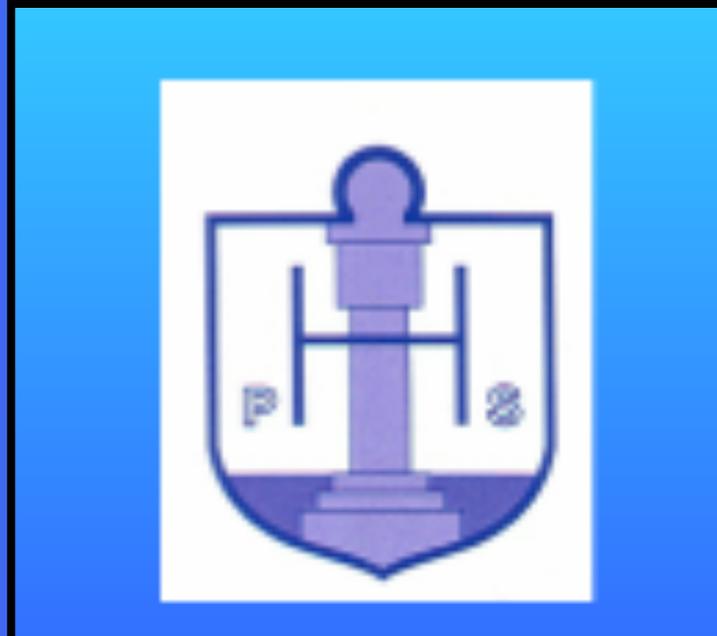


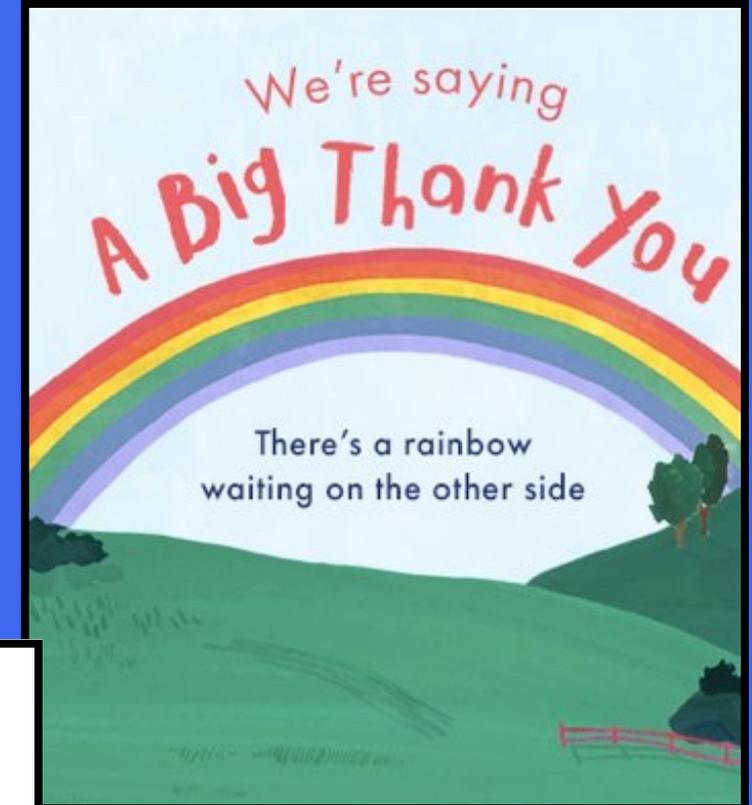


Houston Primary School Return to School COVID -19 Parents' Guide

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Houston Primary School



Welcome back!



The COVID-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges for people and society. As we look forward to a return to school and Early Learning & Childcare, most of us likely feel a mix of nerves, excitement and relief! Following the Scottish Government's instruction, a full return to education will take place from Wednesday 12th August. We have a contingency plan in place should physical distancing measures increase again. You will have received details of this in June. Hopefully, you will find the information included in this booklet useful in preparing your family for a return to school in August.

Our experienced and nurturing staff look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back soon.

Transition Arrangements



Staff have worked hard to prepare and share information on each child to support the transition between stages. This has provided teachers with important information including individual's emotional and social wellbeing needs, interests and aptitudes, as well as academic achievements and next steps for progression.

Unfortunately, we were not able to invite all pupils for a transition visit due to current physical distancing rules. Staff uploaded a short welcome message to Google Classroom, in order to introduce themselves to their new class. We hope children found this reassuring. For our new recruits in Primary One, please see the Transition to Primary One tab on our website.

Where possible, staff will continue to share Forward Plans, assessment data and Trackers, so that your child's new teacher(s) can plan to progress learning. Information from last session's Health & Well-being Reviews will also be shared, so that staff have useful information that helps them best plan for supporting your child.

For those joining Primary One, a Transfer of Information Report was completed by nursery staff and teachers have this to help support your child and progress their learning. Online meetings have also taken place to support the transition to school.

Start Dates & Times



Please note amended dates for starting Term 1 in August.

Day 1: Wednesday 12th August

Primary 7 children attend school, morning bell will ring at 9.00am, as usual. School day ends at 3.00pm.

Primary One start at **9.15am** and finish at **2.45pm**. Parents may enter playground after 9am and just prior to 2.45pm. Please respect adult physical distancing measures.

Day 2: Thursday 13th August

Children from **P2, P3, P4 and P7** attend school from 9am until 3pm.

Primary One start at **9.15am** and finish at **2.45pm**. Parents should drop children off in the playground from 9.05am. Teachers will welcome children in through their classroom door. Children should be collected from the double gates at Dunnett Drive. Please avoid crowding the gate to allow good line of vision. Move forward when you see your child's class at the gate.

Day 3: Friday 14th August

All children attend school from 9am until 3pm, including **P5 and P6**.

First Day

Primary One

Our new entrants in Primary 1 should arrive at school for **9.15am on Wednesday 12th August**. This will allow us to welcome back older children and ease congestion in the car park, prior to Primary 1 arriving. On the **first day**, P1 parents may enter the school playground with handover to P1 teachers. You may wish to take a photograph of your child before the children are taken inside. Children will enter the building through the door allocated to their class at Induction. Although children do not require to social distance, all adults are reminded of their responsibility to ensure appropriate physical distancing.

On Thursday 13th and thereafter, parents/carers should drop off and collect their child at the **double gate near Dunnett Drive**. Staff will be in the playground to supervise children.

New Pupils Starting in P2-7

If they feel confident enough, new entrants in P2-7 may join the rest of their classmates in the playground for 9.00am on their designated start date and enter the school along with their new class and teacher on the bell. Alternatively, they may wish to enter via the Main Entrance at 9.00am where they will be welcomed by a member of staff and escorted to their new class.

Primary 2-7 Pupils

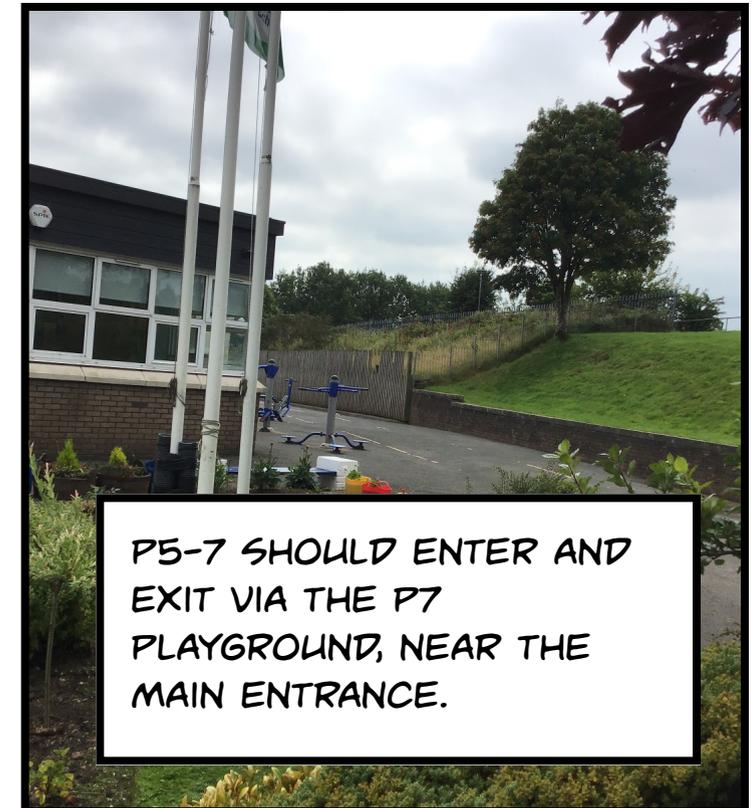
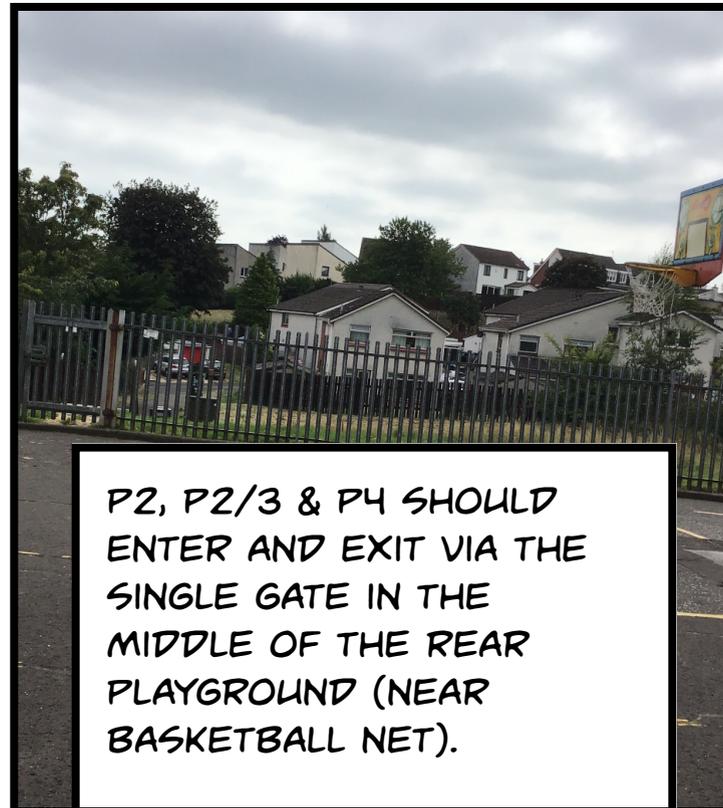
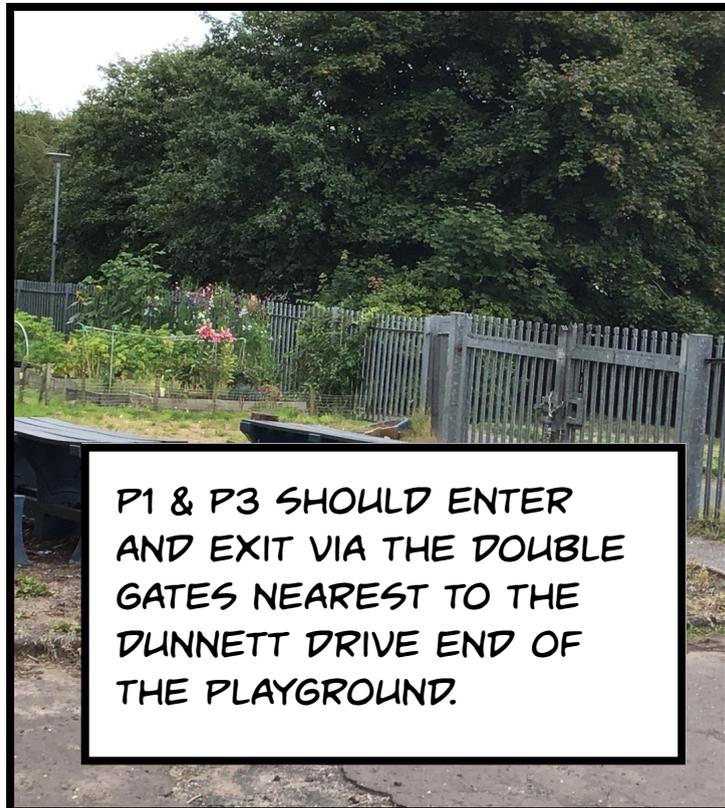
All children from P2-P7 are encouraged to join the rest of their classmates in the playground from 8.50am on their designated start date and thereafter. Class teachers will assemble children and take them indoors at 9.00am.

Start of Day Arrangements

Renfrewshire Council have issued instructions that no adults, other than school staff, should be permitted in the playground. Parents are encouraged to stagger drop off times in the school playground which will be supervised between 8.50am-9.00am. This means that our usual indoors *Informal Entry* (P1-3) will not be possible as staff will be required in the playground. All pupils can enter the playgrounds from 8.50am. The playgrounds will not be supervised before 8.50am, so any child entering before is left at the parent's discretion. Children will be brought in by their class teacher at 9.00am.

Adults are discouraged from lingering at drop off and collection points due to congestion.

Only parents of those attending their first day in our Early Learning & Childcare Class, or first day in Primary One, will be allowed to enter the playground, after 9am, when the other children are safely indoors.



End of Day Arrangements



The health and safety of our pupils and staff is paramount. Renfrewshire Council has made the decision to **not** permit adults in the playground during drop off and collection times. P1 & P2 teachers will escort their class/group to their designated Meeting Point. All other stages will be dismissed from their classroom doors. **Please ensure that children and adults collecting are aware of their Meeting Point.**

On Primary One's second day, staff will escort the children to the gates at Dunnett Drive at 2.45pm. Thereafter, this will happen at 3pm.

At the beginning of term, staff will compile lists of children:

- attending After School Care. The After School Care provider will collect the child from their designated drop Off/Collection point.
- taking the school bus who will be collected by a member of staff and escorted to their Meeting Point.
- being collected by a responsible adult who will be dismissed from the playground gate.

Please note that it is the responsibility of the adult to ensure that children are collected on time from the gate. Children who are not collected will be taken to the School Office and the Emergency Contact person(s) will be contacted.

You are asked to inform the school before 2.45pm if a situation arises which results in a change to collection arrangements. Parents and visitors should only enter the porch area at the Main Entrance. A staff member will then allow the child to exit the building.

Safe Routes to School

Where possible, we encourage those who can, to walk to school. There are bike racks for securing bikes and scooters in the playground, however, they are left at owner's risk. We kindly ask that cyclists dismount before entering the playground. **Please note that Renfrewshire Council's guidelines state that parents/carers of school aged children are not permitted in the playground.** Dogs are not permitted in the playground.

A School Bus is available for those living along the route between Fulton Drive and the Crawford Road area. A permit must be provided by the local authority in advance of travel on the school bus. An Application Form can be made online at Renfrewshire Council - Home to School Transport. The Bus Bay is clearly marked and we ask everyone dropping and collecting children to allow space for the bus to manoeuvre and park.

The bus will drop children off at the Bus Bay just before 9am and will collect children just after 3pm. Family members should sit together to maximise capacity. Children and young people should wash their hands before boarding the bus in the morning and when they arrive back home. Parents should remind their child of the importance of general safety on school transport, such as always wearing a seatbelt. Renfrewshire Council are working with transport operators to put in place a process for cleaning school buses each day and ensure that frequently-touched surfaces are cleaned after each journey.

A School Taxi is available for children living in some of the outlying areas of Houston. Please contact the office for further details, if you think you may be eligible for this service.

The volume of traffic in and around the school car park continues to be an ongoing concern. We ask that everyone accessing the car park (including grandparents, childminders and family friends) are vigilant and considerate. Everyone should use the footpath and **no child should ever walk across the car park.**

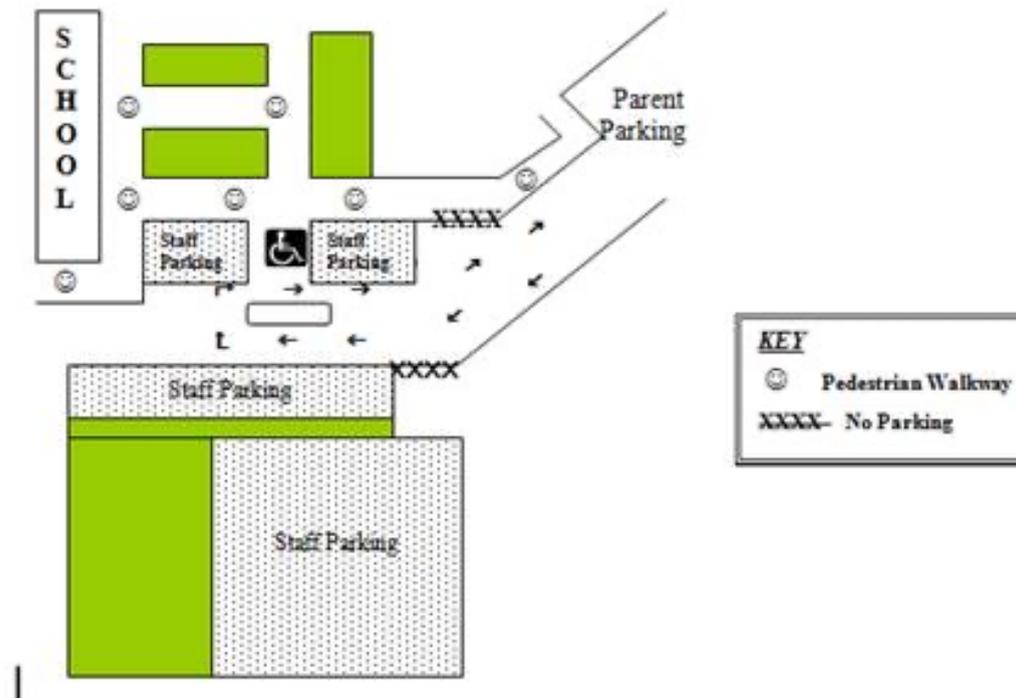


Car Park

In the interest of the children's safety, parents are asked to drop off and collect pupils at the Parent Parking zone and NOT in the staff car park. However, there are two disabled parking spaces for those who hold badge permits to use. When parking, please be considerate of the school bus, leaving it plenty of room to turn and for other road users to pass by safely. If adults are parking near the school, we ask that, where possible, they respect physical distancing advice when walking to and from their vehicle.

Pupils are frequently reminded of the dropping-off places and taught the safest ways in and out of the playground. Please help us by ensuring that you encourage your child to use the safe routes and not across the car parking area – safety is much more important than convenience. Please note that the Car Park is intended for staff use. Parents/carers are asked to park beyond the bus bay, opposite the cemetery.

Please note, local residents whose driveways are obstructed by parked cars have been advised by the community police officer to contact the station directly.



Visitors to the School

In the interest of safety for all our pupils, we ask those with an appointment, arriving at the school between 9.00am and 3.00pm, enter by the Main Door and report to the School Office. Hand sanitiser is available on direct entry to the school building and should be used by everyone. Please note that visitors must remain in the porch area. Those who have an appointment, will be permitted entry and asked to wait in the designated area. In order to protect office staff, all communication will be through a glass partition.

Please be advised that Renfrewshire Council's COVID guidelines do not allow visitors from entering the building without an appointment. If your child has forgotten something e.g. lunchbox, please phone and we will make alternative arrangements. If you wish to speak with a member of staff, please contact the school office who will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time to talk by phone.

If your child is late for school or has an appointment during school hours, please enter via the Main Entrance and wait in the porch. Office staff will ensure that your child is marked appropriately on the register. It is crucial that we know, at all times, who is in the building.



ALL ADULTS ARE
REQUIRED TO
MAINTAIN A 2 METRE
PHYSICAL DISTANCE.

Uniform

Currently, all new uniform must be purchased online. Please note that in order to maintain high standards and promote a sense of belonging within our school community, we ask that children wear usual school uniform.

We appreciate that many people will have cleanly laundered uniform from last session (that still fits) and there is no requirement to purchase new items for August. Children are used to learning indoors and outdoors wearing their uniform. A waterproof jacket and outdoor sports shoes will be useful. Outdoor shoes should be kept in your child's school bag. Please note that children are unlikely to use the cloakroom areas in their classroom and will instead hang their jacket on the back of their seat. Please label all items of clothing.

White polo shirt (badged or plain)

School tie (to wear with white blouse or shirt) for first day photos and more formal events).



PLEASE LABEL
EVERYTHING.

Weatherproof jacket. A badged jacket with fleece lining and pull out hood is also available.



Badged sweatshirts and cardigans are available. A plain blue school cardigan or jumper is also suitable.

Black shoes should be worn.





You can also order uniform from the following company online:



www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com

Go to the Badged School Uniform tab and search for Houston Primary or type code 17838.

Orders are delivered to your home address.

Grey trousers, shorts or culottes.

A grey pinafore or skirt. A blue gingham dress and white ankle socks is also appropriate during warmer weather.

Comfortable black school shoes and grey socks. Children should be able to fasten their own shoes.



P.E.

Physical Education will take place outdoors. Children from P4-7 will be taught by a visiting specialist P.E. teacher from Gryffe High School one session per week. Other lessons will be delivered by a staff member from Houston Primary School. Class teachers will let inform you soon on which days children require their P.E. kit.

Children are able to wear their kit (white polo shirt, blue shorts, etc.). As P.E. lessons will take place outdoors, children may come to school wearing their school tracksuit on P.E. days. Those who do not have a school tracksuit can wear **navy joggers/leggings**, a white polo shirt and their school sweatshirt. Older children may wish to bring a change for after P.E. sessions. Younger children may wish to keep their PE kit in their school bag, in a labelled drawstring bag. It is advisable that children have suitable outdoor sports footwear for P.E. lessons.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



What does my child need for school?

A bag large enough to fit an A4 sized folder... and a few other things!

Our P.E. curriculum is currently restricted as we await further guidance. When physical distancing restrictions are relaxed, we will work to reinstate a full P.E. curriculum. Outdoor activities will require supportive sports footwear.

On planning for a return to normal, each child will require: drawstring bag to hold kit, blue shorts, indoor sports shoes or plimsoles and white polo shirt. Hair should be tied back and no jewellery worn on P.E. days.



CHILDREN WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO SHARE PERSONAL ITEMS. THESE WILL BE STORED IN THEIR OWN LABELLED TRAY.

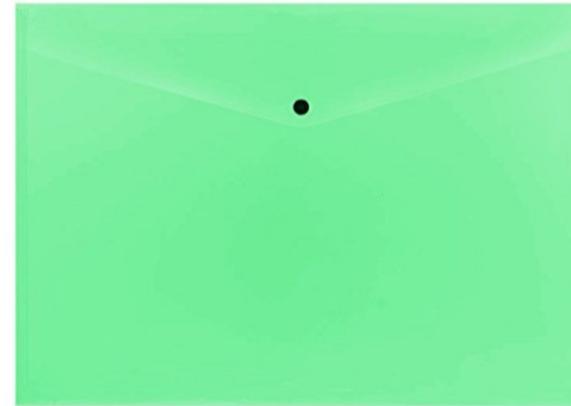
A pencil case with labelled stationery including: writing pencils, colouring pencils or crayons, glue stick and whiteboard pens. Sharpies are not permitted as they damage the furniture.



PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING.



Homework Folder



Children should bring a homework folder to school. This will be stored in their bag. In school, it will be used to transport home learning materials including workbooks and jotters that should remain at home. Should the blended model of school and home learning be implemented, work completed at home should be uploaded to Google Classroom. If you do not have the equipment to support online learning, please inform the school.

The folder can be fabric or plastic (which can be wiped down and usually protects items from accidental spillages).

Please note that textbooks and reading books are expensive and we ask everyone to take care of these. They will be numbered and issued to children with a plastic protective cover. We will ask parents to replace badly damaged or lost textbooks. Reading materials will be quarantined for a period of 72hrs before being reissued.

Each child will have a designated tray to store a limited number of belongings including a pencil case and specified school materials. Everything should be labelled clearly. Children will not be permitted to share their belongings.

Communication



www.houstonprimaryschool.com

Communications will be sent to you via ParentPay. This online platform allows you to receive communications from the school, give consent for special events and add credit to you child's lunch account (P.4-7).

Our school website will also be updated regularly with important information. Photographs and short messages relating to the children's learning will also be communicated through Class Blogs, including our EL&CC.

The school uses social media i.e. Twitter and Facebook. This will continue to be used to inform our school and wider community of upcoming events and important notices.

We are proud of the positive relationships between pupils, staff, parents and the wider community. If you have a concern or wish to speak with a member of staff, please contact the school office who will happily arrange a mutually convenient time to talk by phone.

The Curriculum

We will continue, where possible, to provide a broad and balanced curriculum that develops children's skills across the eight curricular areas. If at any time we are instructed to implement a blended approach that involves both part-time *in school* and part-time *home learning* this will focus on quality in school teaching with follow-up activities that develop children's skills of concepts taught in class. In line with national and local guidelines, the focus will be on Health & Well-being, Numeracy & Mathematics and Literacy & English.

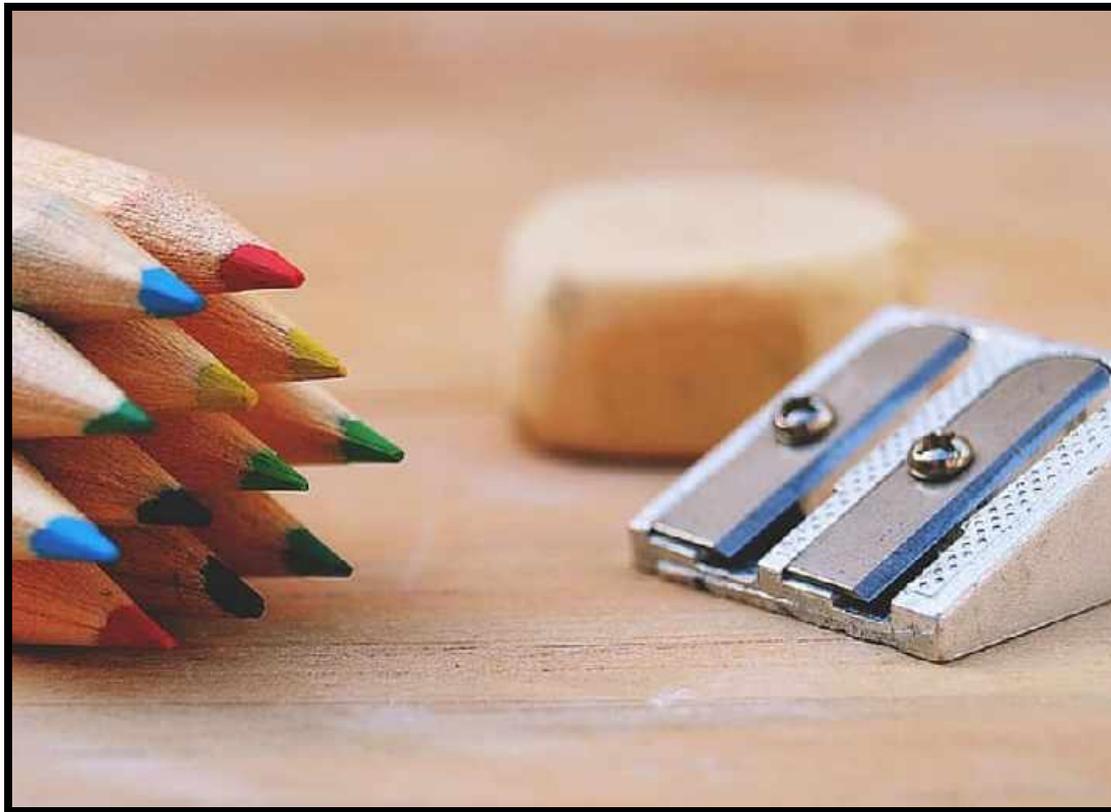
If this model has to be implemented, *in school* days will focus on teaching new concepts and skills. Children will have access to teaching materials and jotters that will be exclusively used in the classroom. Google Classroom will be used to set *home learning* tasks. These may include use of online materials and games, practical play based learning activities, as well as paper based tasks. These activities are intended to provide children with opportunities to apply new learning and develop the skills taught in class. Learning Packs will be sent home. These may include textbooks, workbooks, reading books, class novels, games etc.

In the event that class numbers are reduced, a small number of staff, who are not directly teaching pupils, will be responsible for supporting home learning. On Wednesdays, all staff would have contractual time for planning and reviewing learning. They would also use this time to organise, monitor and respond to online learning through Google Classroom.

The Eight Curriculum Areas – containing a range of subjects:

- **Expressive Arts** – including art and design, dance, drama and music
- **Health and Wellbeing** – mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing, PE, food and health, substance misuse and relationships, sexual health and parenthood
- **Languages** – listening and talking, reading and writing in literacy and English and modern languages, plus classical languages and literacy and Gàidhlig/Gaelic learners (where available)
- **Mathematics** – including analysing information, solving problems and assessing risk
- **Religious and Moral Education** (denominational and non-denominational) – learning about Christianity, other world religions, and developing values and beliefs
- **Sciences** – understanding important scientific concepts across planet Earth, forces, electricity and waves, biological systems, materials and topical science
- **Social Studies** – understanding people, place and society in the past and present including history, geography, modern studies and business education
- **Technologies** – including computing science, food, textiles, craft, design, engineering, graphics and applied technologies





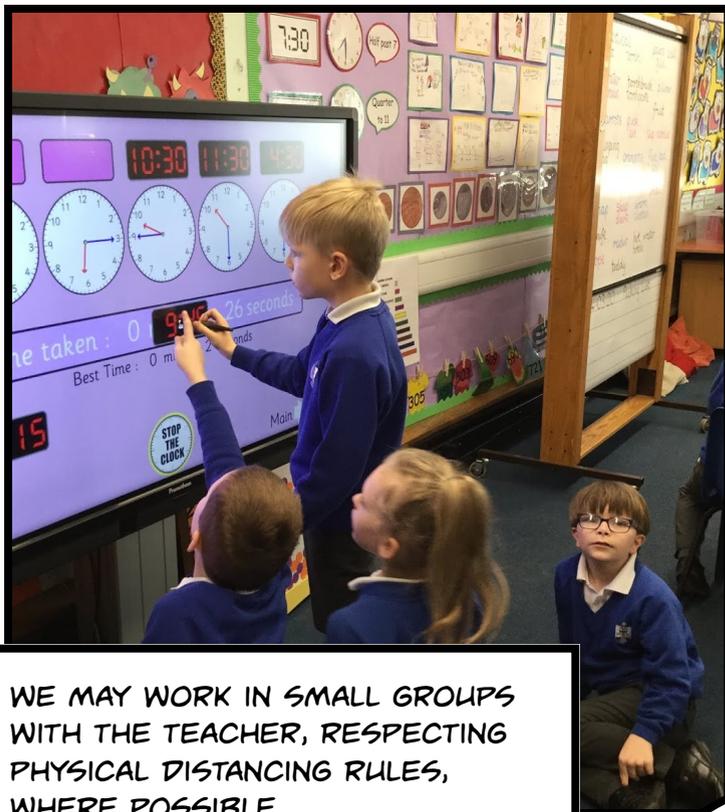
Our School Learning Environment

During the summer holiday, the whole school was painted and we are delighted by the transformation. We have worked hard to complete Risk Assessments and Health & Safety checks that take account of procedures and routines for minimising the risk of infection in school. Increased cleaning, physical distancing measures and hygiene are amongst many things considered, with the health and wellbeing of pupils and staff in mind.

Seating arrangements in classrooms will look different and open areas will be clear with some open areas and narrower corridors operating a one way system. Staff are keen to ensure that classrooms still look familiar and will work with children to create a positive and nurturing ethos that reflects our school values: FRIENDSHIP, RESPECT, HONESTY and SUCCESS.

Children will be encouraged to take responsibility for looking after their own materials and resources. This may include wiping down their own work areas. All soft furnishings have been temporarily removed.





WE MAY WORK IN SMALL GROUPS WITH THE TEACHER, RESPECTING PHYSICAL DISTANCING RULES, WHERE POSSIBLE.



SHE HAS REALLY BIG RAINBOW COLOURED EYES. HER EARS ARE BIG TO HELP HER HEAR WHEN FOOD IS COMING. SHE CAN FLY. HER TAIL HELPS HER SWING THROUGH TREES.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE STORIES, VIDEO CLIPS, DRAMA, AND DISCUSSION TO EXPLORE IDEAS AND LANGUAGE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE IDEAS THROUGH WRITING, DRAWINGS AND MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATIONS.

In School Teaching & Learning Approaches



PROCEDURES ARE IN PLACE TO CLEAN LEARNING RESOURCES AND PLAY MATERIALS.



SOMETIMES, WE WILL WORK INDEPENDENTLY TO PRACTISE NEW CONCEPTS AND DEVELOP OUR SKILLS.

Physical distancing advice will impact interactions between staff and pupils. Staff will continue to nurture children's wellbeing and learning.

Home Learning



If the contingency plan of blended learning approach is implemented in the future:

- each class will have their own Google Classroom.
- children will be provided with login details so they can access it through Glow.
- instructions for accessing Glow and Google Classroom are available through the link to stage blogs on our school website: houstonprimaryschool.com
- activities are likely to be posted for the week, in order to support parents working from home or juggling home learning with other commitments.
- a designated member of staff will be available to support those learning at home, however, they are likely to have responsibility for several classes and stages as most teaching staff will be committed to educating those in school.

In the event of a full return to school, Google Classroom will likely be used to post and share home learning activities.

Observations & Assessments



- teachers will continue to observe children and evaluate each individual's learning. They will use their findings to plan children's next steps in learning.
- informal, daily observations and interactions between the pupil and teacher will allow staff to gather information on children's developing abilities and help teachers evaluate learning, monitor progress and identify where additional support may be needed.
- staff will continue to track each child's progress and attainment. They will carefully consider approaches to support and challenge individuals, in order to progress learning.

Getting it Right for Every Child

SHANARRI is an acronym developed by the Scottish Government to describe the wellbeing indicators detailed on the Wellbeing Wheel.

They are used by practitioners to understand the context of each child in the wider world, as well as assisting children and their carers in understanding the things we can do to help children grow and progress.

Staff will continue to meet regularly to conduct Health & Wellbeing Reviews for all children. We will review and plan approaches to support aspects of each child's wellbeing that are identified by staff, children or their parents/carers.

Different approaches, appropriate to general stages of development, will be used to consult with children and encourage them to reflect on aspects of their own wellbeing.



Regular hand washing and drying of hands using soft paper towels. Hand sanitiser will also be used regularly.

Children may bring their own, labelled, hand cream.



How Do You Feel Today?



Happy



Sad



Angry



Scared



Silly



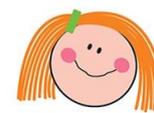
Excited



Surprised



Shy



Embarrassed

Daily Check In time with class teacher.

Hygiene & Wellbeing

Here are some of the ways in which we will support hygiene and wellbeing in school...

All children should bring a labelled water bottle to school, in order to keep hydrated throughout the day. Should children need to refill this, a member of staff will do this to reduce potential cross-contamination.



Increased cleaning throughout the school day, with a focus on surfaces that are likely to be touched often, including door handles, switches, keyboards and toilets. Children will also learn to take responsibility for keeping their own area clean and tidy.



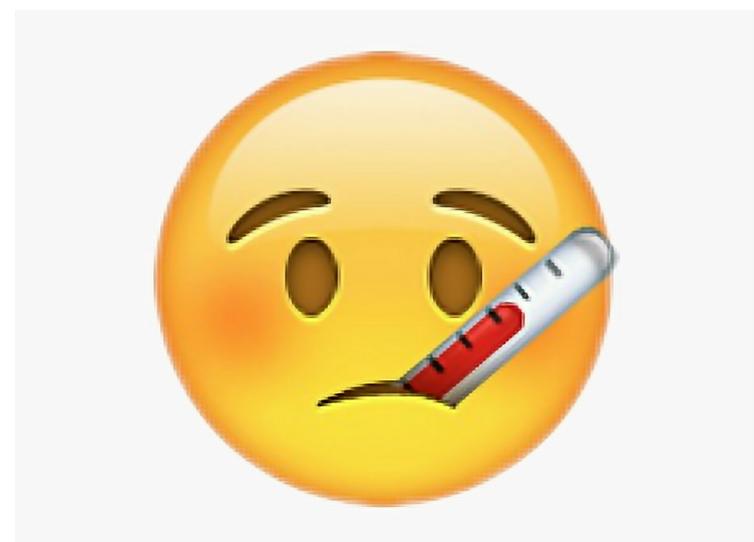
Children will participate in daily outdoor exercise including the Daily Mile. P.E. lessons will take place outdoors.



What happens if my child becomes unwell or shows symptoms of COVID-19?

We encourage everyone to follow national guidelines regarding self-isolation if a member of your family displays symptoms of COVID-19. Government advice regarding the Test and Protect approach should be adhered to. Scan the QR code with your camera to find out more.

Should a child display symptoms, we will contact the parent or carer and ask them to make arrangements to collect him/her. In the meantime, staff will keep them away from other pupils and face coverings will be worn. Any room used to keep the pupil isolated will be cleaned afterwards. Should children be required to self-isolate, teaching staff will be able to support their learning from home.





TEST & PROTECT

A NEW WAY TO TACKLE CORONAVIRUS

The Test & Protect service from NHS Scotland will help us keep the rate of infection down and stop the spread of coronavirus.

If you have a cough, fever, or loss or change in taste or smell, you need to request a test right away at [NHSinform.scot/test-and-protect](https://nhs.uk/inform/scot/test-and-protect) or call **0800 028 2816** if you can't get online.

Please do not leave your home except to get tested to keep others safe. If symptoms worsen or last for more than seven days, call **111**.

If the test is positive, NHS Scotland will confidentially ask who you've had close contact with recently. This is so we can let those people know they may be at risk, request they do not leave home for 14 days, and offer them a test if appropriate.

Anyone could be asked to stay at home and not go out at all, to keep your community and loved ones safe.

For more information go to [NHSinform.scot/test-and-protect](https://nhs.uk/inform/scot/test-and-protect)



To support schools and nurseries, there will be an enhanced surveillance and testing programme available to staff, children and young people across the country. This will include full application of Test and Protect, outbreak management and rapid testing for all those in schools and nurseries who have symptoms. It will also include close monitoring of the virus in schools and nurseries, and among nursery and school-aged children and young people, and staff.

Proposals are also being developed for a targeted additional surveillance programme, involving testing groups of pupils and staff. This will provide more information on the transmission and prevalence of the virus for older pupils and staff in schools across the country.

Further information will be made available from public health in due course. Once this is available, we will update our parents and carers, young people and our staff as soon as we can.

Playtime

Playtimes will be staggered to allow staff and children more space and minimise the potential for children (and staff) mixing with others out with their own year group. Different year groups will have designated playtimes and areas of the playground. Staff will supervise the playground. With physical distancing advice in mind, staggered playtimes and lunchtimes have been arranged.

During wet weather, designated staff members will supervise children in their classes.

Children will be encouraged to wash their hands throughout the school day, including prior to eating snacks or lunch. They will also wash their hands on re-entering the school building.

Children will have scheduled toilet breaks and a full time cleaner will clean the facilities throughout the school day. Frequently touched handles, taps, surfaces etc. will also be cleaned regularly. If your child needs to use the toilet during teaching time, they will be asked to use hand sanitiser on re-entering the classroom. If your child needs to use the toilet more often, due to medical reasons, please inform your child's teacher.

In advance of Medical Information forms being sent home in August, please advise us of any health concerns you have regarding your child's return to school, including anything that may increase their risk from COVID-19.

Staff will continue to supervise the playground and administer TLC and First Aid to injured children. PPE will be used to protect all concerned, as appropriate.



PLAYTIME
SNACK MUST
BE BROUGHT
FROM HOME
AS OUR TUCK
SHOP WILL
NOT BE OPEN.



a healthy snack is a good idea

Children will clean their hands prior to eating. We advise that snacks are stored in a plastic container or sealed bag.

SCHOOLS' CATERING BRONZE AWARD MEALS.

Our quality pledge
 Our meals are freshly prepared with seasonal ingredients
 Our eggs are free range
 Our meat is farm level assured by Quality Meat Scotland
 We don't serve any endangered fish
 Our menu is free from undesirable additives and GM ingredients

TR7 COOKING THESE SCHOOL MEAL FAVOURITES AT HOME.

CHICKEN CURRY

Ingredients	Method
Onions 60g	1. Gently cook onion and garlic without colouring.
Water 375ml	2. Mix in the curry powder and flour and cook gently for 2 minutes.
Garlic 1g	3. Mix in the tomato puree.
Chicken bouillon 6mg	4. Boil the water add the chicken bouillon.
Vegetable oil 10ml	5. Add chicken stock to the curry powder mix until a smooth sauce, simmer for 20 minutes.
Cooked chicken 300g	6. Add cooked chicken, heat through for another 20 minutes.
Curry powder 10ml	7. Serve with boiled rice.
Tomato puree 6g	

CHICKEN STIR FRY

Ingredients	Method
Vegetable oil 12ml	1. Cut peppers and spring onions into diamond shapes and carrots into julienne strips.
Water 250ml	2. Heat oil in a pan, add vegetables and stir fry for 5 minutes, add chicken and cook for a further 3 minutes.
Cooked chicken 300g	3. Whisk together water, soy sauce, cornflour and vegetable bouillon, bring to the boil and simmer for 5 minutes.
Vegetable bouillon 7g	4. Add the chicken mixture to the sauce, add beansprouts and cook for a further 3 minutes, then serve.
Spring onions 60g	
Soy sauce 25g	
Carrots 60g	
Cornflour 15g	
Red peppers 60g	
Garlic 15g	
Bean sprouts 50g	

SCHOOL MEALS

Price £2.20 DAILY

FOOD FOR LIFE BRONZE AWARD MEALS

soil Association

SCHOOL MENU

Our school meals are healthy, balanced and nutritious. We take great care in what we have in our menus. Not just to meet legal requirements, but because we want our school meals to be healthy nutritious and enjoyable.

If your child we will work For more info soft-fmp@renfrewshire.gov.uk tel: 0300 30

Water, milk, bread and fruit available every day

Week 2

Week 3

Lunchtime

For the first few weeks of term, only packed lunches will be available. Children in P1-P3 continue to be eligible for a free school meal (packed lunch). Older children should bring a packed lunch or can order one in school. A cool pack should be included to keep the contents fresh. It is advisable to store the packed lunch in a labelled plastic container that can be washed thoroughly at home in the evening. Tables will be cleaned prior to and after eating. Hand washing/sanitising will also form a crucial part of the hygiene routine.

In a change to routine, it is likely that children with packed lunches in P4-7 will eat in their classrooms or outdoors, weather permitting. From October, they will eat at their own desk. Children in P1-P3 will eat at designated tables in the Dining Hall. Staggered lunchtimes will allow more space for adults and children to eat. Children will be supervised during lunchtimes and encouraged to make their way into the playground when finished eating.

When hot meals resume, menus will be available on our school website and on the Renfrewshire Council website. It's advisable to discuss the menu with your child the night before, so that they know what they will order. Sometimes, a packed lunch is a good back up plan for days when the menu does not appeal to your child's tastebuds!

Contact Details

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