

GOODLYBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

I am pleased to let you know that PKC have now confirmed the attendance pattern for children returning to primary school in August 2020.

In order to comply with social distancing requirements, based on current health guidance from the Government, the following model has been agreed:

Up to 50% of pupils to be accommodated in school at any time - classes will be split to meet this capacity. Most of our classes can accommodate up to 12 children and teacher. Children will be allocated into one of two groups: Group A or Group B and will attend school for two days per week:

Monday and Tuesday Group A	OR	Thursday and Friday Group B
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We are planning to ensure that all family groups can attend school on the same days and will confirm the days allocated to your family by 25th / 26th June, if not before.

Due to the complexity of allocation, we will not be able to take friendship groups into consideration.

The school team will continue to provide learning to support pupils on the days they are not in school using a blended approach of home and school learning and building on what they have done while in school.

Planning:

Now that we have this information we are working to complete our plans for allocating children to each of their attendance patterns. As you can imagine this is a huge task.

To do this we will take into account:

- family groupings – children from the same family will attend school on the same days
- staff availability. All teaching staff can be allocated to teaching groups of children in order to ensure a maximum number can be accommodated. (where necessary)
- arrangements for supervision within the school

I have put a summary of what we are putting in place to keep everyone safe below.

I will continue to keep you updated with any further information as it becomes available, this will include information on Nursery and breakfast club arrangements.

Please contact me at Goodlyburn@pkc.gov.uk if you have any questions or queries.

Many thanks


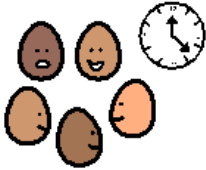



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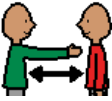




Head Teacher



What measures are we putting into place to keep everyone safe when we return to school?

In response to COVID 19 and how this impacts us Goodlyburn, we have a duty to safeguard everyone involved, it is necessary for everybody to follow the most recent Government and Local Authority guidelines in order to control the spread of COVID-19 and support social distancing. We will have a risk assessment in place to support this (although this does not mitigate all risk).

During this period, there will be a significant number of measures in place to support infection control and social distancing, including:

<p>Class Bubble</p> 	<p>Your child will be part of a class bubble which ensures that they are in contact with a reduced number of children and adults during the school day and allows us to support social distancing where possible.</p> <p>The class bubble will include APPROXIMATELY 10-13 (this is based on our classroom sizes) CHILDREN and 1 TEACHER with additional support staff where required.</p>
<p>Staggered Starts</p> 	<p>We will use staggered start and end times of the day for pupils to reduce any congestion and allow for social distancing.</p> <p>These will be shared in future communications.</p>
<p>Hand Hygiene</p> 	<p>Handwashing and/or applying Antibacterial Hand Sanitiser will be carried out on entering and leaving the building (staff and pupils) and regularly throughout the day</p>
<p>Coughs and Sneezes</p> 	<p>Pupils will also be reminded about hand washing if sneezing/coughing, placing tissues in bin and to avoid touching their faces</p>
<p>Use of the Building</p> 	<p>On entering the building pupils will go to their designated classroom areas and will have assigned toilets. We will be limiting the use of the building with specific small groups in each class/area being used and will be making <u>significant use of outdoor areas</u>. Rooms in use will be well ventilated throughout the session (open windows/doors where possible). Parents will have limited access to the school building.</p>

<p>Uniform</p> 	<p>Pupils should not wear the same clothes to school each day – to support infection control. This year we are relaxing our uniform. Clothes should be practical, warm, preferably plain in colour, non-football related and no jeans. They can still wear a school jumper if you wish but this will need to be changed/washed each day.</p> <p>A waterproof jacket is essential with suitable footwear. A pair of waterproof over-trousers would be very handy.</p> <p>Children should come to school dressed for learning which will include a significant portion of time outside. Therefore, they should wear comfortable clothing that they can do outdoor learning and outdoor P.E activities in (there will be no changing facilities at school) and no indoor P.</p>
<p>If Symptoms Develop</p> 	<p>Anyone presenting with a temperature/cough during the school day (staff or pupil) will go to an isolation room (supported by an adult) and pick up MUST BE arranged as soon as we have called. This room will then be cleaned after use.</p> <p>It is vitally important that we have up to date contact numbers for all families.</p>
<p>Social Distancing</p> 	<p>Prolonged contact between adults and children will be minimised and we will support pupils to apply social distancing where they can. Staff will be taking measures to plan their day and activities to allow for this as much as possible.</p>
<p>Lunches</p> 	<p>Pupil lunches will be taken in classroom. There will be a cold option of a school lunch offered each day. P1-3 pupils are entitled to free school lunches or may bring their own packed lunch. A hot lunch option may be available from October.</p>
<p>Contact Surfaces</p> 	<p>All contact surfaces inside and outdoors will be cleaned and wiped down regularly and equipment after each use</p>
<p>Adults</p> 	<p>Staff are also adhering to these same measures to reduce any risk of infection and they will be constantly reviewed. Any soft furnishings/materials will be washed</p>
<p>Outside</p> 	<p>Pupils will spend parts of their school day learning outside, within the school grounds – so please make sure sun cream and adequate clothing are provided</p>

<p>PPE</p> 	<p>PPE is available as required within the school</p>
<p>Personal Items</p> 	<p>Please make sure all personal care items/additional change of clothing/medication are sent in as required.</p> <p>We are hoping to send medical update forms to you electronically to be returned.</p>