

St Levan Primary School
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September opening information

Dear parents/carers

We are really looking forward to welcoming all children back to school in September. We intend to call each class a 'bubble' under the new guidelines. This means that as far as is physically possible the two classes will remain separate from each other, with the same staff members. Children will also have separate playtimes and lunchtime which will be organised by staff. We understand that some of the children in each class are brothers and sisters, however this is something we have been instructed to establish.

We aim to keep things as simple and as low key as possible for the first half of the Autumn term to support children to settle back to school and the new 'normal'. Due to the restrictions, unfortunately, at this stage of the Autumn term there will be no breakfast club and no after school clubs. This is to further reduce mixing children which may create potential to spread any infection. Should this cause specific childcare issues for working parents then please contact us. There may be regular visitors to the school but they will be COVID- 19 aware and act accordingly. This is to help us maintain our broad and balanced curriculum. We will be reviewing our practice on a regular basis as new information arises.

We realise that staggering the start and end of the day by year groups makes things difficult for families for siblings in both classes. We propose that we stagger by family instead with surnames A-L coming in 10 minutes earlier at 8.45am and M-Z surnames coming in at 8.55am. At the end of the day A-L will leave at 3.05pm and M-Z at 3.15pm. Your cooperation with punctuality will be very much appreciated. Please be considerate drivers when parking, picking up and dropping off children. If you wait at the outer gate you will also need to socially distance. Thank you.

Please be aware that parents will not be allowed on site themselves at this current time, with the exception of the reception cohort parents whose children will be settling in during the first few weeks. Staff will collect children from the bottom gate and they will go straight into class.

We would ask that you pay dinner money online where possible or place in a sealed envelope labelled with child's name and reason for money. You can email or phone with any queries.

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We have had hand sanitisers installed in each classroom and a new hand washing basin. Where possible we will be working outside as much as possible. Our encouragement of 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' along with regular hand washing will be in place. We will encourage social distancing of 1 metre + as requested in the guidelines but as I'm sure you can appreciate the younger the child, the harder this is to maintain. This is why children will be working strictly within class bubbles. We don't intend to take each child's temperature upon arrival at school, as some school's are doing but if your child is unwell in any way, or has any COVID symptoms it is essential that they do not come to school.

Finally, the government have stated that all children should return to school in the Autumn, we will continue recording absence and lateness in the usual fashion. Please rest assured that staff will do their utmost to make the return to school a joyful and positive experience. We will give children time to talk about their feelings and how lockdown has been for them. We have had specific training during lockdown to support this transition back into school.

Whilst we can put into place specific control measures and follow the latest government advice, we cannot guarantee anyone's safety from coming into contact with COVID-19 whilst attending school at this time.

Keeping Children and Staff Safe

We will follow the Government advice by implementing measures, applicable to our school's context to reduce the risk to children and staff to the best of our ability. Measures will include the following:

- All activities where possible will take place 1m apart.
- Keep what children bring to school to a minimum.
- Children will need to be dropped off and collected at the bottom school gate and a member of staff will be there to greet them in the morning.
- Children will be asked to wash their hands frequently, before eating and when entering and leaving school and re-entry to the classroom: hand sanitiser is available at different points around the school.
- Everything will be cleaned thoroughly and regularly.
- It is good practice for children to wear a different change of clean clothing each day to minimise the risk of spreading infection.
- Parents/carers will not be permitted on site during this time and any questions or queries for the office MUST be by phone or email.

We hope with everyone working together in this way we can start the Autumn term safely and confidently. All of the above is subject to change however, dependant on further outbreaks, lockdowns, renewed government guidelines. Conversely, the regulations could further relax prior to opening in September. We will alert you via our website of any changes.

Many thanks and we wish you all an enjoyable summer with your families.

Yours sincerely

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