



Education Resources
Executive Director Tony McDaid

Bankhead Primary School

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:

Date	Managed Return Arrangements
Tuesday 11 August	Inset Day, school closed to all pupils
Wednesday 12 August	P1 only – rooms 1 and 2.
Thursday 13 August	P1 to P3 only (plus 16 P4 children in class P3/4)
Friday 14 August	P4 to P7 only (minus 16 P4 children in class P3/4)
Monday 17 August	All pupils from Primary 1-7

For the Managed Return next week only, all pupils will attend from 9.00 to 3.00 on the days specified above. When all children return on Monday 17 August there will be staggered start and end times, as outlined below to minimise numbers in the playground.

Nursery children will return as indicated to parents prior to summer holidays and followed up in recent email.

A Parent Information Sheet which outlines some key information to support the safe return of all pupils will be put on the school app and web site prior to children returning. Other information you may find helpful is also included below.

- *Drop off/pick up arrangements - We have had to make some adjustments to the nursery and school day to ensure the health and safety of all children, staff and parents. Please take careful note of the information.*
- *Nursery session will start at 8.50am and finish at 2.50pm.*
- *Rooms 1-5 and Rooms 10 and 11 – will start at 9.00am and finish at 3.00pm.*
- *Rooms 6-9 (including GP room) will start at 9.10am and finish at 3.10pm.*
- *This is a drop and go scenario to limit the number of people in the playground. Please drop your child off as close to their start time as possible.*

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- *Home time is also staggered to reduce contact between classes and parents.*
- *P1 parents / carers **only** can bring their children into the playground for now. Only one parent / carer should accompany their child. Please ensure social distancing rules are observed. Children will enter directly into the P1 classrooms (Rooms 1 and 2) from the infant playground. P1 parents will not be allowed into the P1 classrooms for obvious health reasons.*
- *At the end of the day Rooms 1-5 can be collected from the gate next to Nursery playground. Staff will escort children to the gate.*
- *Primary 1 will be dismissed before all other classes. Parents should wait from outside that gate and queue up ensuring appropriate social distancing. Staff will direct your child to you. Please leave the area quickly to reduce numbers in the playground.*
- *Lunches and break times will be staggered to limit the number of children in the lunch hall and playgrounds at the same time.*

General advice

- ✓ 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 via the school app, website and Twitter feed 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 0141 647 6967 or email address: office@bankhead-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

We will be contacting parents as soon as possible by telephone or email to confirm classes, rooms and teachers for all children. We will start with P1 children as they are the first to start on Wednesday.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Gerry Hamill

Head Teacher