

## Parent and Carer Communication with School

At this time, parents and carers are not permitted to enter the school building. Any communication should come via:

- Class Seesaw account
- Telephone call to school office
- Email communication to member of staff via school email account

Your communication will then be passed to the relevant staff member who will be in contact. This is in line with local authority guidance.

Please be aware that teaching staff cannot have quick discussions with parents and carers when collecting pupils in the morning or at the end of the school day. This is to ensure that all classes and pupils can enter and leave the building safely.

Our school communication process has been included as an attachment with this newsletter. Please be aware that this should be followed by all families when contacting the school to ensure we provide you with the best support that we can.

## COVID-19 Symptoms

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19.**

We need to keep our school community safe and limit the spread of infection.

**Any child presenting with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home immediately.**

Please ensure that all contact details are up to date to support this and minimise risk within our community.

As guidance has recently changed linked to self isolation, it is really important that you keep in contact with our school office with regards to a positive test result, or your child being identified as a close contact. This then means that we can support you as best as we can, and ensure your child is absent from school for as short a period as possible.

As always, please contact us with any questions you may have and we will ensure we respond to these.

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**Return to School Information**  
**August 21**

## Welcome Back

We are delighted to be welcoming our pupils and families back to school this Wednesday, and welcoming our new P1 families and pupils to our school community.

We hope that all of our families have had a lovely Summer and have enjoyed the weather which has been pretty good for us all this year!

Restrictions still remain for schools at this time, and restrictions should hopefully begin to ease as we move through our first term in school.

Pupils will be allowed to move more freely in classes and we will have a reduced 1m distancing in operation between adults in school and between adults and pupils.

We will keep you updated on any changes as we are informed of these by colleagues in Midlothian Council and from the Scottish Government.

This newsletter should keep you updated of what our return to school will look like on Wednesday for pupils and families.

## Our School Day

To support social distancing, our pupils will continue to have a staggered start and end to the school day. This will mean that pupils in different classes will start and finish at different times, but spend their full entitlement in school. While we recognise that this may affect families in different ways, we have to do this to limit adult numbers in our playgrounds and limit large numbers of people congregating. This will continue to ensure the safety of our pupils, families and staff at this time.

To ensure that we limit the number of people on our school campus at any one time:

- **please be aware that 1 adult should accompany your child/children to school.**
- **Face masks need to be worn by all adults in our school playgrounds**
- Please arrive as close to your child's starting time as possible, and on the time if you can.

- Please ensure your child lines up at the correct marker when arriving in the playground.
- Please ensure that you are on time to collect your child/children.
- **Please note that we cannot keep children in school to support them leaving with siblings who may be finishing their day at a later time**

**Our school start times and end times have been attached with this letter. They are also available on our school website.**

Please note that our school gates in to our playgrounds may open later than normal to ensure that pupils and parents are not in the playgrounds for extended periods.

## Social Distancing

Pupils will not require to social distance when in school. All staff and parents and other adults visiting the school must follow the 1m guidance.

**Please be aware that all staff in school, in line with Midlothian guidance for schools, will continue to wear face masks at this time.** This will include when working with children and coming out in to the playground to meet pupils daily. This will be reviewed as per government guidance.

Pupils will be able to move more freely within their classes at this time and some groupings will begin to take place in classes.

Staggered breaks and lunches will continue to take place for classes and staff in school. Pupils will no longer require to be in class bubbles in the playground and can move more freely.

At this time, school assemblies and large gatherings of pupils still cannot take place.

Pupils can now take part in small group activities working with pupils from different classes e.g. support for learning groups. These will increase as we move across the term.

Our staff can now be in more than two class settings per day. This will now allow us to support our pupils more effectively and across the school throughout the day as we did before restrictions.

Please support us and help keep our school community safe by following social distancing guidance at all time in our school.