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Return to School Wednesday 12th August

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to my letter from the end of June, we have now had updated guidance from the Scottish Government, and we are able to open the school in full, plan 1 from the previous letter. Naturally this is exciting but we are still keenly aware of the need for safety measures to do our very best to minimise risk from the Covid-19 virus.

Classes:

Some pupils in the upper stages classes will have been given a class for normal opening and a class for blended learning. It is the normal opening class you will be joining.

School Transport:

There is no requirement for pupils to socially distance from each other on transport or in school, however there is a requirement to maintain a safe distance from the driver. We are awaiting further guidance.

Symptoms:

If your child has a temperature or is in any way unwell you must keep them at home. If a child becomes unwell during the school day, they will be settled in the medical room away from their peers until they can be collected. Please follow government guidelines on isolation.

Arriving at School p2-p7:

Please arrive at school as close to 9am as possible. Parents are not allowed in to the playground and we would ask that parents disperse quickly so that there are no social distancing issues at the school gates. Parents are not allowed to enter the school.

Middle stages: Mrs I Watson, Mrs Davidson and Miss Cordiner's classes should enter school through the main door.

Upper Stages: Mrs A Watson, Mrs Biffen and Mrs. Elrick's classes should enter the school at the bottom door.

Arriving at School p1:

P1 parents are allowed to bring their child into the playground and remain with them. Miss Stevenson and Mrs James will be there to greet you and will collect your child and take them in to school through the nursery doors. For week one and week two, P1 will be in for half days and will be brought out to their parents in the playground at 12.15pm.

Hygiene:

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All pupils will be asked to use hand gel as soon as they enter the building. This is to avoid queues at sinks. Those who cannot use hand gel will be able to wash their hands instead. Throughout the day hand washing will be a priority and so we would encourage those with delicate skin to bring hand cream clearly labelled with their name.

The water fountain can only be used to fill water bottles, not drunk from directly. Water bottles should be taken home for washing daily.

Face masks for pupils are entirely welcome and also completely optional. Please bring as little to school as possible, All stationery will be provided by school for individual use only. All shared materials will be carefully cleaned and soft furnishings have been removed completely.

Pupils are not required to socially distance from each other but staff are required to remain two metres apart from each other and from pupils. If we are going to within 2 metres for 15 minutes or longer, we will be required to wear a mask.

Ventilation is important so windows will be open in classrooms and we will be keeping the building as airy as possible.

Learning:

When the school returns we will be making sure we create a nurturing place of learning that is full of happiness and the usual buzz of busy children. We will take the learning on from where your child is on their return to school and if there is anything that needs a bit of extra input, we will be able to identify what needs to be done. Please do not worry about falling behind or the change of school year meaning a big leap in what is being taught, we are sensitive to the needs of the individuals returning.

There will be no large gatherings such as assemblies and no singing for the time being. Any PE will be outside and following Scottish Government guidelines.

Clothing:

We are hoping that your child will be comfortable and happy in school and so we understand if at this late date you do not have uniform in place. Please, however, make sure everything is clearly labelled and clean on each day. Also be prepared for the usual mess of paints and glue that can ruin a good jumper! The playground often has four seasons in one day so coats are always needed.

School Dinners:

Meals will be in the canteen but we will have middle stages classes in a different sitting from upper stages. Once p1 are in for full days we will review but at this point we are considering serving lunch in their classroom.

Kind Regards,



HELEN JAMES
Head Teacher