



**EDUCATION**  
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Dear Parents and Carers

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## **Return to school from Spring Break - COVID Update April 2022**

As we approach the Spring break, I would like to give you an update on our arrangements for the final term of school.

As you may be aware, COVID Guidance from the Scottish Government has been updated which has resulted in our school having the opportunity to review guidance whilst retaining a sensible set of routine protective measures to keep staff, children and families safe. I have captured this below. The key changes will take effect from 25 April 2022.

### **Key changes include:**

#### **School Drop Off and Collection**

We will no longer be staggering our school drop off and collection times and will return to our original school day times outlined below:

#### **Monday - Thursday:**

8.55am - 3.20pm

#### **Friday:**

8.55am - 12.30pm

We are still keen to minimise the number of adults in our school playground and continue to ask that where possible, only one adult accompanies our P1-3 children into the playground. Any adults in our playground or school building will be asked to take reasonable steps to ensure physical distancing from other adults and should continue to wear a mask in line with national guidance.

**Please remember that all P1-3 children should be collected by an adult at the end of the school day. If there are any changes to your arrangements, please contact the school office to let us know.**

#### **School Lunches**

All children will eat their lunch in the dining hall and we will continue to implement a staggered lunch system.

### **Visits into our School and ELC Setting**

There are no restrictions on parents and carers entering our school building although all visitors will be expected to comply with our routine measures.

### **Parental Engagement**

Activities that support parental and carer engagement can take place in school, face to face, and as a result of this, we are currently reviewing our arrangements for next term including P1 and P7 transition events, Sports Days and Parent Consultations. We welcome the return of our families into school and will send out a calendar of events at the start of next term so that you can put up and coming dates in your diary.

### **School Uniform**

As the weather improves, and less layers are required, we are encouraging all of our children to return to school wearing their school uniform. School uniform helps to promote our school identity and fosters a sense of belonging. Children may wear their PE kit to school on PE days. Please note that loose fitting clothes such as a T-shirt, sweatshirt and joggers and no football colours are appropriate on PE days.

### **Routine Protective Measures**

We will continue to ensure good ventilation is maintained within our school. The rigorous cleaning procedures will remain in place and we will continue to promote good handwashing routines.

### **Self-isolation**

We will continue to record the reason for any pupil and staff absence and review this regularly to monitor any potential outbreak.

Children, young people and staff must stay at home and self-isolate if they:

- have symptoms of COVID-19, whether they feel unwell or not
- have tested positive, even if asymptomatic

### **Communication**

We understand that COVID has impacted upon our school community in different ways. If you would like to discuss any of our school arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact us in the first instance:

- by telephoning the school office on 0131 271 4610
- by emailing [kingspark\\_ps@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:kingspark_ps@midlothian.gov.uk)

We will continue to use Group Call, our School App, Website, Twitter and letters to communicate with our school community regularly. You can access our School App by downloading the 'Scot Ed' application in your App Store and selecting 'King's Park' from the options list.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further queries or would like to discuss specific circumstances relating to your child.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Warm wishes,

*Laurinda Renton*

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