



Useful Information for Parents and Carers for August 2021

- We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school on **Wednesday 18th August 2021**. 😊

Dropping Off and Picking Up

- When children return to school, we will continue to operate a soft start approach.
- All children from Primary 1-7 should arrive at school anytime between 08.50 and 09.00 and enter the school building via their designated entry/exit doors (please see below). A bell will ring at 08.50 to signal the start of soft entry time. Please note that children are not late for school if they don't arrive until 9am- this is the official start to the school day. Our wonderful support staff will provide indoor supervision until the start of the school day at 09.00, when another bell will ring. If children arrive after this time, they should enter the school via the main reception doors.
- In line with Scottish Government guidance (which may be subject to change), we request that all adults follow current social distancing advice and also wear a face covering when dropping off or collecting their children unless exempt from doing so. It is important that only one adult accompanies children to and from school please and that all adults leave the school gates and surrounding pavements/areas straight away after dropping off or collecting their children.
- If travelling to school by car, please aim to arrive as close to the designated arrival time as possible, then park and bring children to their appropriate gate entrance. We encourage you to drop older children off at a safe place so that they can make their way to their gate entrance independently.
- Parents and carers are not permitted to enter playgrounds.
- School staff will be in attendance in the playgrounds **from 8.50am** and we would request, for obvious safety reasons, that children try to avoid arriving at school earlier than 8.50am. This will also be the case if you are held up at the end of the day- we will of course look after your children until you arrive. 😊
- P1 and P2 children will leave school at 3pm and P4 - 7 children will leave school at 3.15pm each day.
- To help parents and carers plan their arrangements for before and after-school, a table is provided with information regarding which door your child will use to enter and exit the school building. This also suggests the nearest gate that you may wish your child to use to enter the playground. However, we appreciate that many children come to school in sibling groups, so they can, of course, use any gate to enter the school grounds and then make their way safely through the playgrounds to their specific entry/exit door. We would ask, though, that our older children use the suggested gate, if at all possible, and that **all children use their specific entry/exit door when entering** the building.
- We appreciate that if you have more than one child to collect you may wish to agree a family collection point and we would ask you to discuss this carefully with your children so that they know exactly where to meet you.

Stage	Entry Door and Gate	Exit Door and Gate	Collection Time	Collecting Siblings
P1	Primary 1 door Clarkston Road Gate	Primary 1 door Clarkston Road Gate	3pm	If you also have siblings in P2 or P3, please collect your P1 child at 3pm from the P1 area and then wait at the 'Smiley face' area for your P2 child who will be brought here for you. Your P3 child will come out of the Clarkston Road Door at 3.15pm.
P2 pupils without siblings in P1 or P3	Clarkston Road Door and Gate	Cage Door Centre Gate at front of school- opposite school reception stairs	3pm	
P2 with siblings in P1 or P3	Clarkston Road Door and Gate	Clarkston Road Door, 'Smiley face' in playground	3pm	If you have siblings in either P1 or P3, please collect your P1 child at 3pm from the P1 area, then your P2 child from 3pm at the 'Smiley face'. Your P3 child will come out of the Clarkston Road Door at 3.15pm.

P3	Clarkston Road Door and Gate	Clarkston Road Door	3.15pm	If you have siblings in P1, please collect your P1 child from the P1 area at 3pm, then your P2 child at the 'Smiley face' from 3pm. Your P3 child will come out of the Clarkston Road Door at 3.15pm. If you have no siblings in P1 or P2, please do not arrive at the school before 3.10pm- thank you.
P4	Cage Door and Centre Gate - opposite school reception stairs	Cage Door and Saplings Gate- Next to Saplings Nursery building	3.15pm	Any children with siblings in P1-3 should make their way to the 'Smiley face' unless they have parental permission to walk home.
P5	Cage Door and Centre Gate - opposite school reception stairs	Cage Door and Centre Gate - opposite school reception stairs	3.15pm	Any children with siblings in P1-3 should make their way to the 'Smiley face' unless they have parental permission to walk home.
P6	Side door and Gate next to Acorns Nursery	Side door and Gate next to Acorns Nursery	3.15pm	Any children with siblings in P1-3 should make their way to the 'Smiley face' unless they have parental permission to walk home.
P7	Side door and Gate next to Acorns Nursery	Side door and Gate next to Acorns Nursery	3.15pm	Any children with siblings in P1-3 should make their way to the 'Smiley face' unless they have parental permission to walk home.

Additional Information

- If an essential, forgotten item needs to be handed into school, we would ask you to bring it to the main school office to hand in. Please label the item with your child's name and class.
- We would ask that parents and carers continue to use the school mail email system of communication or telephone calls if you would like to speak to any member of staff. **Please do not put any communication in your child's schoolbag** as these often get forgotten to be given to the teachers.
- We would like to stress the importance of emergency contact telephone numbers held by the school being for people who live locally, are easily contactable and are able to attend school very quickly if required. If you would like to change your emergency contact details, please call the school office and we will be happy to help.
- Should your child is unwell at any time, they should remain at home until well. If your child shows symptoms of Covid-19, please refer to current Scottish Government guidance.
- Homework will be issued, via Google Classrooms, from Monday 30th August.

Children's Belongings

- Children should only bring essential items in their school bags each day please.
- Children should bring named, full, plastic water bottles each day please.
- If your child is not using the school meals service, please provide a packed lunch in a named container. We strongly encourage the use of packed lunches or the school meals service, rather than home lunches whenever possible.
- Children should wear school uniform please. In line with Scottish Government guidance, we will continue to look for opportunities for outdoor learning experiences whenever possible and we would therefore ask that children also bring a change of outdoor footwear, if possible, which can either be left in school in a named bag or taken home at the end of each day.
- We will continue to follow current Covid Guidance and therefore windows will be open in classrooms in order to provide additional ventilation until this is no longer required. Children can therefore bring additional clothing to wear indoors, if you/they wish. We will, of course, keep you informed of any changes to this.

We warmly appreciate your support in working with us to ensure the start of the new session is as smooth and safe as possible for all of our pupils.



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