

# GREENHAW PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

## RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN AUGUST 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Education Minister, Peter Weir, announced that children will all return to school on a full-time basis in whole class 'bubbles'. The Department of Education (DE) have published their re-opening guidance 'New School Day' for primary schools on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020. In response to this document, Greenhaw Primary and Nursery School have planned for our pupils to start the new 2020/21 academic year in a safe and welcoming school environment.

Pupils and staff at Greenhaw Primary and Nursery School will return to school according to **Plan C**. We'll carefully monitor the Covid-19 situation and amend the return to school plan accordingly

Possible scenarios for August 2020	Risk Factor	Impact	Greenhaw Primary and Nursery School Response
<b>Scenario A</b>	Covid-19 rate is high and there is an increased risk from the virus in a second wave or cluster.	DE may direct further restrictions, lockdown or school closures.	While we hope that this will not be the case, we will follow DE direction if further restrictions or possible lockdown is required.
<b>Scenario B</b>	Covid-19 continues at the current rate with a low risk factor.	DE guidance requires social distancing of 1m between pupils and also staff. Increased hygiene measures. Schools can create safe 'bubbles'. Implement blended learning strategies.	In this case, Greenhaw Primary and Nursery School can safely accommodate half class groups with 1m social distancing. Half class groups work within a specified 'Bubble'. We would possibly return with a blended learning approach and a mix of 2 days in school/3 days remote learning. We will ensure that families attend school on the same days. Bubble 1: Mon/Tues Bubble 2: Thurs/Fri

<b>Scenario C</b>	Covid-19 is little or no risk and the government has lifted restrictions.	DE guidance states that all children will return to school within full classes 'bubbles'. Continue increased hygiene measures.	Greenhaw Primary and Nursery School will reopen to full classes working safely within a whole class 'bubble'.

## 1) Restart Aims

Greenhaw Primary and Nursery School Restart framework aims:

- a) Greenhaw Primary and Nursery School is a safe place for pupils and staff.
- b) Greenhaw Primary and Nursery School is a welcoming, friendly and nurturing school environment for pupils and staff.

## 2) Starting School, we ask that:

- All pupils know and understand the importance of **washing their hands regularly** throughout the day (wash hands while singing the 'happy birthday' song twice).
- Pupils know to follow the '**Catch it, Bin it, Kill it**' virus control measures, use tissues or inside of an elbow to sneeze and cough into.
- Pupils know and understand the need to **avoid touching their face**, in particular eyes, nose and mouth as much as possible.
- Pupils are aware of and can follow **2m social distancing** from other pupils and staff **as much as possible**.
- Where appropriate, pupils should be able to **use the toilet independently** and clean themselves properly after bathroom breaks. We are aware, of course, that there will be exceptional circumstances with regard to toileting and we will do our best to meet the needs of **ALL** our children.
- P1-7 pupils must **bring their own individual water bottle** as we are unable to provide shared drinking cups.

## 3) Equipment Required

- All pupils will wear the Greenhaw Primary and Nursery School uniform. We recommend that this is either washed or hung up and aired overnight in preparation to wear it again the next day.
- On the first day of school, each child from P.1-P.7 will be asked to bring in a named pencil case which will be kept in school.

- Pencil cases should be able to be washed or wiped down easily. No furry, fluffy or material pencil cases allowed.
- Equipment cannot be shared between pupils, between teachers and pupils or brought in and out each day.
- **Please DO NOT send in any school bags, PE Kits or any other item from home until further notice.**

Necessary Equipment	Other Essentials
2 pencils Eraser Sharpener Colouring pencils Ruler Glue stick One box of tissues per child for classroom use	Water bottle (named) Mid-morning healthy snack Packed Lunch ( <b>Free school Meals will be provided with a packed lunch from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020</b> ) Coat Pack of tissues daily per pupil

#### 4) Key Dates

Timeframe	Arrangements	Times
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	P.7 classes are invited back to their classroom with Mrs Gallick and Mr Martin and classroom assistants.	9.10-12.00 noon
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Please note, <b>ONLY P.7 CHILDREN TO ATTEND SCHOOL ON THESE 3 DAYS</b>	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August		
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	ALL CHILDREN P.2-P.7 will attend school on these two days	9.10-12.00 noon
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Nursery and P.1 children will return on a phased basis. You will receive information regarding dates and times relevant to your child in due course	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Bank holiday. No pupils to attend school.	

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**School resumes as normal for all pupils P.2-7 from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

**P.2 9.10am – 2.15pm**

**P.3-7 9.10am – 3.00pm**

**New Nursery pupils will have received information via email regarding induction sessions. Please check the school website Home Page for updates.**

**Nursery and P.1 will be advised by their teachers about settling in times.**

**5) IMPORTANT HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

**If your child has been unwell within the last 24 hours, it is imperative that they DO NOT attend school until they have fully recovered. Should your child display any signs and symptoms of any illness, they must remain at home until they have fully recovered.** It is common, on starting school that germs, bugs and illnesses may be passed around. In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, we are asking that children presenting with any ailment should be kept at home.

**6) Suspected case of Covid-19**

If a child presents with any of the following three symptoms (as identified by the Public Health Agency), Parents/Carers will be contacted to remove the child from their class 'bubble' immediately

- a. Elevated temperature
- b. Continuous cough
- c. Change in taste/smell

**7) Pupils with medical needs**

Parents of pupils with medical needs will be required to provide detailed information about each individual circumstance which will become part of an individual risk assessment. In this situation, parents will be invited to a consultation with Mrs McFadden (SenCo) and the child's class teacher to discuss and agree the risk assessment. Further consultation with external agencies may be required.

### **8) Arrival at school:**

- The school gates will remain locked until 9.am each day.
- Greenhaw Primary School's day will start between 9.00-9.10am.
- **For health and safety reasons, parents will not be able to enter the school playground areas (unless you are dropping off or picking up) building or access classroom areas.** ○ Parents with children in P.3-P.7 should drop their children off at their designated school gate, pupils will walk independently to their own entrance door. ○ Parents with pupils in Nursery, P1 and P2 may drop their children off at their designated door entrance for their year group. ○ To help keep everyone in the school community safe, we ask that families avoid congregating in groups and follow social distancing at all times.
- Pupils will be assigned a specific gate to enter the premises and a specific door to enter the building.
- We will not be able to open breakfast club or facilitate after school clubs to pupils until further notice.
- We ask that all children come into school between 9.00am-9.10am. This will allow for the children to filter into school while maintaining social distancing and avoid groups congregating together.
- There will be hand sanitiser stations at each entrance door and a member of staff present to supervise. Please explain to your child (ren) that they will have to sanitise their hands before entering the building.

### **9) In-school Hygiene:**

- We will provide pupils with the opportunity to wash their hands regularly throughout the day and provide hand sanitiser in locations where hand washing facilities aren't readily available.
- Classrooms will have additional cleaning supplies, tissues and hand sanitiser to use regularly throughout the day.
- Each classroom will have a remote digital thermometer provided. This will be used each morning as your child enters their classroom and if a child presents with a suspected temperature or feels unwell during the school day.

### **10) Break and Lunch time**

- School meals will operate within safe bubbles in classrooms.
- Pupils are asked to bring in a packed lunch, free school meals will be provided from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.
- Pupils will learn, play and eat together within a specified classroom and playground area.
- Break times and lunch times have been organised in a manner that will ensure that just members of that class bubble are playing together in the playground.

### 11) Home time

- At home time, parents are asked to remain outside of the school grounds.
- At pick-up time, parents may form a socially distanced queue at your designated area to collect your family. Once you have collected your child (ren), please exit the school grounds immediately.

### 12) Morning drop off and Afternoon pick up arrangements

Class	Morning	Afternoon
P.1-P.2	Small gate in staff car-park and enter at the main entrance beside the school office	Escorted to the infant playground by their class teacher where the children can be collected
P.3 P.3/4 P.4	You will drop your child/ren at the large gate at staff car-park	Escorted to the infant playground by their class teacher where the children will be collected
P.5 P.5/6	You will drop your child/ren at the large gate at staff car-park	Escorted to the senior playground by their class teacher where the children will be collected
P.6 P.7	You will drop your child/ren at the large gate at senior playground	Escorted to the senior playground by their class teacher where the children will be collected
Nursery	You will enter by the small gate off the Racecourse Rd. where you will bring your child to the Nursery entrance	Children will be collected from the Nursery Playground and will exit via the gate on the Racecourse Rd.

**Please note that there will not be any home to school bus or taxi transport for the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> August. Home to school transport services start on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.**

The Department of Education guidance recommend that:

- ❖ Children showing any symptoms of COVID-19 **should not travel** to school.
- ❖ Home to school transport, either on public bus services or on school bus services, should only be used where there is no alternative available.

- ❖ Families are encouraged to travel to and from school by walking and cycling, where possible and if it is safe to do so.
- ❖ **Parents arriving by car should not enter school grounds.** Cars may be parked at a suitable location close by and families walk to school following the identified safe crossing points.
- ❖ For those children who have no alternative but to use home to school bus service **“It is strongly recommended that all pupils regardless of age should wear a face covering on all buses, trains or taxis for the journey to school where it is appropriate for them to do so and they are able to handle them as directed.”** We are aware that due to the nature of some medical, physical, mental health reason or disability, some children may not be able to wear a face mask.
- ❖ **Pupils are responsible for looking after their own individual face covering should they choose to wear one as this is not compulsory in the primary school.** When not in use, we recommend that face coverings are kept in a small clear plastic bag, clearly labelled with the child’s name.
- ❖ On the school bus service, pupils should sit with children from the same year group and carry their own supply of tissues.
- ❖ All pupils should clean their hands before they leave home each morning.

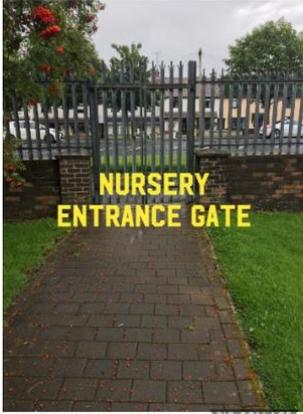
### **13) Visitors to school**

Greenhaw Primary and Nursery School is open to pupils and staff only. For health and safety reasons, all non-essential visitors **will not** be permitted to enter the building. Any essential visitors and/or delivery drivers will have to adhere to PHA guidance, social distancing and wear a face mask. Please refer carefully to the visitor/delivery signs displayed for further information.

### **14) Bubble Safety:**

Pupils will be kept as safe as possible within a protected ‘bubble’. Each bubble will be the only group of children accessing these areas and they will not have contact with children or classes outside of their bubble group as far as is possible.

## 15) ENTRY/COLLECTION POINTS

	Morning Entry Gate/Area	Afternoon Collection Gate/Area
Nursery	 <p>Enter via Racecourse Road Gate and escort children to the Nursery Entrance</p>	 <p>Collect children from the Nursery Playground and exit via the Racecourse Road Gate</p>
Primary 1 Primary 2	 <p>Enter via small gate in Staff Car-park and Escort your Child to the Main Entrance of the School</p>	 <p>Enter/exit via Small Gate in Staff Car-Park. Collect Children from the Infant Playground</p>

<p><b>Primary 3</b>  <b>Primary 3/4</b>  <b>Primary 4</b></p>	 <p><b>ENTRANCE FOR  P.3, P3/4, P.4,  P.5 AND P.5/6</b></p> <p><small>PIC-COLLAGE</small></p> <p>Children Enter via Staff Carpark Large gate</p>	 <p><b>PICK UP FOR P.3,  P3/4 AND P.4</b></p> <p><small>PIC-COLLAGE</small></p> <p>Collect Children from the Infant Playground</p>
<p><b>Primary 5</b>  <b>Primary 5/6</b></p>	 <p><b>ENTRANCE FOR  P.3, P3/4, P.4,  P.5 AND P.5/6</b></p> <p><small>PIC-COLLAGE</small></p> <p>Children Enter via Staff Carpark Large Gate</p>	 <p><b>PICK UP FOR P.5,  P5/6, P.6 AND P.7</b></p> <p><small>PIC-COLLAGE</small></p> <p>Collect Children from Senior Playground</p>
<p><b>Primary 6</b>  <b>Primary 7</b></p>	 <p><b>ENTRANCE GATE  FOR P.6 AND P.7</b></p> <p><small>PIC-COLLAGE</small></p> <p>Enter via Large Gate in the Senior Playground</p>	 <p><b>PICK UP FOR P.5,  P5/6, P.6 AND P.7</b></p> <p><small>PIC-COLLAGE</small></p> <p>Collect Children from Senior Playground</p>

***This information is correct as of 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and will be subject to change.***

