

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.

School Uniform

Midlothian Council have introduced a relaxed approach to school uniform at this time to support our families. Pupils can still wear school uniform. Please ensure that all clothing is labelled as we cannot store lost property in school.

PE will start taking place for classes in the coming weeks. Wherever possible, this will take place outdoors. Class teachers will be in communication on which days this will take place and pupils should come to school in appropriate sports clothing.

Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof jacket and suitable shoes for being outside. In line with government guidance pupils will be encouraged to be outside in our school grounds daily.

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.

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Return to School Information
August 20

Welcome Back

We are delighted to be welcoming our families and pupils back in to our school community this Wednesday. We hope that everyone has managed to find some time together and relax over the Summer period.

We would like to reassure our families that staff have worked hard both in June and in these two in-service days to have our school ready for your children to return safely.

Please be patient with us as we adopt new procedures and approaches in school, and we try to limit any changes we need to make to these when our pupils return.

The information in this newsletter is aimed at providing as many answers to concerns that we can at the moment.

Our School Day

To support social distancing, our pupils will 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 pupil and adult numbers and 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 only 1 adult can accompany your child/children to school.** This is in place at all Midlothian schools. We thank you in advance for supporting with this.
- 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 leave your child in the line and move to a spot away from the line where you are socially distanced from the children and other adults.

- 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 2m guidance.

Please be aware that all staff in school, in line with Midlothian guidance for schools, will wear face visors. This will include when working with children and coming out in to the playground to meet pupils daily.

Pupils will be in their class groups throughout the school day. This will include breaks and lunches at present.

To support social distancing, there will be no assemblies or times when the whole school or stages of the school come together. This is in line with government guidance.

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

School Lunches

All pupils will need to bring a packed lunch to school each day, until the September weekend as per Midlothian guidance.

This includes all P1-P3 pupils and all pupils in receipt of a free school meal. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact our school office. Families entitled to free school meals will continue to receive BACS payments until this time.

Packed lunches will be eaten in classrooms when we return to school. Please ensure your child's lunch is clearly labelled.