	15.15 Mon to Thursday 12.27 Friday

**REMINDER – all P1 pupils will start at 09.00 in the first week, and finish at 14.45, Wednesday and Thursday, and 09.00 to 12.15 on Friday.**

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 for any reason to allow the cleaning team to start work.

Children should not bring any personal belongings from home apart from a water bottle, a lunch box, and a small healthy snack. Older children can bring mobile phones which should be switched off on arrival in the playground.

Physical distancing of 1m minimum between adults and between adults and children from different families must be observed. This means normal access into the school for parents and carers will be severely restricted to maintain the safety of everyone. Parents inside the playground are still required to wear a mask or face covering.

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 (and P2 where possible) children will be encouraged to separate from parents at the school gates in the morning and can be collected by one parent at the end of the school day from the playground. 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 circumstance.

**Please be vigilant for any signs of illness and do not sent any children into school with a high temperature, a new and persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell. Please seek advice from NHS staff if you are in any doubt about covid-19 symptoms and arrange for a PCR test immediately if you or your child becomes symptomatic.**

Enhanced cleaning, frequent hand washing/sanitising and well-ventilated rooms will continue to be in place to reduce transmission of the virus.

A separate communication about the changes to the self-isolation rules will be issued soon.

Mrs Honeyman Head Teacher