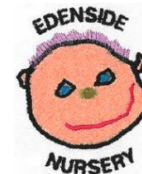




Edenside Primary
Welcome back (almost)
Information for P1 – 7 children



Thank you for your patience and understanding over the past week as we worked to finalise the plans for re-opening our school. There has been much to discuss and consider, both at SBC level and school level. We hope the following information provides sufficient details and, most importantly, assurance that your children are returning to a school that is safe and that is ready.

As ever, if you have any questions about this information, or any other matter, please get in touch via the channels detailed at the end of this note.

We look forward to welcoming your children on Tuesday! Until then, take care and stay safe.

Love from all of Team Edenside

Infection control

Ensuring our school is a safe place to learn is our first priority as we welcome your children back to school. To achieve this, the following measures will be in place:

- Regular hand-washing and increased ventilation.
- Enhanced deep cleaning of the school, notably surfaces, equipment, bathrooms, shared spaces.
- Clear procedures for managing any symptomatic children or staff.
- Staff use of PPE equipment where appropriate, including full PPE for any personal care or first aid delivery.
- Minimisation of visiting staff who work in a number of different schools.
- Unnecessary sharing of resources will be avoided.
- Thorough Risk assessments have been carried out and approved this week in consultation with SBC's Health & Safety and Cleaning departments.

If you want, children can bring their own soap or hand sanitiser for their sole use.

Staying vigilant and responding to COVID-19 symptoms

We need our whole school community to be vigilant for the symptoms of COVID-19, and to take appropriate action should someone develop them. The most common symptoms are:

- new continuous cough
- fever/high temperature
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia).

It is essential that people do not attend school if symptomatic, but instead self-isolate (along with their household) and follow guidance on NHS Inform and from Test and Protect.

If, once at school, a child is considered to be displaying symptoms, we will immediately contact parents and request that the child be collected. Families should then follow the national guidance for households with possible COVID-19 infection including testing and self-isolation.

Getting 'school ready'

A few basic 'essentials':

- Full uniform is to be worn and all items should be clearly labelled.
- Children will need a full PE kit (trainers, plain shorts, plain t-shirt) in a bag at the start of each week. These will be kept on pegs and returned for washing each Friday.
- Children should bring a water bottle and school bag. All other personal belongings strongly discouraged other than a pencil case which are permitted for the sole use of your child (no sharing).
- P6 and 7 pupils do NOT need to bring their iPads in to school yet. Further details to follow.

Drop off and pick up arrangements

We want to balance the physical health priorities of the school community with the emotional health needs of our children. To this end, the following arrangements should facilitate a positive and safe arrival at and departure from school.

Morning drop off

- Nursery children should arrive through the Nursery Gate and should be 'dropped off' at their dedicated drop off Point and time. Your child's group and timing is detailed in the body of this email.
- For the first week, P1 children will be 'dropped off' in the yard space (by the car park). Social distancing measures will be introduced for parents. Please **arrive at the following times** but not before:
 - 9:00 am Children with surnames A-G
 - 9:10 am Children with surnames H-P
 - 9:20 am Children with surnames R-ZClass teachers will collect the children here.
- P2-7 will be 'dropped off' outside of school but should **not arrive BEFORE 8.50am**. Children will go straight to classrooms; there will be no 'playtime' before school to limit any 'cross-bubble' infection.

Afternoon pick-up

- Nursery children will be collected at their dedicated drop of Point. Details of this can be found in the body of this email.

- P1 children will be 'picked up' from the yard space (by car park). Social distancing measures will be introduced for parents. Parents will be asked to **collect P1 children at the following times:**
 - 3:20 pm Children with surnames A-G
 - 3:25 pm Children with surnames H-P
 - 3:30 pm Children with surnames R-Z
- P2-4 children will be 'picked up' from the following playground areas at 3:30:
 - P2 > playground behind school, blue zone
 - P3 > playground behind school, yellow zone
 - P4 > basketball court, green zone

All parents should arrive via swimming pool car park entrance and leave via main school gate. Social distancing measures will be in place for parents.
- P5-7 children will be 'picked up' outside of school. Parents are asked to agree a pick up point outside school.
- For families with children across year groups, parents will collect their youngest child first. Class teachers will 'hold on' to older siblings (including P5-7s) until the parent arrives.

Arrangements for children who travel to and from school by bus

Children will gather in the school hall both before and after school. They will be socially distanced while in this space to limit any 'cross-bubble' infection.

Bubbles

We will implement a 'bubble' approach, with each class being its own 'bubble'. In the Nursery, each group of children will form a 'bubble'.

- 'Bubbles' will have limited / restricted contact with other 'bubbles' during the school day. Classes will remain within their classroom space or have timetabled access to shared spaces (playground zones, school hall, secret garden, etc).
- Break times will be staggered and the playground will be split into zones. Each class will have sole use of a dedicated zone for the duration of their play time (mid-morning, lunch and afternoon).
- Lunch times will be staggered. For the short term, all school dinners will be a 'Grab and Go' packed lunch OR home packed-lunch. These will be eaten in the dining hall (for our infant pupils) or in classrooms / outside for our older pupils.

Lunches

You should already have received the information directly from SBC about lunches. Children can either bring a home packed-lunch (in the usual way) or order a school 'Grab and Go' lunch.

For the first week, children will be asked in the morning if they have a home packed-lunch. If not, a school 'Grab and Go' will be ordered for them at the new cost of £2.30. **Lunches are free of charge for all children from Nursery to P3.**

'Grab and Go' lunches will consist of a sandwich, carton of juice, piece of fruit and a piece of home baking.

Login information for ParentPay (our online booking system) will be sent home with children next week. Please don't worry about accessing this before then.

Curriculum

We have developed a unique 'back to school' curriculum that will support your child's learning for the first few weeks. This is designed to enable every child to succeed, to re-engage them with learning, to further develop their resilience and to revisit the fundamentals of literacy and maths. We will also be introducing a new whole-school theme; further information about this and our 'back to school' curriculum will be shared soon. Our youngest learners in Nursery and Primary 1 will engage with the themes in a play-based way.

Breakfast club







Our early morning breakfast club WILL operate for children in P1-7. This will be available from 8am each morning. Children will be required to adhere to social distancing measures to limit the risk of 'cross-bubble' infection. Parents must supervise their child(ren) until school staff open the doors each morning.

As a result of financial pressures, we have taken the decision to increase the cost of breakfast club to £2 per day. This ensures we can cover the costs of food and the 2 staff required each day. If this is a problem at all, please get in touch. Children entitled to grant-funded free school meals are exempt from payment.

Keeping in touch

We hope you know that we value the relationships we have with our families. We want to maintain and build on this. However, for the time being this will need to be a 'virtual' relationship as we restrict face-to-face meetings and access to the school building. **If you need to be in the building, you MUST phone to make an appointment.**

If you want to get in touch, please use the following channels:

-  Phone the office on 01573 224264
-  Email the office at edensideps@scotborders.gov.uk
-  Visit the school website at www.edensideps.scotborders.gov.uk
-  Follow us on Facebook @EdensidePS
-  Follow us on Twitter @EdensidePS
-  Download the new Xpressions App

We will keep in touch with you via Friday updates and Facebook.