



Coming Back Together

August 2021

Welcome Back

We are delighted to welcome all our pupils back to school after the Summer holidays but we need to do this safely.

Arrival on site

Families can be dropped off from 8:45am with an 8:55am start time.

Each class group are in their own bubble. Staff have arranged their own classroom to maximise social distancing and allow a safe distance between the pupils and staff. Each class bubble is able to socialise with their friends in their own designated play area.

Parent/ Carers must bring P1-2 children in their care to the designated point for that child's class, where they will have their temperature checked. We are strongly encouraging all adults to wear a face covering and to stay 2 metres away from other adults or other children.



Primary 1 & 2



Primary 3 & 4

Gate between Library and P4



Primary 5,6 & 7

Children in P3-7 do not need to be accompanied by an adult to the Temperature Checking Point. Children will not be supervised before 8:45 am and it is the parent/carers responsibility for their child's safety on site prior to 8:45 am.

- If the child's temperature is above 37.8° the child can sit on a chair and wait for 5-10 minutes and will then be re-tested. If the temperature is still high, parents/carers will be asked to take their child home.
- All gates will be locked except side gates into the yard.
- Pupils will go straight to their classroom and welcomed by staff- "Our Meet and Greet".
- The playground will be closed.
- On arrival pupils will be required to wash their hands.
- Pupils will need a waterproof coat and a pair of wellington boots.
- Please bring a snack and a drink in a labelled bottle. Ensure that the lunch bags are wipeable or disposable.
- Hot school dinners can be booked and paid for online (**hot dinners will be available from Wednesday 1st September. Pupils will be required to bring packed lunch on Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and Tuesday 31st August).**
- **P1-4 pupils are requested to bring their Book Bags to school on a Monday and Friday only** to allow for the change-over of reading books and homework. It is really important that reading books are returned to school on a Friday. Book bags available to purchase from the School Office.
- **P3 & 4 pupils will require their own pencil case which will remain in school, preferably wipeable.**
- **P5-7 pupils will need to bring their school bags and pencil case to school every day.**

Handwashing

Toilets

- Children only use the toilet allocated to their class.
- There will be no public access to toilets in the school reception area in order to prevent infection.

Break

- Pupils to bring a snack and labelled water bottle.
- Key Stage bubbles are in allocated areas.
- If a child needs First-Aid one of the staff trained in First-Aid will be wearing PPE for immediate response to an injury.

Visors/ Face Coverings

All staff have the option of wearing face coverings to give them some level of protection from possible infection via the children or adults on the school site. Please keep two metres distance from school staff. If you need to speak to a staff member in confidence, please ask them to phone you at their convenience or leave a message in the front office.

Lunch

- Pupils with packed lunches will eat their lunch in their classroom.
- Hot school meals will be eaten in the school hall and are available to book and pay online. A menu is available on the school website. The cost of a school dinner is £2.60. We strongly encourage parents to use the "Schoolmoney" system (www.eduspot.co.uk) for payment of school dinners, as we do not want to handle cash. **Please contact Karen in the school office on 028 44 830009 if you need help using the system (for example password re-set).**
- Key Stage bubbles will be in different play areas over lunch time.
- **Saintfield Kitchen, which provides the hot school dinners, will be operational from Wednesday 1st September. For the first 3 days of term, all pupils will need to bring a packed lunch to school.**

Pick Up

Primary 1

Primary 1 pupils will finish school at **12 noon** up to **Wednesday 29th September**. From **Thursday 30th September** a staggered pick up will take place at the following times, with parents/carers collecting children from the designated area.

A-L @1:50pm
M-W @2:00pm

Primary 2 & 3 pupils

A staggered pick up will take place at the following times, with parents/carers collecting children from designated areas.

A-L @1:50pm
M-W @2:00pm

Primary 4-7 pupils

A staggered pick up will take place at the following times, with parents/carers collecting children from designated areas.

A-L @2:50pm
M-W @3:00pm

P5-7

Staff will send pupils when their parent's or carer's car is safely parked at the front of the school. Please encourage your children to keep socially distanced from other pupils or adults on the school site.

Friday Afternoon Finishing Time for the Whole School

In order to support parents/carers with their organisation of school pick-up(s), the following finishing time on a Friday will be fully implemented

A-H 47 families @1:50pm
J-M 46 families @1:55pm
N-W 47 families @2:00pm

Parents/Carers

Traffic has always been an issue on the school site:

- There are spaces available in the Visitor's Car Park and in the bay running alongside Nursery.
- Picks ups should be close to the allocated times.
- If a space is not available at your drop off or pick up point, please drive on and park further up the site. Some families are causing a tail back as they endeavour to park in one area.
- No cars should park on the double yellow lines in front of the school or at the roundabouts.
- Please collect children and promptly leave the site.

DE Guidance is very clear that adults on school sites have to adhere to **Social Distancing** at all times. We would strongly encourage the wearing of a face covering.

We appreciate that many of our parents/carers are friends, but we would request that you if you need to meet up with others, please do so off site and remember to keep to social distancing guidelines at all times.

Many of our pupils enjoy playing in the park in Crossgar during times of dry weather and now particularly on a Friday. Please ensure that pupils are not mixing in other classes or school bubbles, and that pupils are **fully supervised**.

The School Building

One adult or family group is permitted in the school porch at any one time. Please use the hand sanitiser positioned at the school door before entering and we would strongly encourage the wearing of a face covering. Toilet facilities will only be for exceptional emergencies.

Self-Isolation and Testing

If anyone displays symptoms of Covid, they and any members of their household, will be sent home and advised to follow the PHA Guidance for households with a possible Covid infection.

When a child or member of staff tests positive for Covid-19, the Public Health Agency will advise the school on the appropriate action. They will make the decision if a group or class or section of the school has to Self-Isolate and take a PCR Test. Their decision will be communicated to families via our school text and email systems.

If you or your child have any symptoms of Covid-19 keep them off school and have a PCR Test or seek advice from the PHA Education Team.

The Executive have decided that if **a child was identified as a close contact** of a positive Covid case, they would no longer have to self-isolate for 10 days. Instead, **they should self-isolate and book a PCR test** or seek advice from the PHA Education Team.

If the PCR test is positive they should isolate for 10 days, but if the result is negative they can end their self-isolation.

Please email hcrichton679@c2kni.net with the result of the PCR test.

If Staff have any concerns about a child's health, we will be in immediate contact.

If a member of your family is told to Self-Isolate, the other family members do not require testing if they do not have any symptoms and they can return to school immediately.

Self-Isolating Children

Teachers will work with parents, whose children are self-isolating, to provide them with an appropriate level of school work. There may be a short time delay to work being sent home. Work may not be sent home in advance of the child's class completing the work.

Contingency Plan

In the event of a school closure, staff will return to Remote Learning.

Curriculum

DE guidance is allowing a return to more aspects of the curriculum indoors such as P.E and singing.

Extra- Curricular Activities

Cedar will start to gradually re-introduce indoor and outdoor extra-curricular activities in line with our Key Stage Bubbles.

I would also ask families to make provision for the likelihood that Cedar will have a full or partial school closure at very short notice.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will resume from 26th August, please contact:

bronaghmcgrattan@icloud.com

Worries, Concerns and Support

We'll get through this as a team working together.

Thank you for your support to date.

Cedar Staff Team