

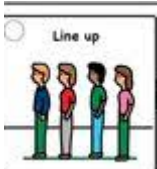







# Return to school in August

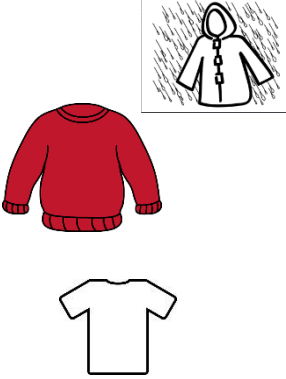



## Balhouses Primary School

As of 6 August, 2020

Here are the final arrangements you need to know, before your child returns to school. ....

<p>When do the children go back to school?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The first 2 days of term are In Service days (no pupils)</li><li>• P1-7 children will be come to school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> OR Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> , with half their class at a time, then everyone is back on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> full time</li><li>• This is a phased return, to allow special time and space for children to re-connect with their new teacher and school again</li><li>• We texted each family to tell them which days their child would attend for those first 2 days. ....after that, it's normal times for everyone – if you can't remember/find that, you can phone the school on Monday between 11.00 and 12 noon and we will remind you.</li><li>• Nursery children have all been given their individual start dates and times. If you can't remember, please call the school on Monday, and we will put you through to the Nursery.</li></ul>
<p>At what time do the kids start and finish school?</p>  <p>When?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Primary 1 children will start at 9.30am and finish at 2.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></li><li>• On Friday, everyone starts at 9am and finishes at 3pm</li><li>• P2-7 children start school at 9am every day and finish at 3pm every day</li><li>• Nursery children go start/finish at the times already communicated with them</li></ul>
<p>Where should my child line up?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents are reminded they are NOT to enter the playground with children P2-7. ....only P1 parents may enter and keep a 2m social distance from all others. Masks should be worn please.</li><li>• P1-7 children were sent a letter through Seesaw, telling them where their line is (sent Friday 19 June). We will chalk markings on the playground to help.</li><li>• P1 and P7 line up by the bike shelter</li><li>• P2/3 line up at the middle gym door</li><li>• P3/4 and P5/6 line up at the main door to the office</li><li>• As there is no need for social distancing for children, we will no longer put down markers for where to stand.</li><li>• Members of staff will be present in the playground at the start and end of the school day to support this</li><li>• Teachers will bring in their children promptly when the bell has rung and children will be given hand sanitiser on entry to school building</li></ul>
<p>How should my child travel to school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hopefully you and your child can walk to school</li><li>• To avoid congestion in surrounding areas, please avoid bringing cars along the street outside school</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When they arrive at school, parents of P2-7 should not enter the playground</li> <li>• P1 parents can enter, but please don't approach the lines/kids – give yourself plenty of space so your child can see you, and you them. Do not stand near the door please.</li> <li>• Only one parent per P1 child should enter the playground</li> </ul>
<p>Can children bring bikes or scooters?</p>  <p>bicycle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, children can bring bikes or scooters into the playground – but remember they are not allowed to ride them in the playground. Get off and walk it to the shelter. School can accept no responsibility for the safety of bikes etc. Bring / use a chain.</li> </ul>
<p>How do I access the school staff and office?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be no access to the school office for parents, unless arranged (e.g. collecting a sick child). Please do not be offended when we do not let you in...</li> <li>• Parents should email <a href="mailto:Balhousie@pkc.gov.uk">Balhousie@pkc.gov.uk</a> with any queries or telephone us on 472222</li> <li>• We will <u>not</u> be sending home the usual yellow jotters for notes between parents/staff immediately – so if you need to tell us something, please call or email</li> <li>• Please don't try to 'catch' Teachers at the lines – please call the office instead – we promise the Teacher will get your message ASAP</li> <li>• You can also contact your child's Teacher via Seesaw...but please note they won't be answering anything during school hours as they are teaching.</li> </ul>
<p>What will my child do when they enter school or nursery?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When inside, the Teacher or Key Worker will walk your child to the classroom/nursery</li> <li>• In the line, your child will be given a squirt of hand sanitiser to rub in</li> <li>• P1-7 will take off coats and hang them on chairs or pegs, bags will go on pegs as usual</li> <li>• They will be asked to wash their hands straight away in the toilet/sink areas</li> <li>• Children will tell their Teacher if they want a packed lunch (bagged) from Tayside Contracts or tell the Teacher they have brought a packed lunch</li> <li>• We will get on with the activities of the day – playing and learning!</li> </ul>
<p>Do all P1-7 children have the same break and lunch times?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes. Because there is now no social distancing (for children) all children will have the same playtime and lunchtime. P5/6/ and P7 will eat lunch in their own classrooms and P1-4 will eat in the dining hall. All children will be supervised at all times.</li> <li>• They will have the whole playground to play in, we have lots of space!</li> <li>• Nursery lunches will be staggered, so there is plenty of space for them within the Nursery</li> </ul>

<p>Do children need to wear school uniform?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We would prefer children to be in school uniform where possible!</li> <li>• An alternate simple solution to school uniform is white / plain t-shirt each day with comfy trousers/skirt</li> <li>• The most important thing is that children come to school wearing comfortable, clean clothes each day</li> <li>• Children must bring a coat suitable for rainy break times. . .we will be outside as much as possible!</li> <li>• They should also wear clothes they can do PE in (perhaps joggers or leggings) as they won't be getting changed for PE (which will mostly be outside, when possible). All PE lessons will take place outdoors.</li> <li>• No football colours, no jeans please</li> <li>• Nursery children wear comfy clothes as usual</li> </ul>
<p>What do children need to bring to school?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children will not be allowed to bring toys from home to school</li> <li>• All resources will be supplied in school/nursery and kept in children's individual trays</li> <li>• P1-7 children should not bring their own pencil case – we have this covered</li> <li>• P1-7 children should bring their water bottle every day and this must go home every night. Please put your child's name on it. They can top it up from the tap in the classroom.</li> <li>• P1-7 children should bring their own healthy snack for morning break (there will be no tuckshop for a while)</li> <li>• A school bag can be used to carry water bottles/snack/packed lunch and a change of clothes (such as dry socks or pants, where needed)</li> <li>• No money should be brought to school – we are a cashless school now, and tuckshop will NOT be open during this term. Hungry children should come with their own food 😊</li> </ul>
<p>What options will be available for lunch?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School dinners will be available – this will be in the form of a bagged lunch</li> <li>• Children can bring their own packed lunches</li> <li>• Remember Nursery and P1-3 pupils are entitled to a free lunch</li> <li>• Home-made packed lunches will stay in school bags until lunchtime</li> <li>• All items must go back into lunch boxes at the end of lunch break and then home (this includes rubbish and food not eaten)</li> <li>• Parents are being encouraged NOT to take children home for a home lunch</li> </ul>
<p>Do children need to bring their own hand sanitiser?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will be reminding children to wash hands regularly throughout the day with soap and water – that remains the best advice right now</li> <li>• Sanitiser will be provided for 'now and then' use but not every day/all the time</li> <li>• Parents should inform us ASAP if their child CANNOT use alcohol-based hand sanitiser – if they can't, they should provide their own</li> <li>• If children wish to bring their own this can be labelled, and kept safe in the classroom</li> <li>• This must not be shared with anyone else</li> </ul>

What will my child be learning in school in August?



- In nursery, there will be toys and playthings all around the room and outside in the playground
- All toys/resources we use will be washable/wipeable and staff will clean these regularly
- All children will access the outdoors regularly, for exercise and to take the learning outdoors. . . .we can learn number and letter skills by active games outside, we can use our senses to develop our learning, we can learn to take some risks with the play equipment we use
- The P1-7 children will have quality teaching, reinforcing past learning but especially learning and applying new skills
- We will continue to focus on skills for learning, life and work – talking, reading, thinking about the skills needed for jobs and the world we live in
- Core curriculum work will be our priority, including Health and Wellbeing, Literacy and Numeracy
- We will continue to use Seesaw to communicate with parents/families and children will share parts of their day with you so you know what your child has been learning. You don't need to do anything until we prompt you.
- Children can and will be using jotters and textbooks – just not sharing them. Good news is that reading books can and will be sent home, when the time is right, but we'll then on their return keep them aside for 72 hours 'quarantine'!

What measures will be in place to ensure my child is safe in school?



- Nursery Children will have 'free roam' of the Nursery rooms/outdoor space – 'bubbles' are no longer recommended
- On entry and exit children will wash their hands with soap and water
- Signs and markers will be in place throughout the school to encourage sensible distancing and remind kids about 'good choices' in hygiene
- Children will be washing their hands regularly throughout the day
- A rota of cleaning by members of staff will be in place – this includes toilets, desks, door handles etc and carried out by Tayside Contracts staff in the middle of the day and at the end of each day
- Risk Assessments are in place according to national guidelines
- No one should attend school with COVID-19 symptoms and should follow national advice
- If your child falls over or gets hurt, we will be there with a smile and a helping hand!
- Parents should ensure their contact details in our office are correct and up-to-date. Parents should ensure they answer their phone if/when the school calls.
- Please help your children understand the 'new normal' which will mean no cuddling their friends or teacher (even though they're happy to be back!). We will still encourage kids to keep a sensible distance between themselves.