



Education Resources

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following careful consideration of current Scottish Government and South Lanarkshire Council guidance relating to a full school return model, we have reviewed our planned arrangements for the arrival and dismissal of all pupils for Rooms 1-10 from Monday 17th August 2020. Primary 1 Room 1 specific information has been communicated directly to parents/carers for 12th and 13th August. Please refer to letter 4th August 2020 for arrangements relating to our school managed pupil return of specific classes from 12th to 14th August 2020. Arrangements are designed to comply with health and safety protocols, mitigate risk of Covid-19 transmission and minimise congestion in and around the school grounds. Arrangements will be continually reviewed and any necessary adaptations will be communicated to parent/carers in due course.

Arrangements for Dry Weather Arrival from Monday 17th August 2020 (only)

- Gates A, B and Pedestrian C will be open from 8.45am to allow for a staggered entry to school.
- Only children with bikes or scooters will be permitted to enter through Pedestrian Gate C.
- Children should proceed directly to arrival zone indicated for their class on the Playground Map.
- Children should begin to form lines at their class point marked *, informed by their class teacher.
- Children can interact within this zone but are reminded it is not an allocated time for energetic play.
- When the bell rings at 9am the children should join lines as quickly and safely as possible.
- Children will enter the building on a staggered approach to minimise contact with children in other arrival zones.
- Children will be required to hand sanitise on entry to the building/class.
- Children will place their bags and lunch boxes under their chairs.
- Initially jackets will be placed over the back of their chairs. (Cloakrooms currently out of use).
- Please note children arriving after 9.10am should report directly to the school office and follow health and safety procedures on entry.
- It is recommended that children arrive to school on time to maximise learning time.
- No adults will be permitted in the playground from 8.45-2.55pm. (P1- one adult exception for quick drop –off from 8.45am-9am until 21st August 2020).

Arrangements for Wet Weather Arrival from Monday 17th August 2020 (only)

- Gates A, B and Pedestrian C will be open from 8.45am to allow for a staggered entry to school.
- Only children with bikes or scooters will be permitted to exit through Pedestrian Gate C.
- Children should proceed directly to dining hall Door D.
- Children will hand sanitise at labelled hand sanitising stations and proceed directly to class.
- Classes will be supervised by support staff until their class teacher arrives.
- Formal registration will begin at 9am.
- Children will place their bags and lunch boxes under their chairs.
- Initially jackets will be placed over the back of their chairs. (Cloakrooms currently out of use).
- Children must sit at their allocated desk and refrain from touching resources until teacher instruction.
- Please note children arriving after 9.10am should report directly to the school office and follow health and safety procedures on entry.
- It is recommended that children arrive at school on time to maximise learning time.
- No adults will be permitted in the playground from 8.45-2.55pm. (P1-one adult exception for quick drop-off from 8.45am-9am until 21st August 2020).

Arrangements for Dismissal from 12th August 2020

- Gates A, B and Pedestrian C will open at approximately 2.55pm.
- Children will be dismissed on a staggered dismissal from 3pm.
- Children without siblings will be dismissed to the dismissal collection zone indicated on the playground map.

- Children with siblings will be dismissed to the dismissal collection zone of their youngest sibling.
- Sibling groups which include siblings of Rooms 1-3 will be dismissed with their older siblings.
- Siblings groups which do not include siblings of Rooms 1-3 will be dismissed first in their own class line to reduce wait times.
- Please ensure your child is aware of which zone they will be collected from and who will be collecting them to support efficient dismissal procedures.
- We ask children and parent/carers to vacate the playground and school environment as quickly and safely possible through Gates A or B.
- Only children with bikes or scooters will be permitted to exit through Pedestrian Gate C.
- Parents/Carers with prams/buggies are asked to travel in the direction of Gate A and exit through Pedestrian Gate C.
- ***Only one adult will be permitted to enter the school grounds for collection.**

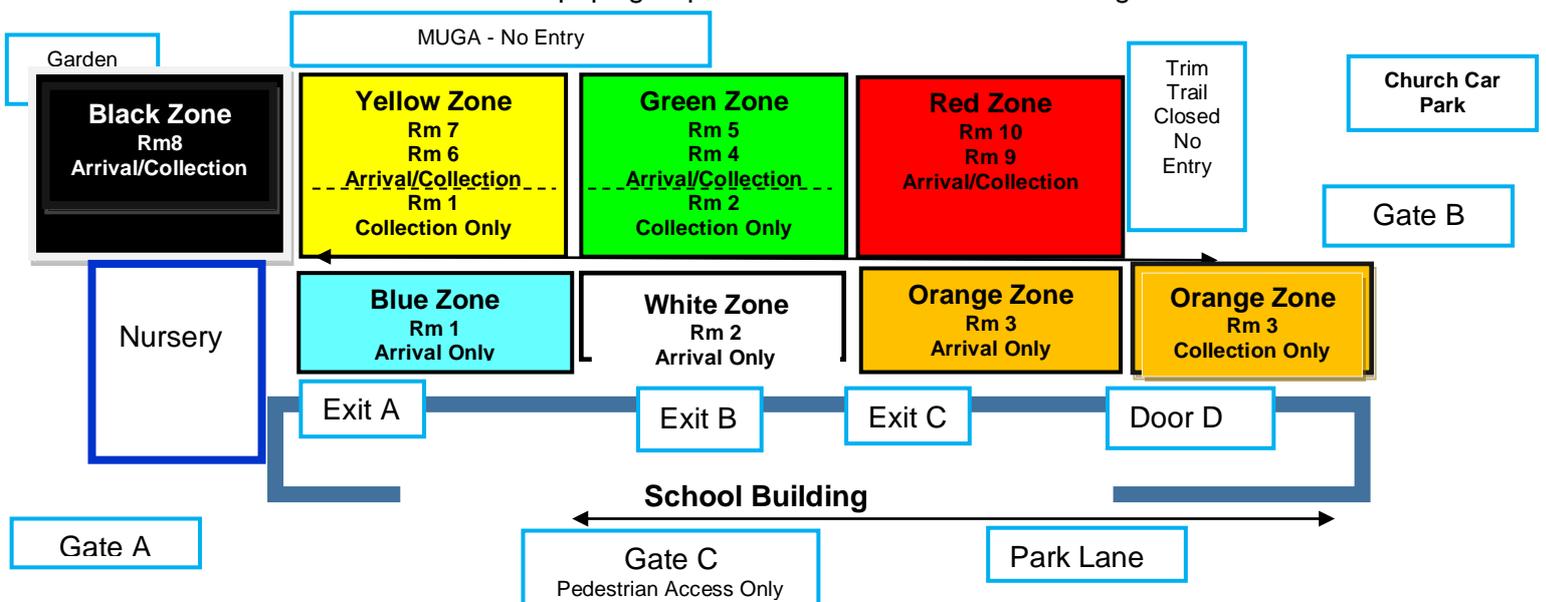
Safety Measures

In accordance with Scottish Government and South Lanarkshire Council guidance, the following safety measures are advised.

- All adults entering the school grounds should adhere to 2m social distancing between adults and between adults and children of other households.
- In the event that social distancing is difficult, the wearing of face coverings/masks is recommended.
- We strongly discourage car sharing with children of other households.
- Children are not required to wear face coverings in school or within the school environment.
- Children traveling on school transport will not be required to wear face coverings/masks.
- Children travelling on public transport at peak times will be required to wear face coverings/masks.
- Active forms of travel including walking and cycling are advised.
- To ensure the safety of all children the staff car park will be locked at 8.45am and 2.45pm.
- No parents/carers of the school should park in the staff car park. We acknowledge that this will cause some congestion and strongly advise that you park in the Church car park or make use of SLC's 'Park and Stride' Scheme.
- Parents/carers may wish to make arrangements for older children to meet them at collection points out with the school grounds.

Playground Zone Arrival and Collection Map

The playground area has been divided into coloured zones for arrival and collection. Zones are intended to minimise contact between different pupil groups and to enable social distancing.



I fully appreciate that there is a high volume of information contained in this update but I hope that you find the detail helpful. Please be reassured that staff will be on hand to assist children and their families.

Kind Regards
 Claire-Louise Mullen
 Depute Head Teacher

