

Reconnecting to School

March 2021

We are delighted that our P4-P7 children will be re-joining us from the **Monday 15th March**, and look forward to having our whole school back together again..

It has been lovely to communicate with almost all our families during this period of Remote Learning. We will continue to support families as we make this transition back to face to face learning. For many families, the return to school will be very welcome. The following information should inform and reassure you as we make this transition.

The School Day

To increase physical distancing the P4-P7 School Day will remain, 09:00-15:00, as per terms 1 and 2. Please see below for breakdown of the School Day. As ever, we encourage our families to be punctual to ensure we continue to maximise learning and teaching time.

Primary 4-7 School Day

Time	Details
08:00	Breakfast Club
08:45	Arrival at main or side gates
09:00	Children transition to class
10:35-10:50	Morning Interval
12:30-13:15	Lunch Break
15:00	Departure

Entry and Exit to School

P1-P3

If you have a child in P1-3 then you should continue to collect them from the playground at the end of the school day. We ask that only **one person enters the playground**. Please ensure (unless exempt) that you enter the school grounds wearing a mask and maintain physical distancing **at all times**. In the unlikely event you arrive without a mask, please report to the Main Office and we will arrange a safe collection of your child from the Main Entrance. P1-3 parents/carers should leave the school grounds promptly to allow us to dismiss the P4-7 children. **No families should remain in the playground between pick-ups.**

P4-P7

If you are collecting a child from P4-7 then please wait outside the main/side gate and arrange a meeting point with your child, in advance. This could be outside the main gate or the side gate again; **no families should remain in the playground between pick-ups.**

Stairs at Weymouth Drive

It is vital that, as a school community, we work together to keep everyone safe. If using the stairs at Weymouth, we kindly ask that for drop off, please use the stairs as 'down only' and, for pick-up, please use them as 'up only'. This will help to prevent crowds and hold-ups and keep everyone safe.

Risk Assessment

Our risk assessment remains active, below is a summary of some of the mitigations in place:

- Regular handwashing (arrival, departure, pre/post eating, pre/post playing)
- Surfaces, including door handles, light switches, banisters and work stations, are regularly cleaned throughout the day
- Indoors, children remain in class bubbles
- Outdoors, children remain in stage bubbles
- Bi-weekly testing available for all Kelvindale staff
- Physical Education and singing will take place, weather permitting, outdoors
- Learning spaces will remain well ventilated
- One-way systems are in operation
- Cloakroom times are staggered
- Regular opportunities for learning outdoors – weather permitting

School Uniform

We invite all children to proudly wear their school uniform. Due to the increased ventilation we continue to encourage children to bring an extra layer to add or remove for personal comfort.

Outdoor clothing should reflect the Scottish weather, unpredictable and often cold and wet. Children should come dressed in their physical education clothes on the day indicated below. If possible, we ask your child to dress in dark bottoms (grey/black/navy joggers/leggings) with their school polo shirt and jumper/cardigan. On Woodlands Days children should bring waterproof and warm footwear.

Health and Wellbeing

As always, our first priority will be to support the Health and Wellbeing of every child. During our INSET Day in February all staff received training on Promoting Alternative THinking Strategies (PATHS). PATHS is a programme for schools, designed to facilitate the development of self-control, emotional awareness and interpersonal problem-solving skills.

The staff will roll out this resource over the coming weeks. We look forward to sharing further details and successes with parents/carers later in the academic year,

Assessment

Assessment is integral to our planning of learning and teaching. We will continue to use a variety of assessment approaches to allow learners to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding, skills and attributes. Our assessment evidence will form next steps in learning. Further details regarding how we report to parents will follow later this term.

GIRFEC Reviews

Our bi-annual reviews for children who require additional support are due to be held in March/April. We are currently planning these meetings and will contact individual families' week beginning Monday 22nd March to confirm arrangements.

PE & Outdoor Learning

Now that we have the whole school back, we have had to make changes to our outdoor timetables for P1-P7, which impacts on PE days and Woodlands time. A separate communication, detailing these, will be emailed to all families later today/tomorrow.

Reporting to Parents

In recent communication, the Director of Education made reference to reporting to parents.

"I know some of you have been disappointed at the lack of parents' evenings. We are hoping that if the virus continues to be suppressed that we will be able to consider arrangements to enable you to be fully informed about your child's progress during the next term." We will continue to keep you updated and Kelvindale arrangements for reporting to parents will be communicated in term 4. In the meantime, we will continue to share the children's successes through Seesaw and Twitter.

SCEFZ

To ensure a safe start for all our children please adhere to the School Car Free Zone regulations. Unless exempt, vehicles are not permitted between the hours of 08:30-09:15, and 14:45-15:30. There is signage in place to indicate the areas around the school which are part of the Car Free Zone.



Please remember that the Kelvindale Team is here to support you.

Best wishes,

The Kelvindale Team

