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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a great summer with the fantastic weather we have had this year. I know you will be ready to get back into the school routine next week and we are too. Staff have been working hard to get classrooms, the nursery and school areas ready for next week.

Following the revised Scottish Government guidance issued for schools you should have received a text message with a link to Falkirk Council guidance. There are still mitigations in place for schools, below is a brief outline of what will be the same/different:-

#### **ELC Specific**

- Pupils will no longer be in bubbles – children will be able to access all the nursery areas together.
- We will need to continue to use two entrances and exits to manage adult congestion outside. Please use either the main nursery door or the green garden gate as you used last year.

#### **School Specific**

- Classes will continue to line up at their designated area – either at their classroom entrance/exit door or at a cone. There will be posters and cones out for the first day to direct the children.
- Pupils will no longer be in bubbles. All pupils will share the same break and lunchtime. We are back to normal times:-  
Break – 10.30-10.45am  
Lunch – 12.15 – 1.00pm (Primary 1 pupils will go for lunch at 12.00 noon to give them a little more time to adjust to their new routines)
- School Bags – children can bring a bag to hold snacks, lunch and other school items. We do not encourage any pupils to bring toys or personal items to school.
- Pupils will continue to come to school in their gym kit on gym days (Gym days will be shared with you at the beginning of next week).
- All pupils should bring a filled water bottle to drink in the classroom.
- P1 and 2 pupils will eat lunch in the gym hall. P3-7 pupils will eat in their classrooms for the moment. Grab bags remain in place for the first three weeks. This is to be reviewed by Scottish Government. We are a nut free school for the safety of some of our pupils.
- Breakfast Club – this will remain at a starting time of **8.30am** for the moment.
- Pupils under 12 do not need to wear a face mask on school transport.

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### **For everyone**

- Staff continue to use Lateral Flow Testing twice a week.
- Face masks are still required by adults in the playground and staff/parents in school and ELC.
- There is still a restriction on large numbers of adults into the school building. Staff are happy to speak with you on the phone or by a pre-arranged appointment.
- Hygiene routines remain in place with regular hand washing and the use of hand sanitiser being used throughout school and nursery.
- The day time cleaner will remain in place for the moment cleaning commonly used areas, toilets, doors and handles throughout.
- School staff and adults in the playground need to continue to maintain a 1m distance from other adults.
- Whole classes or nursery groups will no longer need to self-isolate following close contact with a positive case. Each case will be looked at individually and if your child is affected, advice will be given to you at the time.

A reminder that any adult or pupil displaying the common symptoms of Covid-19 should not be in or around the school/nursery building. Symptoms to look out for remain to be:-

- A high temperature
- A new, persistent cough
- A loss of taste/smell

Scottish Government has stated that the need for shielding has changed due to the success of the vaccine programme, therefore we expect all pupils to be in school, ready to learn, next week.

### **Emergency Contacts**

Please ensure that you update the school office of any changes of address, phone numbers and emergency contact details.

Should you have any further questions or there is something that this letter has not answered please email the school [antonineprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:antonineprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk) at any time or phone 01324 503140 once we are back on the in-service days.

Yours sincerely

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