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## RETURN TO IN-SCHOOL LEARNING W.B. 15.3.21

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to be welcoming P4-7 children back to school full time next week to join the P1-3 children who have settled really well back into school life. I'm sure many are looking forward to seeing friends and teachers again and parents to having some quieter times at home. We aim to make the full return to school another smooth, happy and positive one for all.

To help support this and hopefully alleviate some anxieties, I've added various information below. Arrangement will be similar to those before Christmas with an updated risk assessment posted on our school website today also. Within the risk assessment you will find the various procedures which we follow to ensure we keep everyone safe including, hand washing, physical distancing, bubbles, cleaning and ventilation. The main government advice remains that if your child or any member of your household develops any of the covid symptoms; a new continuous cough, fever/high temperature, a change in/or loss of taste or smell then all members of the household should self-isolate and follow the advice of Public Health by calling 111.

Please can I continue to encourage all parents to sign up for email alerts from our main school page if you have not already done so, as this is the simplest and quickest way to get information to you; <https://202021gupsnews.wordpress.com/>

### Times and Class 'Bubbles'

We will now return to our normal school times;

P1-3 9am to 3.10pm Mon-Thu

P4-7 8.55am to 3.25pm Mon-Thu

All classes start at the times above on a Friday with everyone finishing at 12.10pm

The school doors will be opened at 8.50am and children are encouraged to not gather out with their class grouping prior to this. From this time, they will go straight to their cloakroom and then class (or the P1 garden) where they will be able to wash their hands and complete morning activities.

Children will be kept within their class bubbles as previously and will have designated areas of the playground to maintain this. Breaks will be staggered throughout the school day. Staff movement across these bubbles has been limited as much as possible also.

Primary 3 children who were previously in the P3/4 class but, have been with Mr Marshall and P2/3 since February break, will rejoin the P3/4 class with Mrs McLean and Mrs James.

### Entrance gates

Both entrance gates are still in use with children living on the St. Drostans side encouraged to use the side gate and those living on the Pitkerrald side, the main entrance gate. These will open at the same time as the doors above and we aim to have a member of staff at each gate also. Parents are reminded to please wear a face covering at drop off/pick up, maintain 2m distance from other adults, avoid car sharing and self-isolate if anyone in your household has symptoms. We'd also like to remind parents of our request to not park outside residents or block driveways but, to instead use the area at the local park/old shops.



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### Classrooms

The move to the new modular classrooms has now been completed therefore, P3/4 will be in the upper end of the school (where P5/6 used to be) and P5/6 and P6/7 will be in the modular unit. P3/4 will now enter through the senior entrance (beside their new classroom) and P5-7 will enter through their fire exit doors in the modular units. They will all be shown this on Monday by their class teachers. However, if you are unsure please just ask a member of staff at the school gates who will happily help guide you where to go.

### Lunch Menus

These are available on our school website <http://www.glenurquhartprimary.org.uk/for-parents/school-meals/> with the current menu continuing until the Easter break. We will start on Week 4. School meals for those in Primary 4-7 costs £2.30 unless in receipt of free school meal allowance. Please can this be passed in to school in a clearly marked envelope on the Monday of each week. Toast or fruit is available at break for 15p (free for those with free school meal provision.)

### School Uniform

I totally understand that some uniform, bottoms, shoes etc may no longer fit children and we only have one term left before the summer break. Please do not worry about this. Our main priority is to have the children back, happy and comfortable.

If you do find you wish to purchase new uniform, details on how to do this and funding support for this can be found on; <http://www.glenurquhartprimary.org.uk/for-parents/school-uniform/>

### P.E.

Under current restrictions, P.E. has to be outside only. Please therefore take kit appropriate for outdoor activity.

### Return Priorities

Our priorities for our return are wellbeing, reconnection and outdoor learning. We welcome eight new children to the school on Monday so will be encouraging all to refocus and demonstrate our school values of friendship, trust, respect, empathy, positivity and creativity as we build on our relationships.

I hope that this answers any questions you may have. Please, phone the school office or email me on [Kerrie.laird@highland.gov.uk](mailto:Kerrie.laird@highland.gov.uk) if you have anything further you wish to ask or discuss.

We hope that for the weeks up to the Easter break, all can enjoy school being back together again as we continue guiding, uniting and promoting success.

Kind regards,

*K. Laird*

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