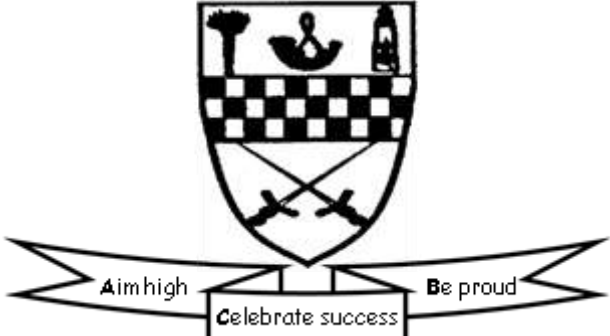



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23rd May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we return to school on Tuesday 25th May I would like to reassure parents regarding the recent Covid outbreak within our school community. The school has been deep cleaned whilst classes were on remote learning. Case numbers have now fallen and we are able to return as planned.

Guidance has been changed for schools within Penicuik and now if a children presents with symptoms at school we will also be sending home any siblings until a PCR test has been completed. If a negative result is received by the child with symptoms, then siblings can return to school but the child with symptoms should continue to complete the 10 day self-isolation period. If the test result is positive then all members of the household will be required to self-isolate.

I would also like to make some adjustments to the entry and exit times we already have in place at Mauricewood. Under advice from our recent Environmental Health visit we are looking to reduce gatherings of children/parents in the school playground before and after school and to ensure the children remain within their year group bubble outside as they would during break time and lunchtime.

Therefore we are asking for families to come as close as they can to the entry times listed below, without gathering where possible. Soft start times are no longer advised and our playground will be open from 8.45am for school drop off. Changes to our current times have been made bold. Children travelling to school without an adult should discuss these changes so they know where they enter/wait. Nursery times remain the same and staff are aware these new timings may affect drop off and pick up times for their bubbles too.

Year group	Arrive in school building	Break time/ Lunchtime	Leave school
P1B & P1W enter P1 door	8.50am	10.50-11.05am /12.50pm -1.35pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.15pm Friday – 12.15pm
P2A and P1/2M enter P1 door	9.05am	10.50-11.05am /12.50pm -1.35pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.30pm Friday – 12.30pm
P2/3 and P3L enter P3 door	8.50am	10.30-10.45am/ 12pm-12.45pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.15pm Friday – 12.25pm
P4B & P4S enter garden gate	9.05am	10.30-10.45am/ 12pm-12.45pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.30pm Friday – 12.30pm
P5B enter at P5 Fire Exit	8.55am	10.50-11.05am /12.50pm -1.35pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.20pm Friday – 12.30pm
P5R enter at classroom door	8.55am	10.50-11.05am /12.50pm -1.35pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.20pm Friday – 12.30pm

P6C & P6M enter at classroom door	9.05am	10.30-10.45am/ 12pm-12.45pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.30pm Friday – 12.30pm
P7N & P7R enter at classroom door	8.50am	10.50-11.05am /12.50pm -1.35pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.15pm Friday – 12.25pm

If families need to drop off children in the playground earlier due to work commitments the children must wait in an allocated area of the playground until the entry time of their class. Staff will be in the playground from 8.45am to assist with this.

Classes	Waiting Area
P1/2M & P2A	With Mrs Croal next to P1/P2 climbing frame
P4B & P4S	With Mrs Maxwell on grass area outside the garden gate (to ensure pathway is clear)
P6C & P6M	With Miss Crawford on the field

During break times and lunch times our classes are in designated play areas and these areas are rotated to ensure children have the opportunity to play on the climbing frames and open spaces.

At the beginning/end of the school day if families are using the YM the children will continue to enter via the main school entrance on arrival and meet in the Main Hall after school, until transport arrives.

We still ask for all adults to wear face masks (unless exempt) when entering/exiting the school grounds.

These changes are to ensure all our families are kept safe as they come to and from school. We ask for your co-operation and continued support.

Kind regards,

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