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Dear Parent/Carer,

On Tuesday 2nd March we received the news from the First Minister that we have all been waiting for; the return to school for P4-P7 pupils! Therefore, I am delighted to be writing this letter to share with you our plans for the return for our P4-P7 classes, to our school building on Monday 15th March. Staff have been very busy supporting the online learning and working in the Keyworker Hub and they are all very much looking forward to seeing all of the children again.

We understand that the last couple of months will have been challenging, with some of you being front line workers and others juggling working full time from home at the same time as trying to home school. Thank you for all you have done in supporting your child/ren's learning during this time. Learning that has taken place remotely since January will be revisited by the class teachers to be able to continue the learning appropriately taking into consideration individual needs.

In order for us to have a safe return to school we have revised our risk assessments in line with current Scottish Government and NHS guidance. Please ensure that you read this letter in full so that you are fully aware of all of the safety measures that are in place around our school building and grounds.

Nursery

Arrangements for drop off and pick up will continue as they have done with children entering through their allocated door.

Green Room Nursery and Hub Classes

Arrangements will continue as planned and already communicated, for the Green Room Nursery and Hub classes.

P1-P7

To ensure social distancing these are the plans for the start and end of the day:

P1-P3 parents **only** allowed in the playground at the start and at the end of the day.

P4-P7 parents should '**stop, drop, hug and go**' at the playground gates. (The only exception to this would be if your child has an additional support need and this has been identified as part of your child's plan)

Arrival:

P1, P2 & P3 arrive at 8.50am

P1-P3 come into building through own classroom doors.

P4-P7 arrive at 8.50am and enter straight through their usual door

Departure:

P1& P2 leave at 2.50pm through own classroom doors

P3 leave at 3.20pm through own classroom doors

P4-P7 leave at 3.20pm from their usual doors

To ensure that the return to school is as safe as possible, it is essential that the following must be adhered to:

- Parents/carers do not gather in the playground and everyone must continue to adhere to the 2 metre social distancing rules when arriving and leaving. There should be **no** congregating in groups. This will be monitored by the janitorial staff and the Senior Leadership Team. It is essential that everyone complies with this measure to keep everyone safe until restrictions are lifted.

- Parents/carers must wear a mask (unless medically exempt) when entering school property.
- Parents/carers of children in P1-P3 should arrive 'just in time' for the drop off and pick up times and avoid mixing with other households in the playground.

While we understand the possible frustrations surrounding these measures, it is essential that we all continue to follow them to enable us to keep our whole school community safe.

As always, if your child or anybody else within your household has any of the symptoms linked to COVID-19 the child should not attend school and the household member(s) should be tested. Tests can be booked via the NHS Inform Website.

Any Covid-19 updates regarding cases or the need for self-isolation as a close contact are sent via groupcall and email. Please make sure that the school office have up to date contact numbers and email addresses so that you receive any important information that we send.

Keeping our children and staff safe in school

Hand Hygiene will continue to be an important part of our school day with children washing their hands at various key points throughout the day. Washing hands so often can make hands dry and sore, so if you wish, you may send your child with a small hand moisturiser which should be kept in your child's jacket pocket. Please note that your child must be able to apply this by themselves, staff will not be able to apply this for them (unless it is prescribed by a doctor, in which case a care plan will have to be put in place) due to enhanced health and safety procedures.

Staff are now able to opt in to twice-weekly testing to identify asymptomatic cases. In addition to this staff should remain 2m distanced from other staff including in the staff room.

Enhanced cleaning, provided by East Lothian Council, will continue throughout the day to include light switches, door handles, toilet areas etc.

Break and lunch times

Break and lunch times will be staggered as usual to reduce the number of children in the playground at one time.

Pupils will eat their lunch in their own classrooms and their school lunch will be delivered to them. This will ensure that we have capacity for our pupils to eat safely whilst maintaining social distance and hygiene measures.

What to bring to school

PE will predominantly take place outdoors with Miss Imrie, our PE specialist or the class teacher and on PE days you can send your child to school in joggers/leggings and trainers. You should also send your child with a named water bottle which they will be able to fill up throughout the day.

Other Information

Cloakrooms will not be used except to access the toilets, apart from P1.

For the next three weeks our office staff will be running at reduced capacity in line with government guidance with regards to working arrangements during the pandemic. This means that the best way to contact the office is by email unless it is an urgent message, in which case phone the office. Our phone has a voicemail facility which we encourage you to use if you do not get an answer first time.

If you have any questions or need to contact us, you can do so in the usual ways; by contacting the school office admin box by email or through phoning the school.

Take care and keep looking after each other,

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