



Reopening of Newtongrange Primary School

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Asymptomatic testing programme	Hand and respiratory hygiene	PPE in specific circumstances	Face coverings in primary schools	Physical distancing for adults
<p>ALL staff are encouraged to continue with twice weekly at home LFD testing.</p> <p>After 6 weeks, once all staff have had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated, and subject to evidence around implementation of the updated self-isolation policy for children and young people, the asymptomatic testing programme will be reviewed.</p>	<p>Proceed as per guidance pre summer.</p> <p>Children and staff will maintain Covid-secure personal hygiene throughout the day including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent washing/ sanitising of hands for 20 seconds and drying thoroughly. • Always when entering/ leaving the building, before/ after eating and after using the toilet. • Avoiding touching their faces including mouth, eyes and nose. • Using a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze, and use bins that are emptied regularly for tissue waste. 	<p>PPE to be used in specific circumstances</p> <p>PPE to be used when supporting a child with personal care or first aid.</p> <p>Hand hygiene is essential before and after all contact with a child receiving intimate or personal care, before putting on PPE, after removal of PPE and after cleaning equipment and the environment. Hands should be washed with soap and water.</p>	<p>Face coverings must be worn by adults wherever they cannot maintain the appropriate physical distance from other adults and/or children.</p> <p>Face coverings should be worn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at all times when adults in primary schools are moving around the school in corridors, office and admin areas, dinner halls (except when dining) and other indoor communal areas, (including staff rooms and toilets) • by parents and other visitors to all school sites, including parents at drop-off and pick-up times. <p>Updated Early Years guidance now states, face coverings are not required for ELC, P1 and P2 staff when working directly with children. However, staff may still choose to wear a face covering in these circumstances.</p>	<p>Staff should retain 'at least 1 metre' physical distancing from other staff and children</p> <p>This includes when using shared staff spaces:</p>



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ELC Attendance	School Attendance	Uniform	Equipment	Home Learning Resources
<p>This session we will be offering 1140hrs</p> <p>Initially children will remain in 2 cohorts and accessing different areas within the ELC setting and garden.</p>	<p>P1 learners will have a phased start into school and will attend school on Wednesday 18th August – Friday 20th August from 9:00am – 12:00 noon.</p> <p>P1 learners will attend school full time from Monday 23rd August 2021.</p> <p>All P2 – P7 learners will attend school full time from Wednesday 18th August 2021.</p>	<p>We expect and encourage all children to wear school uniform.</p> <p>Children will continue to come to school in sports wear on the day they have PE.</p> <p>Changing rooms will remain closed at this time.</p>	<p>Children may continue to bring a school bag. School bags will be kept in the classroom during this time under their desks.</p> <p>Children should not bring unnecessary items or toys.</p> <p>Children should bring a full water bottle every day and take it home to be washed every night.</p>	<p>We are able to send home reading books and home learning resources.</p> <p>Resources no longer require to be quarantined for 72 hours before being issued to the next child.</p>



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Staggered Start and Finish Time	School Gate	Drop-off and Collection	Distancing	Late Coming
<p>Staggered start and finish times will remain in place at this time to ensure large gatherings of groups are avoided.</p> <p>Please refer to start/finish times for your child(ren)'s class detailed further in this communication.</p>	<p>Our school playground will be closed to everyone until 5 minutes prior to the first start time (8:45am).</p> <p>Please bring your child to school as close to their drop off time as possible.</p>	<p>Please follow the one-way system as detailed.</p> <p>We request that only one parent or carer brings/ collects their child to school.</p> <p>At this time, parents will not be able to accompany their child across the playground to their entry point. However, staff will be in the playground to support children their entry points.</p>	<p>Although the current guidance has reduced social distancing between children, it is still in place for adults.</p> <p>Please ensure you maintain 'at least 1m' social distancing from all adults and children out with your household.</p>	<p>We encourage all parents and learners to ensure they arrive on time within their allocated start and end time, however, if a learner is late, they should come to the main entrance of school.</p>



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Classroom	SfL and Nurture Groups	Movement Around School	Break and Lunch Time	Enhanced Cleaning
<p>P1 & P2 classes will follow the ELC guidance to allow children to continue to experience a play based curriculum.</p> <p>P2/3-P7 Classrooms can be set up with group tables but movement around the classroom should continue to be limited.</p> <p>All rooms will continue to be well ventilated with open windows and doors where ever possible.</p> <p>Learning Assistants and NCCT teachers can work with different classes/groups throughout the day with consideration of appropriate mitigations.</p>	<p>Support for Learning and nurture staff can work towards taking mixed stage groups with consideration of appropriate mitigations.</p> <p>Where work spaces are shared, there will be cleaning between use.</p>	<p>Careful timetabling will be in place to minimise movement around the school building.</p> <p>A one-way system will be used where possible.</p> <p>Bells will be switched off to allow for staggered movement at changeover times e.g. break and lunchtimes.</p>	<p>Break and lunch times will be staggered to continue to be a time to promote play experiences within safe environments. A maximum of 4 classes will share a playground area.</p> <p>At this time, children will continue to eat their lunches in their classrooms.</p>	<p>Cleaning will be carried out during the school day in accordance with Covid-19 – guidance for non-healthcare settings.</p> <p>There will be regular and routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched objects and surfaces.</p> <p>The school will be cleaned every night/ morning.</p>



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Curriculum	Outdoor Learning	Online Learning	Resources
<p>Our Building Back Better curriculum focuses on the wellbeing of our children and progress within literacy and numeracy experiences.</p> <p>All PE can take place indoors and outdoors.</p> <p>Singing can now take place but large group singing should be avoided.</p> <p>Assemblies will continue to be virtually at this time.</p>	<p>In order to enrich the learning experiences we delivered, outdoor spaces will be used as often as possible.</p> <p>The outdoors can provide extra space for distancing between consistent groups of learners, help to decrease the risk of transmission and improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of children.</p>	<p>We will set up new Google Classrooms for P2-P7 learners and Seesaw for nursery and P1 learners in the first few weeks.</p> <p>We will continue to develop children digital skills in using these platforms and children are encouraged to share their home learning on them.</p>	<p>ALL unnecessary resources have been removed from classroom areas to facilitate thorough cleaning.</p> <p>Children will continue to have access to equipment to support learning. These resources will be easy to clean regularly.</p>



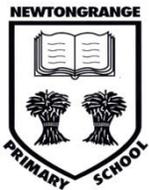
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ELC Setting

Cohort A (Mrs Addie and Team)	Cohort B (Mrs Black and Team)
Start time: 8:30am End time: 3:00pm (12:10 on a Friday) Enter via the ELC Garden Gate	Start time: 8:30am End time: 3:00pm (12:10 on a Friday) Enter via the ELC Main Door

School

Class	Start Time	Break Time	Lunch Time	Finish Time
P1a P2a P2/3 P3/4 P4/5 P5/6 P7a	8:45am	10:15 – 10:30am	12:00 – 12:45pm	2:55pm (Friday 12:05pm)
P1b P1c P2b P3 P4 P5 P6 P7b	9:00am	10:35 – 10:50am	12:30 – 1:15pm	3:10pm (Friday 12:20pm)



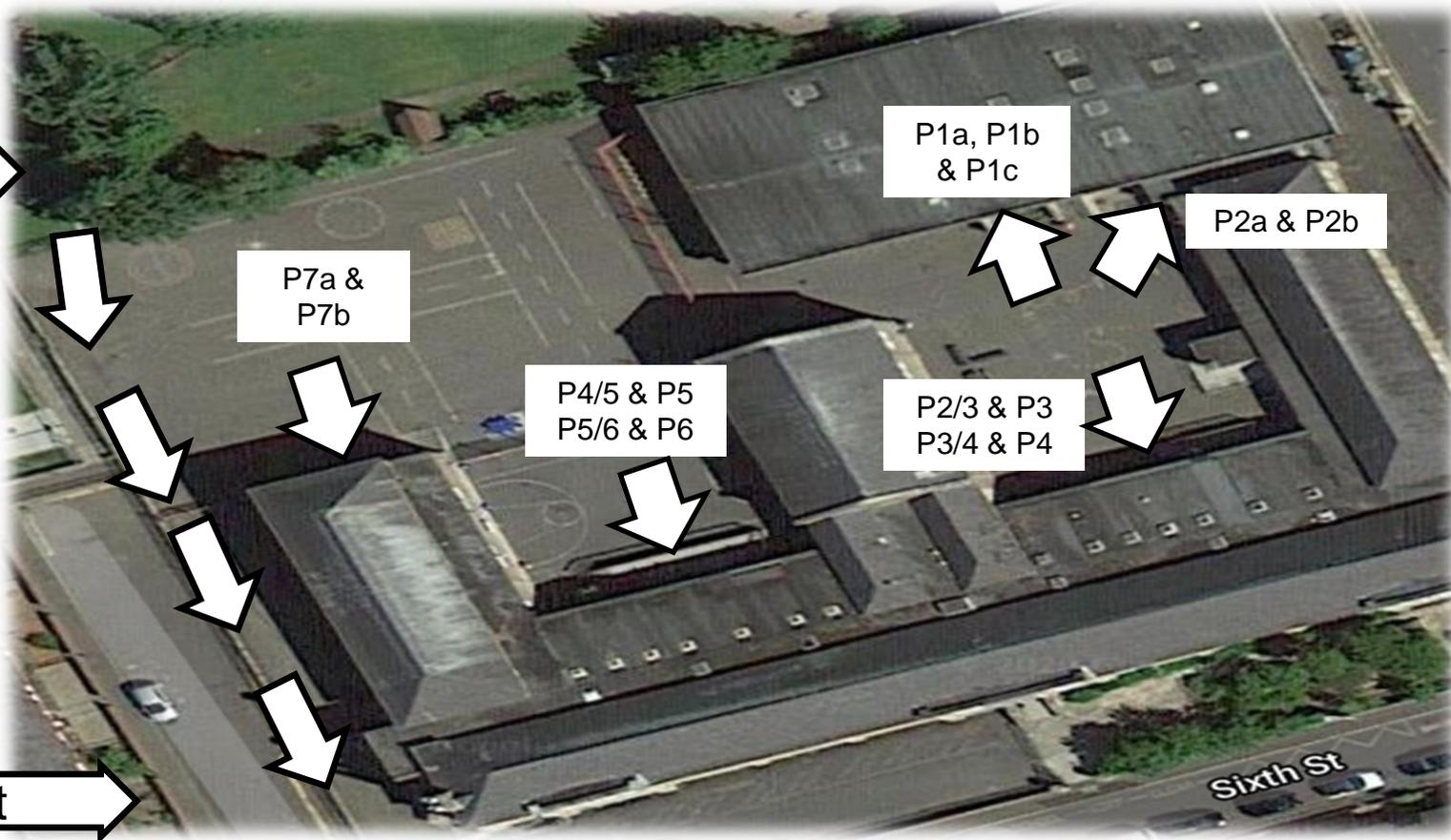
One Way System and Class Entry Points

Entrance →

One Way System

Please enter by the park gate and exit by the car park onto Sixth Street.

→ Exit



N.B. Please support your child to be mindful of parked cars as you leave the car park.



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One Way System and Class Entry Points

The arrangements for Parents and Carers to drop off and collect children requires careful consideration, to ensure that large gatherings of people are avoided and physical distancing between adults and children of different groupings is maintained.

- **Arrive at school as close to your child's start time/ pick up time**, spending as little time in the playground as possible and avoid gathering with other households. The school gates will open 5 minutes before children are due in school.
- Please follow the one-way system.
- Only **ONE** parent or carer brings their child to school.
- Please **keep playground access points clear** so children can make their way safely to their lines.
- **Adults and carers wear face-coverings** whilst in the playground.
- **All Adults and carers must maintain 'at least 1 metre'** from all adults and children out with your household and please don't spend time chatting to each other in the playground.
- **During this time, we request that parents and carers do not wait in the playground between the two start times and two pick up times. We appreciate this is not ideal for some families but we need to do, at this time, to ensure the safety of everyone in our school community.**
- Please **remember staff are in the playground to support with drop off and pick times** so parents and carers do not need to wait until their child goes into class.



Classroom Location Plan 2020-2021

This map details which classrooms, classes will be based in this session.

