



Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the announcement from the First Minister this week we are now putting plans in place to welcome specific year groups back into the school building.

**When will pupils return to school and ELCC?**

All ELCC and P1, P2 and P3 pupils will return to school on Monday 22nd February 2021. It is expected that all pupils are back in school, there will be no further remote learning online for these stages as teachers will be in the classroom.

P4 to P7 pupils will continue to work on remote learning for the next few weeks until we hear the next statement from Scottish Government.

We will continue to have keyworker pupils from P4-P7 in school, these pupils should continue to attend only on days when parents are working out of the home environment.



**Where will pupils be lining up in the morning?**

We have the same arrangements in place as before:

Primary 1 has its own entrance door which will be labelled for you. It is a white door, up the ramp next to the pupil toilet doors.

Primary 2 will enter the classroom exit door to the playground near the play equipment.

Primary 3 will use the entrance double doors at the play equipment.

ELCC children and families should use the door that they used prior to the Christmas holidays and also keep the nursery path as a one way system again.

P4-P7 keyworker pupils will enter and exit via the P7 entrance door.

**What time will pupils come to school/ELCC?**

ELCC hours are re-instated as 8.45am to 2.45pm.

All school pupils will be 9.00am to 3.00pm

**When will pupils get a break during the day?**

All school pupils will have a playtime between 10.30am and 10.45am. They will be outside but the playground will be zoned for P1-3 and P4-7.

All pupils will have lunch from 12.15pm to 1.00pm and again will have access to the playground in their zones.

### **What happens if a pupil is late for their time?**

Pupils who are late should report to the main entrance.

We would ask that families do not use the entrance area to school and access to the school office continues to be restricted. If you would like to speak to the office please phone the school on 01324 503140.

### **Will there be a Breakfast Club for school pupils?**

There has been no further updates on the provision of a breakfast club.

### **What can pupils have for lunch?**

All school lunches should be ordered through the Ipay system.



### **What will pupils wear to school/ELCC?**

As we begin to return to having more pupils in school we would request that all pupils, including P4-P7 keyworker pupils, come to school in their school uniform from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Pupils can come to school dressed in their gym kit for any day that they have P.E.

### **What do pupils need to bring to school/ELCC?**

We need to minimise the volume of items coming from home into school. Pupils do not need to bring anything to school other than their water bottle and lunch box if necessary.

ELCC pupils only need to bring themselves, they should not bring any toys/items from home.

### **Will school transport still be running for school pupils?**

Pupils who are eligible for bus/taxi transport will still be able to use this service. Face coverings are recommended for all pupils.

### **What social distancing and hygiene plans are in place?**

All pupils and staff will use hand sanitizer on entering the building. Everyone will be asked to wash hands before breaks and lunch with soap and water. All classrooms and ELCC learning zones have hand washing facilities as well as toilets.

All staff will wear masks throughout the school, including when working in close contact with pupils. Pupils can wear masks in school should they wish. Pupils will be in their own class bubble and will not come into contact with other classes whilst inside the school building. Movement throughout the school is minimal.

Classes/ELCC pupils will not be moving around the school and individual pupils going to the toilet will be managed by staff. Pupils can visit the toilets as and when needed throughout the day as usual.

ELCC pupils will have access to their own groups designated toilet.

Tables, surfaces and chairs will be wiped down by cleaning staff each night. Doors and handles will be wiped throughout the day by the daytime cleaner.

Pupils in school will be asked as far as possible to maintain social distancing with each other and staff. ELCC staff and children will operate in “bubbles” and will not come in contact with anyone outside their “bubble”.

### **How can I communicate with the school?**

I would ask that you phone the school office or email the school account [antonineprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:antonineprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk) to make contact. We are more than happy to speak to you but to allow us to plan for this we would ask that you call. If you would like to speak to school staff please follow the same guidelines. Staff are more than happy to give you a call after the school day.

ELCC and P1 to P3 classes will now go back to sharing snapshots of their day on the class twitter accounts.

### **Homework**

As we have been involved in remote learning, all work has been contained to the school day and we have not asked pupils to do any additional work, such as homework, on top of their daily tasks. The teachers have plans in place to consolidate learning and assess the pupils on their return to the classroom. The pupils will be working hard during the school day and it is important that they rest and enjoy family time or time outside to play after school – especially after weeks of learning at home. With this in mind we will not be planning for homework tasks until after the Easter holidays.

### **Families in the Playground**

We would ask that all parents wear masks in and around the school for dropping off and collecting pupils. Parents should not gather in groups and socially distance at all times. Please can I ask that adults do not stand next to the lines where pupils are lining up? If your child does not want to line up till the last minute then please stand back. It is important we reduce the contact our pupils have with adult’s out-with their family/school bubble. If you have friends or family dropping off pupils please can you share this request with them?

All playground gates will be open to allow for parents to not gather, please do not come into the school playground until the bell rings at 3.00pm. As the weather continues to improve there will be an increasing number of classes using this area for outdoor learning.

Despite continuing restrictions around the school day and what we can deliver, I know that many of you will regard this as a positive step forward for our children. As a school, we are very much looking forward to having some normality again and hope that in the next few weeks we will have everyone back in school. The staff, both in school and working at home, have done a tremendous job and I thank them for their commitment to Antonine PS and the way in which they have responded to the children’s needs.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Kind Regards

Mrs McLaughlin

Headteacher