



We have had a fab return to school so far this term... It has been great to see our whole school community back together. With the easing of restrictions, I think a particular high point has been the loss of our playground's 'invisible' line. To see friends from across our school being able to play together is almost magical...

Up until now we have been fairly lucky with the weather... and we have had lots of opportunities to be outside and enjoy our school grounds for both play and learning!

As the weather changes, we hope to be able to keep using the school grounds as much as possible and have plans to continue the many learning opportunities our school grounds offer. To help us, please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for the changeable Scottish weather when coming to school e.g. a waterproof coat, wellies etc. If you need support to ensure your child has access to appropriate clothing, please just let us know and we will do our best to help!

### Staying Vigilant and Responding to COVID Symptoms

The guidance from Scottish Government means that many of our mitigations will remain in place as we continue to ensure our schools remain a safe place for all.

The whole school community will continue to be vigilant for the symptoms of COVID-19, and understand what actions should be taken if someone develops them, either onsite or offsite.

#### The most common symptoms are:

- New continuous cough.
- Fever/ high temperature.
- Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia).

It is essential that learners (and staff) do not attend school if they are symptomatic, and organise to get a PCR as soon as possible. If the result is positive, they should self-isolate at home until the date they have been given by Test and Protect. All members of the household should also access a PCR and self-isolate until their PCR results. If there is a positive case in your household, and your child returns a negative PCR they can return to school.

We remain hopeful that as we continue through the school term, current Covid-19 mitigations will be removed as appropriate, and that we will be able to reintroduce and enjoy all that our school has to offer in the near future.

### QIO Visit

Last week we welcomed a short visit from our Quality Improvement Officer – Mrs Karen Haspolat. She gave positive feedback on the improvements we continue to make to our learning environment. I would like to thank all staff and learners who have helped to make this happen and look forward to when we welcome families, parents and carers back into our building to share these with you also.

### An additional format for our newsletter

Communication is vitally important to us and we are always trying to find ways as to how we can improve our methods. This session we will also share newsletters using SWAY.



### Staffing

We were sad to say farewell to Nikki Barbour as she took up her position at Elphinstone Primary. We would like to thank her for all her hard work, and know that we will miss her.

However, we are excited to extend a very warm welcome to Ms Jill Brown as she joins us from Preston Tower Primary. Mr Wallace has very kindly agreed to release Jill from her post 2 days a week until she takes up her position full time after the October break. We look forward to working with you Jill!

### Early Years Setting

We are very glad to welcome back Ms Banks following her broken ankle. The children were glad to see her on her return and are taking good care of her to try and make sure she looks after her sore leg!



### Support Staff

We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs Ele McGregor who joins P1-P3 as a Classroom Assistant, and to Ms Carol Purves who will support learners across the school.

### School Lunches

We are very excited to be able to use our new dining hall at last, rather than have lunch in our classrooms...

School lunches can be ordered and paid for using SchoolPay. The menu, and cost of a school meal will regularly be shared with you. Alternatively you may wish to send a packed lunch to school with your child.



### Early Years Setting

Our Early Years Setting is now open of 1140 hours following a 38 week model meaning that our children are in from 9.00am -3.30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30 – 12.30pm on a Friday. The children stay for dinner and also use our dining room.

The children have coped well with the extension of hours that they have with us and are using the opportunity to play and learn together. It is amazing how confident they have quickly become...



What if my child is late?	Children who are late in the morning should enter the school by the main entrance. We realise, however, that there will be occasions when your child is unable to attend school. The following information tells you what to do on such occasions. It also tells you how the school may respond when your child is absent. By following the guidelines below, you will help us to make sure that your child is safe.
What do I do if I know my child is going to be absent from school, for example to see a doctor or dentist?	You should tell the school the date(s) and the reason, as soon as you know. That way, the school will know not to expect your child on that date. You can tell them by phone call, letter or e-mail.
What do I do if my child is going to be absent today, for example, because he/she is unwell?	You should tell the school before 8.45am. Then the school will know not to expect your child to arrive. You can tell us that your child is absent by phone <b>01875 340318</b> or e-mail <a href="mailto:admin@saltoun.elcschool.org.uk">admin@saltoun.elcschool.org.uk</a>
<b>If there is an unexplained absence for your child then the 'main contact' will receive a phone call from the school to clarify why your child is absent.</b>	

### What if my child is unwell?



When a child falls ill or has an accident during the school day, a parent or the emergency contact is notified and should make arrangements for the child to be collected.

In the case of minor accidents, First Aid will be administered and contact will be made with a parent or emergency contact for a bump to the head.

Where a child has a contagious condition which may lead to others being affected, parents should notify the school. The school follows NHS guidance for periods of absence related to a contagious illness.

### What is our school uniform?



It is expected that all children will wear school uniform whenever possible.

- **Sweatshirt (Navy)**
- **Trousers/Skirt/Culottes/Shorts/Pinafores (Dark)**
- **Polo shirt/Shirt/Blouse (White or Navy)**
- **Summer dresses (blue check)**
- **Dark Shoes**

However, the most important thing for us is for your child to be in school... If you do not have access to school uniform, let us know and we will do our best to support.

### What should my child bring to school?

Children are now able to bring school bags into school in which they can keep their belongings.

Your child can bring a snack to school which they can have during morning break.

If your child is not having a school dinner, they should bring a packed lunch.

We encourage all children to an outdoor coat or jacket, especially in poorer weather as we encourage opportunities for outdoor learning

If our child receives musical tuition they should try to bring their instrument with them on the day.



**Please note our school is a nut free zone. We ask that you please check foods that you are sending in for snacks and lunch.**

### How do I contact the school?

Although we cannot yet welcome parents, carers and families into our school building we are available for you to contact us via phone or email. If you cannot reach us please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible

TEL. 01875 340318

EMAIL: [admin@saltoun.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@saltoun.elcschool.org.uk)

### What do I do if I want to speak to Mrs Crossan?

As Mrs Crossan is also the Headteacher of Humble Primary as well as Saltoun Primary School, it can be difficult to know where she might be.

When based in Saltoun Primary, Mrs Crossan tries to ensure she is at the school door to welcome learners on their arrival, and you can chat to her then. If you are not sure if Mrs Crossan is in Saltoun or Humble, please just phone the school office, or drop an email, and Mrs Brown will pass your message on to Mrs Crossan, and she will get in touch as soon as is possible.

### What do I do if I want to speak to my child's teacher?

If required, you can pass on a quick message to your child's teacher at the beginning and end of a school day. However if there is something you feel needs a bit more discussion, please phone the school office in the first instance.

Mrs Brown will pass on your message and help you to arrange either a phone appointment or a Google Meet.