

Returning to Glendale - Aug 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school but there is some important information that you need to know, prior to our return.

Week 1

We are very aware that children will have been at home for most of the last four months, and we want to welcome them gently into school again. This is why our children are returning in a phased way for the first week. Normally parents are welcome in the playground, however at the moment parents cannot enter the school playground or building. We thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe at this time.

Wed 12th Aug - All Primary 1 pupils (from 9.30-12.00) and P6 and P7 (from 9.00-3.15pm)

Thur 13th Aug - All Primary 1 pupils (from 9.30-12.00) and the rest of the school (P2-P7 - from 9.00-3.15pm)

Fri 14th Aug - Whole school - all pupils (P1-P7 - 9.00-2.00pm). **Please note 2pm finish on this day only - children must be collected on time.**

From Week 2

All pupils return full time, from 9.00-3.15pm.

Entry/Exit

Markers/cones will be out in the playground, and staff will be on hand to guide pupils to the correct line.

P1 and P2 - will line up and be dismissed through the main front door of the school. Members of staff will be in the playground to ensure children are safely dropped off/collected.

P3, P4, P5 - will line up and dismissed in the main playground.

P6, P7 - will line up at the picnic tables, as usual.

Again, can we remind you that parents/carers should not enter the playground or school building, and must maintain social distancing outside the school gates. This helps keep everyone safe.

The School Day

The school day will run from 9.00-3.15pm.

Children will have staggered morning breaks, for 25 mins, and a staggered lunch break, for 50 mins.

P1, P1a, P2, P2a, P3, P4/3 - 12.00-12.50pm

P4, P5, P6, P7/6, P7 - 12.50 -1.40pm

There will be a choice of school lunches or your child can bring a packed lunch. Children are asked to remain in school for lunch to minimise traffic to and from the school. P1-P4 pupils are entitled to a free school lunch. For P5-P7 a cashless system will in operation, as there will be no cash handling by dinner staff. More information on this will follow.

School bags - children are asked NOT to bring a school bag into school. They should bring a packed lunch if required, a small snack and a filled water bottle. They can bring a pencil case but this must then stay in school and cannot be shared with their friends. Please note - the water fountain in school cannot be used at this time.

Uniform - should be worn as usual. There will be no changing on PE days -children should come to school in an appropriate PE kit on these days. Further information on PE days will follow.

Items from home - toys/books/games etc must not be brought into school as we need to minimise the sharing/use of resources at this time.

Staying Safe

Social Distancing - Current advice notes that children are able to safely play and interact with one another, however, in order to minimise risk, we will be keeping children in their class bubbles wherever possible. Children are asked to try and keep a safe distance from school adults, however we realise that this will not always be possible, and nurturing our children is our most important priority. Adults will socially distance from one another, and we will be reducing the number of adults on the school premises, which is why, unfortunately, parents/carers are not allowed on the school grounds.

Hand washing - Children will wash their hands six times throughout the school day.

PPE - Whilst face coverings and gloves are not required in school, we realise that some of our children and indeed staff will feel more secure wearing them. This is a personal choice, please reinforce at home that some people will choose to wear masks, and that this is OK.

Cars

As always we ask that you take care of yourselves and each other, by parking safely and responsibly around the school when dropping off/collecting your child.

Getting in touch

We appreciate how different this time is for everyone, and we are here for you if you need us. Whilst we cannot have parents/carers in school, we are always contactable by phone or email.

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We look forward to seeing everyone again next week and are so glad to be getting back to school. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

Many thanks

Ms Laird