

Reconnecting to School

February 2021

We welcome the First Minister's announcement today and look forward to the return of our Primary 1-3 children on Monday 22nd February 2021.

It has been lovely to communicate with almost all our infant 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 most welcomed. The information to follow should help to inform and reassure families as we make this transition.

The School Day

To increase physical distancing the Infant School Day will remain, 08:45-14:45, as per term 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 1-3 School Day	
Time	Details
08:00	Breakfast Club (TBC)
08:40	Arrival at main or side gates
08:45	Children transition to class
10:15-10:30	Morning Interval
12:00-12:45	Lunch Break
14:45	Departure

One parent/carer only should collect their child from the playground at the end of the school day. Every eligible parent/carer should 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. All families should leave the playground promptly to allow us to safely dismiss our 'Attending School' (P4-7) children. No families should remain in the playground between pick-ups.

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.

Day/Class	Physical Education	Woodlands
Monday	P1a, P1b	P2a, P2b
Tuesday	P3a, P3b	P2/1
Wednesday	P2a, P2b	
Thursday		P3a, P3b
Friday	P2/1	P1a, P1b

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 February to confirm arrangements.

NCCT

To further mitigate risks staff will receive their preparation time (Non Class Contact Time) every other week. Ms Wilson and Miss Evans will teach your child's class one full day out of ten. Both Ms Wilson (P3) and Miss Evans (P1 and P2) already know the infant classes well and will ensure continuity of learning.

SCFZ

To ensure a safe arrival and departure for all our children please adhere to the School Car Free Zone regulations.



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

Best wishes,
Cillian Roulston
Depute Head Teacher

