

Tynewater Primary School

a thinking, caring, learning community

Information for Parents

Nursery to P7: email / copy per family

Wednesday 17 February 2021



Silver Level



Our School Aims We believe that each of us can confidently:

- Be ambitious, imaginative and creative
- Make healthy choices to take care of ourselves, others, and our environment
- Seek new challenges to learn together to achieve our goals
- Explore, be involved in, and build up our community

Modelling attitudes and behaviour; thinking before we do or say something:

Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it inspiring? (build up?) Is it needed? Is it kind?" **t-h-i-n-k**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to the First Minister's announcement yesterday, we are delighted that current scientific evidence now confirms we can move forward to allow the full time return to Early Learning and Childcare and P1, P2A, P2B and P3 children to schools and Early Learning Centre (ELC) settings from Monday 22 February.

Arrangements for Early Learning Children

- Starting at 08.40 each day Monday to Friday inclusive as normal via the Early Learning / Nursery Classroom door in the play area.
- Collecting children at 15.15 Monday to Thursday inclusive as normal
- Collecting children at 12.20 on Fridays as normal
- Parents / Carers should maintain 2 metres social distancing at all times

Arrangements for P1, P2A, P2B and P3 Children

- Starting at 08.45 each day Monday to Friday inclusive
- Finishing at 15.30 Monday to Thursday inclusive and at 12.25 on Fridays
- Lining up at 08.45 at each classroom door as normal
- Collecting children at 15.30 Monday to Thursday inclusive as normal
- Collecting children at 12.25 on Fridays as normal
- Parents / Carers should maintain 2 metres social distancing at all times

Arrangements for P4 to P7 key worker and vulnerable children who attend school, and for P4 to P7 children learning at home, will continue as at present.

Voluntary Staff LFD Testing

All staff who are returning to classrooms to teach Early Years, P1, P2A, P2B and P3 can volunteer to be issued with LFD testing kits. Staff who volunteer can, at home, test twice a week and record results online. Schools will be recording the distribution of these kits following government guidance.

Remote Learning

For those year groups who will still learn from home, teachers will continue to deliver remote learning experiences based on children's current learning targets.

Risk Assessment

As before, all schools and ELC settings have been risk assessed with colleagues from our Health and Safety service, with enhanced health and safety measures and protocols put in place that follow the current public health and government guidance.

These include observing the age-appropriate physical distancing measures outlined by current government guidance as well as public health advice to help reduce the spread of the virus, guidance on handwashing and hygiene, use of PPE, updated fire safety arrangements and use of transport.

Cleaning

Every school will continue to have an enhanced cleaning regime in place, with staff on duty throughout the school day. Toilets, door handles, bannisters and other surfaces in constant use will be cleaned on a rotational basis to ensure the highest possible levels of cleanliness.

Transport / Safe Routes to School

School transport will continue to run as normal.

School Lunches

Lunches for P1 to P3 pupils must be pre-ordered. A survey will be sent home today to find out your requirements for week commencing 22 February. P4 to P7 key worker and vulnerable children who attend school will continue to be provided with a school lunch which can be ordered on the day.

BACS will continue to be paid to those from P4 upwards who are entitled to Free School Meals for financial reasons. Further information about Free School Meals during this period can be found here:

https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school_meals/117/free_school_meals_and_clothing_grants/3

We would like to thank you for your continued support as we develop our plans following this very recent announcement. We will keep you updated with any further information via our usual channels of communication.

Yours sincerely,

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