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Dear Parent/Carer,

Blended Learning Model

***Please note that all of the undernoted could be subject to change according to Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council directives**

We have been developing our plans for a Blended Learning model, taking account of the documentation from Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council. I am now in a position to inform you of the days and times your child will attend school next session.

- Two days in-school provision: To include staggered start, end, break and lunch times.
- Children will be allocated into two groups
 - o Bubble A will attend in school on Monday and Tuesday
 - o Bubble B will attend in school on Thursday and Friday
- To allow cleaning between groups, Home Learning for all children on a Wednesday
- Family groupings will attend on the same day

Classification of Bubbles

Children have been allocated to 'bubbles' using the following criteria

- Siblings
- Composite classes (all children from the same stage will attend on the same day)
- Health and Wellbeing including meeting additional support needs
- Friendship (as observed in school, not necessarily best friends)

Care and consideration to the above criteria was given to all 32 bubbles and the 462 children within these bubbles. Due to almost all bubbles being at full capacity, at this time pupils cannot transfer from Bubble A to Bubble B and vice versa. I recognise the arrangements above may cause challenges with childcare and respectfully ask you to explore other options.

The information pertaining to your child's bubble will be sent to you by text today. Please be patient this is a manual administrative task and clerical staff are working through the list.

The bubbles will operate in the following way:

- The children will stay in the same bubble throughout the school day
- The children will remain with the same teacher throughout the school day
- Break and lunchtimes will be staggered to help with physical distancing
- Pupils in the same year group will share the same area of playground
- Movement across buildings will be limited
- Resources will be allocated to specific bubbles to limit sharing

Physical Distancing

It is challenging to maintain physical distancing in primary schools at all times, especially with younger children. However, there are several strategies in place to support this and we will gently remind children to help them follow the distancing guidelines. Furniture set up in classes, markers on the ground, designated play areas, limited sharing of resources and one way systems are all in place.

The Scottish Government has issued a directive that all schools should reopen on 11th August with pupils returning on 12th August. Children in Bubble A will attend on Wednesday 12th August and children in Bubble B will attend on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th August for this week only.

Blended Learning

We are still developing the Blended Learning Model which will have at its core a focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing. Further details will be provided in August.

In order to increase physical distancing at the school entrance, the start and end times for year groups will be staggered, as shown below.

Stage	Start Time	Break	Lunch	End Time
*P1	8.30am	10am -10.15am	11.45am-12.15pm	2.30pm
P4 and P5	8.30am	10am -10.15am	11.45am-12.15pm	2.30pm
P3 and P6	8.45am	10.25am -10.40am	12.25pm-12.55pm	2.45pm
P2 and P7	9am	11am -11.15am	1pm-1.30pm	3pm

During week 1 the Primary 1 bubbles are in school from 10am-2pm and thereafter from 8.30-2.30pm

Entering and Exiting School Grounds

There will be only one entrance to the school. Please enter through double gates at Dorchester Place. The Weymouth Drive entrance to the school playground will be closed.

- Please be punctual and patient
- Only one adult should accompany their child to the school gate
- To decrease physical interactions, on arrival, parents/carers should not enter the school grounds. A member of the SLT will welcome the children as they arrive.
- Parents will be permitted to wait in playground for Infants (P1-P3) at end of school day but must adhere to physical distancing

School Uniform

- Please wash school uniform daily
- Children should change their uniforms as soon they arrive home
- Please ensure your child's name is displayed prominently on their uniform and outerwear to avoid other children touching or taking home the wrong uniform. If this happens, please place the wrong uniform in a plastic bag, seal and tie it, and return it to school.
- PE kits will be requested at a later date. Initially classes will enjoy time in the playground, woodlands and pitch as part of their Health and Wellbeing programme.

School Bags and Stationery

- Individual sets of stationery will be issued to each child
- Children should not bring pencil cases and other personal belongings, including toys to school
- School bags should be cleaned regularly at home especially handles and shoulder straps.
- Due to hygiene measure the water cooler will not be operational, therefore children should bring their own named and filled water bottle to school everyday
- Lunch boxes and water bottles should be emptied and washed everyday
- Please display your child's name prominently on their lunch box to avoid other children will avoid touching or taking home the wrong lunch box. If this happens, please place the wrong lunch box in a plastic bag, seal and tie it, and return it to school.

Mobile Phones

- We ask that children do not bring mobile phones to school during this period, as the former measure of handing phones in to the school office does not adhere to current hygiene advice.

School Lunches and Breakfast Club

- Details regarding these have still to be confirmed. I will keep you updated.

We know that this has been a very challenging time for children and families and please be assured Kelvindale staff are carefully planning for their safe return. We will provide further updates as these become available over the summer.

Kind regards

Barbara Matheson