**Restart plan – September 2020**

1. ***Should your child appear unwell or display any of the symptoms of Covid-19 they should not be sent to school.* School WILL vigorously implement this guidance.**

***Symptoms of Covid-19 include:-
• a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature), or;
• a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual), or;
• anosmia - the loss or a change in your normal sense of smell (it can also affect your sense of taste)***

1. **Primary school children return to full time education with a ‘protective bubble’ strategy implemented as a key mitigating action. A class will act as a single consistent group or bubble, with minimal prolonged interaction with other classes within the school.**
2. **No adult, apart from staff, is allowed inside the school buildings unless by appointment, and must wear a facemask if doing so**

**August**

It is planned that the **P7 class will commence on August 24th** as per DENI instructions. The plan for that is as set out in the document placed on the school website 29 June 2020.

Likewise the **Nursery and P1** classes will also complete their **induction days** on the Thursday and Friday 28th/29th, as set out in the relevant plans posted on the website on 29 June 2020.

**Nursery class will restart in September** as per the guidance placed on the school website on 29th June – parents will also receive correspondence via the SeeSaw app.

**September**

All other classes will commence on Tuesday 1st September. Start times will be staggered to help minimise contact between classes in the playground.

**P1-3 classes will commence at 8.45am. We are reducing lunchtimes by 10 mins to minimise cross contamination between classes. Finishing at 13.25.**

**P4-7 classes will commence at the normal 9am and will finish at 1440.**

**Parents should be punctual at both times to avoid children mixing.**

**Morning arrival**

In line with DENI Guidance,

* Please ensure your child has washed their hands before leaving home
* Parents will not be permitted into the school site at this time.
* *Parents should not congregate at the school gate or loiter – please drop your child off and move back to your car and leave as soon as possible to help ease traffic congestion.*
* If there are no spaces close to the school gate, park your car and walk your child to the gate before leaving promptly.
* Children should enter through the nearest external door to their classroom – most will know where this is. If in doubt speak to the member of staff on duty.

(P1-3 enter small gate at front of school; P4-7 enter gate at playpark)

* Children will be directed to the sinks to wash their hands on arrival, or shortly afterwards.
* If you have children in both starting times, send them at the earlier time

**Equipment needed**

Children should bring a pencil case with their individual items inside – a full list of suggested items is on the school website or via email channels for Home Learning in June. This will be placed on a ziplock wallet and only they will use them during the day. This wallet will be sent home in a school bag at the end of the day, if there is work to be completed. It should be cleaned at home when the work is completed in preparation for the next day, and send back in the school bag, where it will be cleaned once more. **Only the individual pupil will touch their wallet or school bag,** where possible.

A school bag may be brought in but should only contain a lunchbox and drink (if required) – all items **MUST BE NAMED** clearly. Any books / worksheets to be sent home will be placed in a wallet and placed in the school bag.

School meals will be available – please pay on first day of the week… by Cheque if possible made out to Education Authority.

**School Uniforms**

While Coronavirus can land on fabrics and remain for some time, schools are deemed not a high risk environment and while all children and where possible young people should be encouraged to wear clean uniform or fresh clothes each day, **this is not essential.**

On days when pupils have PE they may come to school in PE gear under a school jumper and plain dark jogging bottoms or school trousers .

**Pupils PPE**

We are advised that pupils should not wear PPE in school. Staff may use face coverings or other PPE appropriate to the task they are undertaking.

It is also strongly recommended that **all pupils regardless of age, should wear a face covering on all buses,** for the journey to school where it is appropriate for them to do so and they are able to handle them as directed.

**During the day**

* Children should wash their hands thoroughly on arrival at the education setting and this must be a repeatable discipline throughout the day.
* Break and lunchtimes will be staggered to minimise contact between classes as far as possible.
* Children will stay in their class base for all subjects apart from PE.

**End of day**

**P1-3 WILL NOW FINISH AT 1.25PM –** Parents should be punctual and waiting to receive their children. We ask that they stay in their cars or remain socially distanced until the children are brought outside. When the children come out, **P1 will exit via the large main gate; P2 through small front gate and P3 through the gate adjacent to the play park**. P2 and P3 Parents may enter the playground and remain at the road side wall and children will be directed to them by staff. If in doubt go to the youngest child’s class first.

**Do not approach the class lines. No cars will be allowed into the school grounds – no exceptions!**

**We will review this procedure regularly to improve the flow of children to parents.**

**Remember** – this will be the protocol no matter what the weather – so make sure your child has a coat! .. and bring a coat or umbrella

**P4-7 WILL NOW FINISH AT 2.40pm.**

Parents collecting children should wait outside the grounds (as normal) until their child is brought to the gate. **P4/5 exit through play park gate. P6/7 exit through small front gate.**

Children going on buses will be directed to their bus by staff, whilst observing social distancing.

**It is important that all parents collect their children punctually. We cannot have some parents waiting until everyone else has gone before turning up. Children should not be left standing waiting for lifts. If there is a genuine reason for being late, on an occasion, please phone the school to explain.**