



Return to School Parent Communication- 5th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to now give the information for the Primary 4-7 children returning to school. The First Minister has announced that they will return to the school building on Monday 15th March.

Like before, we appreciate that for some of you this will be welcomed and for others there may continue to be anxieties around the return and what that will look like for your child.

Below, we have outlined some details, please read it through and let us know if you have any questions.

What will the return look like for my child?

Most of our mitigations will be similar to what we had in place before. Some of these include:

- ❖ Classes will be kept in their own bubble throughout the school day.
- ❖ All staff members will wear a fluid resistant mask at all times.
- ❖ Parents should wear face coverings at drop off and pick up.
- ❖ Pupils and staff will continue to have increased handwashing throughout the day.
- ❖ All high touch surfaces within the school will be cleaned twice daily and any resources cleaned after use.
- ❖ No movement of staff between schools- this will mean that supply teachers can only work in one school per week.
- ❖ No staff member or pupil to come to school with COVID-19 symptoms.

Have there been any changes?

- ❖ All staff who are working within the school are now being offered COVID-19 testing. Staff can undertake this twice weekly.
- ❖ PE will take place outdoors again. Under the current guidance PE can only be undertaken indoors within tier one, two or three.
- ❖ 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. **We ask that no waiting at drop off or pick up is done.**
- ❖ Staff will routinely be reminding your child to maintain regular handwashing, consider 2m distancing from staff and one another where



possible and not share resources with others to ensure that everyone does all they can to keep themselves and members of their family safe.

Drop Off and Pick Up

To limit the traffic at drop off and pick up, we have made some changes to the drop off and pick up procedures. The children will no longer do the traditional 'lining up' or wait to enter the building in the morning. Our new approach will see the doors open with a 5 minute window for children to enter the school, head straight to their cloakroom, unpack and get ready for the day ahead.

We have been using this approach with our younger children and it has been really successful. One of the benefits of the children coming straight in, has been removing the anxieties that appear with some children as they stand and wait in line every morning. As well as this, it also ensures that parents can simply drop, watch their child go safely into the building then leave with no hanging around.

All classes will have this new open door approach starting on Monday 15th March. Half of the school will enter at 8.55-9am and the other half will enter at 9- 9.05am. This then means that there will be 2 times for the children to leave the school at the end of the day, 2.55 or 3pm.

We are aware that those families with more than one child may have to wait for a couple of minutes if their times are different. If this is the case, we ask that you do so safely, in line with government guidance.

Below are entry and exit times for each class- **these will start on Monday 15th March**. Staff will be at the doors on the first morning to support the children. A member of SLT will also be supporting the school.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Finish Time</u>	<u>Entry Door</u>
Nursery am	Drop Off 8.20-8.40am	Pick Up 11.15-11.30am	Red- Gate 1 Green- Gate 2
Nursery pm	Drop Off 12.20-12.40pm	Pick Up 15.15-15.30pm	Blue- Gate 1 Yellow- Gate 2



P1A & P1B	8.55am- 9am	2.55pm	P1a - Red unit door P1b - Class fire door
P2A & P2B	9am- 9.05am	3pm	P2a - red unit door P2b - Class fire door
P3A & P3B	8.55am- 9am	2.55pm	P3a - Blue unit door P3b - Class fire door
P4A & P4B	9am- 9.05am	3pm	P4a- Blue unit door P4b- Class fire door
P5 & P5/6	8.55am- 9am	2.55pm	P5- Class fire door P5/6- Class fire door
P6A & P6B	9am- 9.05am	3pm	P6a- Class fire door (By bicycle stands in playground) P6b- Fire door from old 6A classroom.



P7A & P7B	8.55am- 9am	2.55pm	P7a- Class fire door P7b- Yellow unit door
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Lunches

The school lunch service will run as normal, you can find a link to the menu below.

[Week 1](#) [Week 2](#) [Week 3](#)

*Please note this menu will be updated after 15th March.

Chromebooks

Any loaned Chromebooks from families, should be returned next week. Please pop any returned Chromebooks in your child's school bag and ask them to hand them to their teacher on the first day of return.

Nursery Parents

It is really important that we limit the areas of cross over of parents. For this reason, we ask that **all parents enter the school grounds from the back gate off the field.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this. It won't be forever, just till restrictions ease a little.

If you do want to discuss any of this further, please get in touch with myself, Mrs Pert, Mrs Forrest or Miss Diack. We can be contacted through the school office 9-3pm and through email on loirston@aberdeencity.gov.uk .

Take care and continue to remain safe.

Miss Watt

Head Teacher