

Newburgh CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: REOPENING OF SCHOOL 8TH MARCH 2021

We are looking forward to welcoming all children back to school next Monday and are preparing risk assessments and control measures to ensure we operate safely. There are no significant changes from September despite the new variants.

We require parents/carers to:-

- Ensure good attendance in school to minimise the longer-term impact of the pandemic on the education, wellbeing and development of children. School attendance is mandatory from 8th March.
- Children are NOT to attend school however if they or a member of their household displays any symptoms of Covid-19. In this instance the person displaying symptoms must get a PCR test through the NHS and the whole household must remain in isolation until the results of this are obtained.
- If your child contacts someone outside of school who tests positive for Covid-19 they must isolate for 10 days. We will inform you of any positive cases in school.
- Unless you are exempt please wear face coverings on school premises.
- Please do not congregate around entrances, gates, doors, and please stand away from the playground wall to allow our Year 5 and 6 children to enter and leave school safely.
- Please maintain social distancing at all times ensuring children stand with you on the playground and do not mix between bubbles. Children are not permitted to use the trim trail or playground equipment before or after school.
- Please leave the school premises promptly once you have collected your child(ren).
- Please do not enter the school building unless you have a prearranged meeting.
- Please arrive on time with children. We will be escorting children into school promptly. If you are late you will have to wait until ALL children have entered the school building and had time to get to their respective classrooms. Entry to school will then be through the main entrance once it is safe to allow this.



- Please be considerate to our local community if you are travelling to school by car. The school car park is for staff only and must not be blocked at any time of the day. Parking on the zig zag yellow lines is prohibited during school drop off and pick up times to maintain the safety of your child(ren).

We require children to:-

- Attend in school uniform. Our classrooms are well ventilated so base layers may be appropriate on colder days.
- Bring a packed lunch if they do not want a school dinner.
- Bring their water bottle with their name on it (with water only – not juice).
- Bring their PE kits back to school. Children from Years 1-6 will be starting to have more PE lessons outside (weather dependent). You may wish children to have a suitable tracksuit/jogging bottoms, jumper and trainers in their PE kit.
- Children DO NOT need face coverings in primary settings as per the guidance from the Department for Education.

As a school we will:-

- Support the safe return of children to school, focussing on wellbeing, positive routines, friendship and an innovative and engaging curriculum for children to return to.
- Maintain our class bubbles, keeping children within their bubbles throughout the school day including break times and lunchtime.
- All staff & adult visitors will wear face coverings where social distancing is not possible.
- Staff will continue to test themselves twice weekly on a Sunday and a Wednesday using Lateral Flow Testing kits.
- Our classrooms from Key Stage 1 upwards will continue to be arranged to support social distancing as they were in the Autumn term.
- Ensure children wash their hands regularly and thoroughly including on arrival to school, before and after eating (break times and lunch time), and after any messy activities.
- Promote good respiratory hygiene by keeping classrooms well ventilated.
- Maintain enhanced cleaning including frequently touched surfaces.
- Take prompt action in the event of someone becoming unwell.
- Reinforce our school rules to maintain safety around school.
- Continue to provide Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club with control measures in place.
- Provide remote education to children from day 3 of absence due to self-isolation (providing children are well enough to engage with learning). Please see our Remote Learning page on the website for more information about this.



- Provide a school snack at break time for those who wish to purchase this. The cost of this is £3 and is on Parent Pay.

Drop off and pick up times remain the same as the Autumn term. Please ensure you arrive on time and that children are picked up promptly. Children in Years 5 & 6 are to make their way around the edge of the playground straight to Mr Dilworth's classroom and will be dismissed down the playground the same way.

	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time
Nursery & Crane (Pre-School & Reception)	9.00am	3.30pm
Halton & Lucas (Years 1 & 2)	8.50am	3.20pm
Rigby (Years 3 & 4)	8.55am	3.25pm
Venables (Years 5 & 6)	8.50am	3.20pm

We can not wait to see you all back here next week. Please remain positive with children about returning to school and we look forward to continue to work together for the benefit of all our children.

Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation.

Kind regards



Rebecca Fowler
Headteacher

