

Back to school

Our plans for the September return



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents,

It has been a joy for us all to be back at school for the last half of the summer term and given the world a semblance of order again. As we look forward to September, we have been making plans following new Government Guidelines. Much of our current social distancing measures, drop off and pick up arrangements will remain, however Wrap Around Care and Clubs will resume. I am sure that as your busy working lives pick up again, this will come as welcome news.

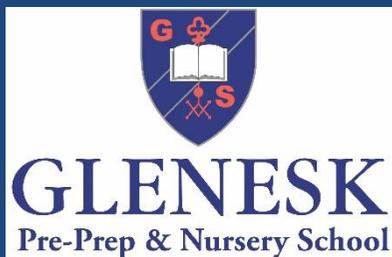
We have made some changes to uniform details, collection times for siblings and arrangements for sport so please do read the following pages before returning to school.

If there are any questions that remain unanswered, please leave a message on the school answer machine and we will return your call.

In the meantime, I wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday

Best wishes,

Sarah Bradley



WRAPAROUND CARE

Early Birds

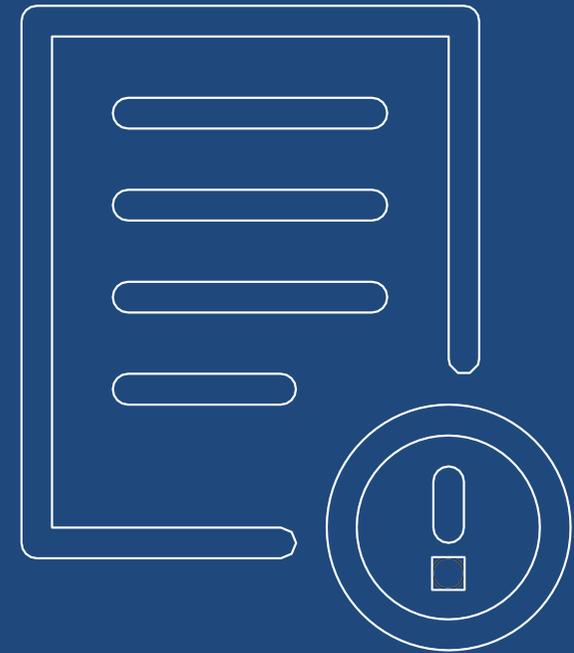
- Early Birds will resume enabling you to drop your child off at school between 7.45am and 8.30am. Parents will still not be able to come into school, so please ring the front door bell and a member of staff will come and escort your child to Early Birds for you.

Stay and Play

- Stay & Play will resume and runs from 3.30pm to 6.00pm daily. A hot Tea will be available for any children staying after 4.30.
- Stay & Play will be led by Miss Bowles, one of our Nursery Teachers.
- When collecting your child, please ring the front door bell and a member of staff will bring your child to you.

Bookings for Early Birds and Stay & Play

- Please note that from September all wraparound care will be bookable in advance through our new app. Further details on this will follow before September



Specialist Staff

Specialist teachers will be returning to school during the Autumn Term and delivering the full Glenesk Curriculum.

Sport

All sports will resume except for contact sports such as Judo.

Sports matches with other schools will resume as soon as Government Guidelines allow

Swimming

Swimming lessons and clubs will resume in our indoor pool as soon as Government Guidelines allow

General Information

Parents/visitors to school

Parents and visitors may not enter the school building. Please telephone or email if at all possible rather than visit the office

For your safety and that of the office staff visits to the school office should be made by prior arrangement.

- Visits to the school office made by prior arrangement should be made through the front door of the school.
- If another visitor is already in the school office, you may be asked to wait at the front door.
- Sneeze guards have been fitted to the front office desk for your protection and that of staff.

Pick up and drop off points for each class

Nursery Door - Nursery children should be dropped off and collected from the Nursery door, using the one way system. Entry is through the gate to the right hand side of the front door. Exit is via the Nursery gate.

Side Entrance – Rising Reception, Reception and Year 1

Front Door - Year 2

Pick up and Drop off arrangements

Years	School day	Drop off	Pick up
Year 2	8.30-3.45	8.30	3.45
Year 1	8.30-3.45	8.30-40	3.45
Reception	8.40-3.30	Between 8.40-8.50	3.30
Rising Reception	8.50-3.15	Between 8.50-9.00	3.15
Nursery	8.45-9.00	Between 8.45-9.00	12.00/1.30/3.15

New drop off and pick up for siblings:

Where possible, families with more than one child should drop off and pick using the oldest child's time slot.

This will ensure the older child does not miss lessons at the end of the day. Younger siblings should be collected from their usual pick up and drop off exits.

Younger siblings waiting until 3.45 will be taken to Stay & Play and brought to the side entrance at 3.45 ready for collection.

Parents cannot enter the school building. Staff from each class will be at the door to receive children.

Parents are asked to explain to their children that they will drop them off at the door and not accompany them in to school.

To keep the flow of traffic moving, David or another member of staff may open a car door at the drop off point to enable a child to get out of the car by themselves. He/she will wear gloves and stand back to maintain social distancing while the child gets out of the car. If children need help getting out of the car, the parent should assist.

Parents may park their cars as usual and walk to the school door. However parents must maintain social distancing. A clearly marked queuing system will be in operation.



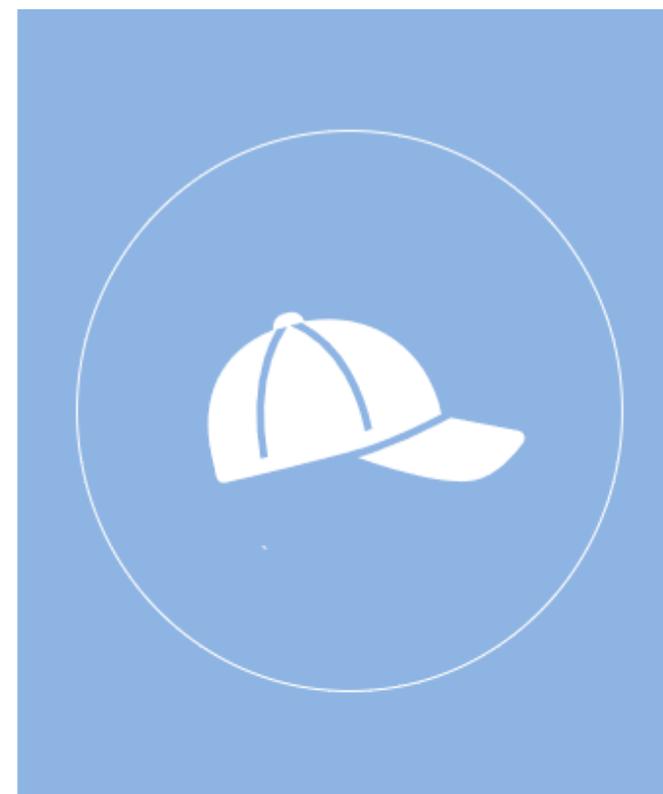
UNIFORM AND KIT

We are endeavouring to have as few personal items as possible travelling between home and school so please follow this guide:

There is now no need to wash your child's uniform daily as requested during the summer term

Yes	No
School uniform School shoes Water bottles Blazer Hat or Cap PE KIT should be worn to school on days when PE or Gymnastics is on the timetable	Book bags Swimming Kit (until pools are opened) To be left at school Waterproof coat Wellington Boots Trainers Art overall - Anything practical to protect clothing will suffice

Detail	
Water bottles	Will be sent home daily for cleaning. Please ensure your child's water bottle is of a size and design they can use without help
Reading books	Reading books will be sent home and set aside on their return
Toys	Soft toys will be put away. Other toys to be rotated daily or cleaned
Pens and Pencils	Reception and Year 1 will have their own pencil pots. In Rising Reception and Nursery, pencils and colours will be changed daily
Show and Tell	Do not bring items for show and tell, or any toys from home



Glenesk School uniform is provided by

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WHAT IF I HAVE ANY QUERIES OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS?

The office staff will be available over the summer break, checking the phone and email messages at least every other day, so do please get in touch with any queries if you need to.

WHAT ABOUT LOCAL LOCKDOWNS?

We are planning in detail what happens if the school needs to temporarily close in the case of an outbreak or localised lockdown. If the call comes we can respond quickly, following a pre-agreed plan. In this case, online and remote learning will resume using Seesaw as before.

WHAT IF MY CHILD TAKES REGULAR MEDICATION?

Medication will be administered by the child's class teacher or assistant in the classroom.

DOES MY CHILD NEED TO HAVE THEIR TEMPERATURE TAKEN DAILY?

The government guidance says no. However if your child shows signs of being unwell in any way they will be unable to come in to school.

WHAT ARE THE PROCEDURES FOR ILLNESS AND FIRST AID?

All first aid will be carried out in the classroom as class teachers are trained First Aiders. There is a designated isolation room in case of illness.

WHAT ABOUT INFECTION CONTROL?

We will continue our robust cleaning regime next year and work closely with our cleaning staff to ensure every possible risk mitigation is taken. We are also reviewing our infection control procedures over the Summer to allow us to track confirmed or suspected cases and communicate with parents in the smoothest way possible.

WHAT IS YOUR CLEANING REGIME?

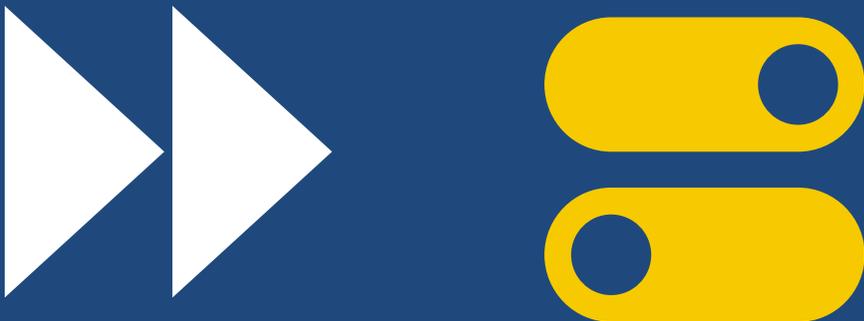
We have a robust cleaning regime throughout the school day with a focus on bathrooms and high-touch areas. At the end of the day we also repeat this and pay particular attention on the common areas of the school. In the instance of a confirmed COVID-19 case we will do a deep clean which will include all surface areas and carpets. In all cases we use coronavirus approved disinfectants/aerosols, and our cleaners have ordered sufficient stocks.

HOW WILL IT WORK?

We have done a large amount of scenario planning and we're confident we can get back to normal.

The latest government guidelines have significantly reduced the need for social distancing and as a result schools have been encouraged to return to a full timetable for all year groups.

This is great news and to the right is a summary of what we know now. This is, of course, conditional on the continued downward trend of the infection rate.



GUIDANCE SUMMARY

Based on the government guidance released on 2 July this is what we are basing our planning on:

- Primary - the bubble concept will be increased from a maximum of 16 to 30.
- Specialist teachers will be able to move between classes provided they maintain social distancing.
- Staggered pick up and drop off times should remain to enable social distancing.
- One-way systems within school remain in place
- A focus on hygiene and cleaning continues to be a priority.
- Track and trace in schools will be a focus

RETURN TO SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS

98%

of parents agreed that their child benefitted returning to school

100%

of parents agreed that their family benefitted from the return to school

98%

of parents agreed that the return to school process was well managed by the school

100%

of parents agreed every possible risk mitigation that could have been taken was taken by the school

THANK YOU FOR THE POSITIVE FEEDBACK

I believe everything was dealt with in a completely professional manner with safety put first. I do believe at the heart of the decisions were the families involved. Thank you.

The school have handled the return in a child focused way but maintaining sensitivity to the pandemic situation.

The school has totally achieved the new normal without making it a problem for any of us.

