

# Education and Learning Directorate

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## **Moffat Academy**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to welcoming the rest of our primary school pupils back on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. In order to keep pupils, staff and parents/carers safe, many of the changes we put in place for our return in August 2020 remain. Scottish Government guidance states that there is no requirement for children of this age to maintain social distancing, but we will be keeping them within their class 'bubbles'. It is impossible for us to avoid some crossover of children at the start/end of the school day, during interval and lunch, but with your support we will do everything we can to keep this to a minimum.

### **Return for pupils**

In the hope of reducing congestion at the main entrance, we have staggered the start and finish times.

	Start Time	Finish Time
Primary 1-3	8.40 – 9am	3.05pm
Primary 4-7	8.50 – 9.10am	3.15pm

On entering the school grounds the children should make their way round to their external classroom doors.

We would like to welcome our **new families** to the school and ask that they come to the school office and a member of the team will show the children to their new classes.

We ask that parents and carers who are dropping off or collecting their child/children remember social distance guidelines and that the wearing of facemasks by adults within the school grounds is required. We also politely request that you stay well back from the main doors to allow staff the space to bring the children out and leave the area as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child/children.

### **Morning Intervals**

The playground will be divided into two areas. In the case of inclement weather the children will remain within their classrooms.

### **Lunch Time**

P1-3 children are now eating their lunches in the dinner hall. P4-7 lunches will be taken in individual classrooms.

### **Infection Control**

In accordance with guidance regular handwashing will continue to be part of our school routine. Class teachers will ensure handwashing is taking place regularly.

Enhanced cleaning procedures have been put in place which include a focus on high use areas such as handrails and door handles. Rooms will be kept well ventilated and therefore children will be required to dress appropriately (it may be slightly cooler than usual).

Children who are unwell will be removed from class and parents will be contacted to come and collect them. Please ensure that there is someone to collect your child quickly if they become unwell and that we have the most up-to-date emergency contact information.

*It is extremely important at this time that parents and carers follow government guidance and keep their children at home if they are unwell or displaying symptoms.*

### **Uniform**

School uniform should be worn as usual. Please remember that the ventilation of the rooms may mean that they are slightly cooler than usual.

### **PE**

Following government guidance PE will be outdoors. Arrangements will differ in each class, so individual teachers will be in touch with specific arrangements re: clothing, days etc.

### **Homework**

In accordance with guidance, the transfer of items between home and school has to be kept to a minimum. This means that we will be continuing to utilise digital technology where possible.

### **Contact**

We look forward to the day when we can welcome parents and carers back into our building, but at the moment we ask that if you need to speak to your child's class teacher that you phone the school office. Please be aware that if you must come to the school office then the ladies will speak to you through the glass screen.

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your anticipated support and understanding at this time.**

Yours faithfully

Mrs A. Macfarlane  
Depute Head Teacher