



Phased Return to School

Following the First Minister's statement in Parliament on Tuesday indicating that ELC pupils and pupils in P1-3 would return to school on Monday 22nd February, we are now pleased to be able to share with you further detail about our arrangements for Broomhill pupils.

The supplementary guidance issued by the Scottish Government reiterates the need for schools to continue to follow strict COVID-19 control measures and in keeping with the guidance, we have reviewed access and egress arrangements to ensure that we limit opportunities for children and parents to congregate. Staff, will routinely be reminding/guiding your child to maintain regular handwashing, consider 2m distancing from staff and one another where possible and not share resources with others to ensure that everyone does all they can to keep themselves and members of their family safe.

The First Minister spoke at length about how the partial return to school buildings cannot be seen as a return to normal practices and asked that parents remember to support the strict COVID-19 controls in place by not congregating at the school gates and remembering FACTS. As we plan for the partial return, I ask you to help us by ensuring that you keep a strict 2m distance between yourself and other households during drop off and pick up and continue to follow the general advice to wear face coverings when around others out with your household. Schools will only be able to open further, if there is clear evidence that the partial return has not impacted negatively on levels of community transmission, so we are keen to minimise any risk by following this guidance closely.

Planning our return

We have arrangements in place to ensure that the following priorities are met:

- In School learning for Early Learning and Childcare
- In School learning for pupils in Primary 1 – Primary 3
- Continued childcare and support for pupils of key workers, in P4-7
- Continued provision of Online Learning for pupils in P4-7

Early Learning and Childcare

Pupils in our nursery classes will return to their allocated sessions from Monday 22nd February. Our Early Years team will continue to work to the Risk Assessments in place, and the arrangements in place for entry and exit to the nursery rooms will continue, as previously.

As preparations continue for the provision of 1140 hours later this year, we are delighted to be continuing to build our team and welcome the following new members of staff to Broomhill:

Therese Barclay (Early Years Practitioner) Thursday/Friday only

Agnieska Karczewska (Support Worker) Monday – Friday

Our Early Years staff will begin working a rota system within the nursery rooms, as some will continue to support our childcare hubs.

In School learning for pupils in Primary 1 – Primary 3

Pupils in P1-3 will return to school on Monday 22nd February and will be taught by their class teachers.

Primary 1 Room 4 – Miss Still	Primary 2 Room 11 – Mrs Shand/Miss Aitken
Primary 1 Room 7 – Mr Hewitt	Primary 3 Room 8 – Miss McGregor
Primary 1/2 Room 5 – Miss Massie	Primary 3 of P3/4 – Miss Webster
Primary 2 Room 9 – Miss Palompo	

Arrangements for entry and exit to the school playground will continue as before, with the same timings. (as detailed below).

Parents and carers are reminded that the return to school for these pupils does not indicate a return to normality and parents/carers dropping off/collecting pupils from school should adhere to the following guidance:

- Parents/carers should adhere to drop off/collection times and time their arrival accordingly to avoid any unnecessary gathering
- Pupils should be collected/dropped off by only one adult
- Parents/carers should not enter the school playground in the morning unless absolutely necessary to support their child. School Staff will be on hand in the playground to offer support if required.
- Once your child is in the playground, parents should leave the area and not stand to observe or congregate in the surrounding area.
- Any parent/carer/visitor to the school grounds must wear a face covering at all times
- Walking to school is encouraged to avoid traffic congestion

Timings for P1-3 are as follows:

Class	Entry/Exit Door	Entry Time	Lunch	Home Time
Room 4 P1	Infant	8.55am	11.50am – 12.30pm	2.50pm
Room 5 P1/2	Infant	9am	11.50am – 12.30pm	2.55pm
Room 7 P1	Infant	9.05am	11.50am – 12.30pm	3pm
Room 11 P2	Senior	8.55am	11.50am – 12.30pm	2.50pm
Room 9 P2	Senior	9am	11.50am – 12.30pm	2.55pm
Room 8 P3	Senior	9.05am	12.30pm – 1.10pm	3pm
Room 13 P3	Senior	9.05am	12.30pm – 1.10pm	3pm
P4-7 Childcare Hubs	Front	8.55am	12.30pm – 1.10pm	2.50pm

Classes and groups will continue to stay together as 'bubbles' and will not mix with other classes. Strict arrangements will continue to be in place to ensure distancing between classes at breaks and lunchtimes and when moving around the school building.

Continued childcare and support for pupils of key workers, in P4-7

Our childcare Hub provision will continue for those children already allocated spaces. These hubs will be supported by our PSA staff and some of our Early Years Team, in Room 18 and Room 19. Pupils within these groups will also stay together as a 'bubble' and have their own space in the playground at lunchtime and break time. Timings for entry and exit to the building are indicated in the timetable above. Pupils attending

the childcare hubs should enter school via the front entrance where they register attendance with the office and order their school lunch.

Great Western Pre-School will continue to offer breakfast/after school care for vulnerable or key worker children only.

Continued provision of Online Learning for pupils in P4-7

The provision of Online Learning will continue for pupils in P4-7, at home or if attending for childcare and will be provided by your child's class teacher with the exception of P4 pupils in our P3/4 composite class.

Room 10 P4 – Miss Wagg	Room 12 P6 – Mr King
Room 16 P4 – Miss McClosky/Mrs Webster	Room 15 P6 – Miss Robertson
Room 20 P5 – Mrs Morrison/Mrs Gordon	Room 21 P7 – Mrs Powell
Room 19 P5 – Mrs Gardner/Mrs Sealy	Room 22 P7 – Miss Wallace

Parents and carers are reminded that pupils need to be logging on to the Google Classroom each day to engage with learning and check-in/register with their teacher. Attendance procedures are still in place and non-attendance online will be followed up by our office staff.

A reminder that *Advice for Pupils and Parents about Digital Learning Online* is available on our website: <https://broomhill.aberdeen.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Digital-Learning-Advice-for-Pupils-and-Parents.pdf>

P3/4 Room 13

Miss Webster will be working in school with the Primary 3 group and Miss Esson will provide the online learning for the P4 group from home. Miss Webster will liaise closely with Miss Esson on the provision of work for her class and has time out of class on a Friday to catch up with her P4 group. The P3s in school will be taught by Mrs Dillaway each Friday.

Pupils who are currently shielding

If your child is currently shielding on the advice of NHS then they should continue to do so.

Staffing

We are fortunate to have been able to ensure consistency in teaching staff across our classes, limiting changes for our pupils. All of our team are continuing to work exceptionally hard to ensure that In School learning begins for our youngest pupils, online learning is provided for P4-7 pupils at home, and our childcare provision for children of key worker pupils is uninterrupted. However, the introduction of twice weekly testing for school staff may mean that changes have to be put in place at short notice, if for example a member of staff is required to isolate until further testing can be carried out.

Miss Cheryl Forbes will join our staff team on Monday. Miss Forbes is due to cover the Maternity Leave for Miss Esson and joins us early to support the return to school. Miss Forbes will be teaching in different classes to cover teacher's Non-class contact time.

Miss Murray (Support for Learning) will reduce her hours at Broomhill from the 1st of March and will be with us on a Monday and Tuesday only. For the first few weeks, Miss Murray will also be teaching in class and will have reduced capacity to support groups and individuals.

Curriculum Focus

As pupils return to school there will be a continued focus on Health and Wellbeing, as a priority and of course, literacy and numeracy. As always, assessment is an ongoing part of our work in school but this will take some time. I encourage all parents to be patient and allow everyone a chance to settle back into school and readjust. School staff will contact you if there are any difficulties or concerns about your child.

School Lunches

We return to the provision of the full School Meal Menu from Monday 22nd Feb. Details are available here: <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2020-10/Primary%20School%20Menu%20Winter%2720-1%281%29.pdf>

Weekly updates to parents/carers will continue in the following weeks as we monitor our systems and procedures and assess the impact of our return to school. Please continue to follow all of the guidance in place and keep up to date with communication from school each week. We thank you for your ongoing support as we navigate through these times. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at broomhill@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs D Reid (Head Teacher)