



Education Resources
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Dear Parent/Carer

Changes to Mitigations in Schools

As we prepare to break for our mid-term holiday, I am delighted to inform you that we will be able to ease some restrictions **starting on Thursday, 17th February**. These are listed below.

Entrance and Exit Gates

- We are no longer required to have staggered starts and finishes. Instead, all children will start school at our normal time of **8.55am** and everyone (apart from P1 children) will finish at **3.00pm**. P1 parents/carers are asked to collect their child at 2.55pm so that they are able to leave the playground before all other classes are dismissed. As before, only one parent/carers should collect their child from outside the P1 classroom door.
- All nursery children will now start at **9.00am** and finish at **3.00pm**.
- Parents/carers are still required to wear a face covering (unless exempt) whilst dropping off/waiting to collect their child.
- The back gate will remain closed at present and all children will continue to enter the school via the main gate at the front of the school.
- The school gate will open at **8.45am** and children are discouraged from arriving before this time.

Traffic Management

- Only staff and people who are visiting the school will be allowed to enter the car parks, along with any authorised vehicles responsible for transporting children to school (such as taxis organised by SLC), and anyone who displays a blue badge. The drop-off zone will also be out of use from 8.45am and parents/carers are asked to park in the car park across the road from the school or in the neighbouring streets, remembering not to block anyone's driveway.

Outdoor Space

- Classes will be able to mix in the playground at interval and lunchtime, with all P1-3 children in our Infant playground and all P4-7 children in the playground at the back of the school. In addition, all P4-7 children will have a day when they will be allocated the MUGA pitch for both breaks.
- Each class will continue to line up outside their own classroom door, apart from P3 (Mrs Jeffrey's class) who will line up along the windows of the dinner hall.

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- First aid boxes will continue to be taken out into the playground to avoid children having to come to the office unless absolutely necessary.
- Bike sheds will remain closed at present to give us time to evaluate how the changes to our start and finishing times go, but we hope to re-open these very soon.

Access to the Establishment

- As we are still asked to minimise the number of visitors to our school, parents/carers should continue to phone or email the school/nursery, rather than visiting the school office.
- Any adults accessing the building will be asked to wear a face covering (unless exempt), sanitise their hands on entry, and leave contact details.
- Support staff/the school janitor will monitor children going to the toilet at break times.
- A hand sanitiser will be available at all entrances to the school.

Dining Hall / Lunchtimes

- P1-3 children will have lunch at 12.25pm, with P4-7 out playing at this time. When they have finished their lunch, P1-3 children will then go outside to play, with P4-7 coming to the dinner hall at 12.50pm.
- Children will continue to sit in classes.
- Seats and tables will be sanitised after each class.
- Hand sanitiser will be available at the entry and exit of the dinner hall.
- If children are bringing a packed lunch to school, this should be in an enclosed bag or container. Packed lunch boxes should be washed every night.

Classrooms

- Children will wash their hands at regular points throughout the day, namely when they enter school, before interval, after interval, before lunch, after lunch and before they go home.
- Windows and doors will remain open, where possible.
- Hand sanitiser dispensing units are available in all classrooms and in public areas.
- Children should bring in a change of shoes so that they are not wearing outdoor shoes in the carpeted areas in our classrooms.
- The janitor will regularly replenish soap, paper towels and hand sanitiser throughout the day.
- Children should bring in their own water bottle, clearly labelled with their name. This should contain **plain** water as flavoured water and juice are not allowed in the classrooms. Your child's water bottle should remain on their own desk at all times and should last them throughout the day. Should you require support supplying your child's own water bottle, please contact the school to let us know.
- Children should not bring toys or non-essential items to school.

Learning and Teaching

- Unless exempt, staff will continue to wear face coverings in communal areas and when they cannot keep a 2m distance from other adults and/or children (ELC staff do not need to wear face coverings when interacting with nursery children).
- Classroom windows will remain open at all times to ensure adequate ventilation. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather. We also have a supply of winter clothing available in school on our recycling rail should this be of use to you.
- Children from all stages will continue to experience learning outdoors regardless of the weather, so please ensure that they dress appropriately for this and bring a waterproof jacket to school every day.
- Children should come to school wearing their P.E. clothes on their allocated days.
- Children will have the opportunity to mix across stages, so paired readers, buddies, wet play monitors, etc will be re-introduced.
- Nurture groups will revert back to being in mixed stages.
- All assemblies will remain virtual.
- Pupil leadership groups will resume.

Breakfast Club

- Our Breakfast Club will continue and is free to all children. There is no charge for this and children will be offered the choice of Weetabix/toast/fresh fruit and a cup of water/milk.
- Children coming to Breakfast Club should enter the school via the main door **between 8.15am and 8.40am**. Unfortunately, we will be unable to accept any children outwith these times.
- Each class will be continue to have their own table in the dining hall and children will be dismissed into the playground from 8.45am when there is an member of school staff outside.
- Children will be supervised by 2 support assistants and they are expected to show responsible and safe behaviour at all times, following the same rules that apply in our dining hall at lunchtime.

Other

- **Parents/carers must contact the school immediately if their child or another family member is displaying symptoms and should not visit the school until the recommended self-isolation period is over.**
- **If a parent/carer or other household contact tests positive, children can still attend school so long as they have a negative Lateral Flow Test every day for a period of 7 days.**
- **Parents/carers must inform the school of results of PCR tests undertaken by their child. This will help us to input the correct attendance code for pupils.**
- **All absences must be reported to the school office whether they are Covid-related or not. Again, this ensures that the correct attendance code is applied to pupils.**
- All Parent Council meetings will continue to take place virtually.
- Regular CO2 monitoring will be reintroduced across all educational establishments.
- All staff will be encouraged to continue to take twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests.
- Information on who is considered to be at highest risk is available on the Scottish Government's website (www.gov.scot). The Chief Medical Officer's advice is that children, young people and adults in the highest risk group should follow the same advice as the general population.
- A revised risk assessment and Safe Systems of Work was prepared in January. These are posted on our school website.
- An isolation room remains in place in the school to be used for anyone (adult or child) who starts to display symptoms of Covid-19.
- If your child has a medical need, we will contact you to discuss arrangements for this, including the possible use of PPE for staff.
- Where possible, maintenance work in the building will be completed outwith school hours.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming our children back on **Thursday, 17th February**. So that you are able to keep up-to-date with any changes to the mitigations in our school, I would ask you follow us on Twitter @dlivvies, on our school app and on our school website as any updates will be posted there.

Thank you, once again, for your ongoing support and understanding during these ever-changing times. Please take care and look after our wonderful children.

If you have any questions or concerns in relation to our return, please do not hesitate to contact me by either phoning the school (01698 823680) or by emailing the school office (gw14dlmpsoffice@glow.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

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