



**Education Resources**  
**Executive Director Tony McDaid**

Dear Parent/Carer

**Return to School August 2020**

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back all pupils and families, with a particularly warm welcome to all our new Primary 1 pupils. We are aware that school will look and feel different for us all, but as always, our priority will be to support the health and wellbeing of all pupils, parents/ carers and staff.

You will be aware that Scottish Government have now agreed on a full time return for all pupils by Tuesday 18th August. The full document can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-preparing-start-new-school-term-august-2020/>

In line with the advice above and letter of 3 August from Tony McDaid, Executive Director Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council, I write to advise you of our plans for a managed return as per below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Managed Return Arrangements</b>
Tuesday 11 August	Inset Day, school closed to all pupils
Wednesday 12 August	P1 children only return to school
Thursday 13 August	P1, P2 P2/3 and P3/4 children return to school
Friday 14 August	P4/5, P5, P6, P7 children return to school
Monday 17 August	All pupils from Primary 1-7

Nursery class children will have received a separate letter about phased return to their class.

**Details of Safe return for all pupils:**

A detailed risk assessment will be available for all parents and carers to read before the start of term. Information below will help you and your child prepare for a safe return. **Some routines will be different.** Please take time to read the information and share it with your child/children.

**CLASS BUBBLES:**

In line with the detailed guidance set out by Scottish Government, our aim will be to keep all children in their class groups for as much of the school day as possible, so as to minimise risks to all. As a result, **our playground** will be separated into 8 areas, one area for each class that children will be expected to stay in. **Our dining room** has limited capacity, so we will stagger lunch times, seat children in class groups and have packed lunch areas in the gym hall.

Phone:

Email: @southlanarkshire.gov.uk



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### **Start and Finish Times:**

We are aiming to have a steady flow of people come to the school at the start and end of the school day, rather than all pupils and families arriving together. When adults come to the school grounds we would ask that you respect all other school users by keeping to social distancing rules and wearing a face mask.

Start and finish times are detailed here:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Finish Time</u>	<u>Lunch Break Time</u>
Nursery Class	8.45am or 8.50am,	2.45pm or 2.50 pm	
P1	9am	3pm	12.15pm - 1pm
P2	9am	3pm	12.15pm - 1pm
P2/3	9am	3pm	12.15pm - 1pm
P3/4	9am	3pm	12.15pm - 1pm
P4/5	9.10am	3.10pm	12.30pm - 1.15pm
P5	9.10am	3.10pm	12.30pm - 1.15pm
P6	9.10am	3.10pm	12.30pm - 1.15pm
P7	9.10am	3.10pm	12.30pm - 1.15pm

The WhinnieKnowe gate and main gate will both be open for use. Please follow arrows or markings on the ground when coming in.

### **Drop off and Pick Up points:**

The following points are where we ask you to leave your child in the morning and pick them up at the end of the school day. If you have several children to collect, we ask that you wait at the collection point for the youngest child.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Drop off point</b>	<b>Pick up point</b>
P1	P1 class door to the playground	Same place
P2	Front of the school / muga steps	Outside P2 class door to the playground
P2/3	Front of the school / muga steps	Outside P2/3 class door to the infant playground
P3/4	Front of the school / muga steps	Outside P3/4 class door to the infant playground
P4/5	Front of the school / muga steps	Front playground / Outside the gym hall
P5	Front of the school / muga steps	Front playground / Outside the gym hall
P6	Front of the school / muga steps	Front playground / Outside the gym hall
P7	Front of the school / muga steps	Front playground / Outside the gym hall

### **General advice from SLC**

- ✓ All children will be required to wash or sanitise their hands on entry to the school building and to classes.
- ✓ There remains the need for 2m social distancing around the school perimeter at all times for parents/carers and any other visiting adults. Where this is difficult, our advice would be to wear a face covering where possible.
- ✓ We are required to keep the number of visitors to the school to a minimum, in accordance with national guidance. Any contact with the school should be made by telephone or email to the office in the first instance.
- ✓ Additional parent information is also available on the National Parent Forum:

<https://www.npfs.org.uk/2020/07/23/back-to-school-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/>

Further advice, in line with national and South Lanarkshire Council guidelines, will be issued as it becomes available.

If you have specific questions in relation to these arrangements which is not covered in the advice given, please contact the school office on telephone number 01698 882636 or email address [office@robersmillie-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@robersmillie-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards,