



Return to school 2021

31st August: All Primary 2 – Primary 7 children return to school.

9.00am – 12.00 noon (No buses or school dinners)

1st September: P2 -P7 (Normal school day – school dinners and buses available)

We consider the Health and Safety of our pupils, staff and wider school community to be of utmost importance. Having considered the latest DE Covid-19 guidance, we have decided to retain our established routines including the 'class bubble' approach, especially indoors. We will review our procedures regularly and with caution look forward to relaxing procedures when appropriate. Any relaxations will be closely monitored and reviewed and may be subject to change if required.

Procedures for the Beginning and the End of the School Day

- **Children can be dropped-off between 8.30 – 8.55am (Staggered times will remain under review).**
- Children should go straight to their classroom, via their set entrance point. We would encourage those children who walk to school to come later in this window. (e.g. 0850) This allows for those parents that are working to drop their children off and a steady arrival of children across the 25 minutes means that social distancing and the need for hygiene controls can be managed more easily by staff.
- Please ensure face coverings are worn and social distancing maintained by all adults at school entrances and while on school grounds while dropping off/picking up children.
- Morning Routine - Children will continue to have their temperatures taken on entry to school and will continue to use sanitiser/ wash their hands on arrival at their classroom. **Class will start promptly at 8:55.**

Only pupils on early buses are allowed onsite before 8:30.

Entry Points:

Pupils arriving from 8:30am will go straight to their classrooms through the following entrance points (Staff will guide pupils to their designated door)

Primary 1

Children go up the ramp and enter the school via the doors next to Mrs Burns room and opposite to the P7 mobile.

Primary 2

Children will go up the hill, enter via the lower playground, the double courtyard doors and into the main school corridor.

Primary 3

Children will go up the hill, enter the school via the lower playground and the double doors that lead into the stairs in the new building.

Primary 4

Children will go up the hill, enter the school via the doors of the class mobile.

Primary 5

Children will enter the school via the front ramp and the main school entrance

Primary 6

Children will walk round the P7 mobile, past Mrs Burns' room and the lower playground then use the double door near the staffroom.

Primary 7

Children will walk around the back of the mobile and enter the school via the front doors of the class mobile.

Pick up arrangements

- NU and P1 children follow the agreed information in the school packs. This is a phased approach and timings do change as September progresses.
- Primary 2 children will be walked to the front gate at 1345 for collection
- Primary 3 children will be walked to the front gate at 1345 for collection (September).
- Primary 4-7 children will be walked to front gate at 1435 for collection.
- We ask that you arrive to collect your child and leave the school premises promptly. Please do NOT crowd school entrances and exits. Face coverings MUST be worn.

Parent/Carer access to school

Primary 1 Parents may walk their child to their entry door at the beginning of the term. For everyone's safety, parents/carers and visitors should not enter the school building (other than by pre-arranged appointment). Where parents are admitted into the school building, it should be conducted safely, observing social distancing and hygiene measures. This is of vital importance to protect and ensure the health, safety and well-being of everyone in our school and wider

school community. If you need to pass on information to any member of school staff or to your child, please do so via telephone or email:

info@stcolmans.annaclone.ni.sch.uk

School Dinners

School dinners will be available from Wednesday 1st September. Dinners will be provided by Rathfriland Central Meals Kitchen on a temporary basis.

Cost is £2.60/day or £13/week. Dinner money **MUST NOT** be sent to school, It must be **paid online.**

During lunch/dinner, the children will be managed in the dinner hall in 'Consistent groups' with social distancing implemented. The hall will be always ventilated and children will remain seated throughout.

Hygiene

Good hand hygiene will be encouraged throughout the day through regular hand washing/sanitising. The "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it" approach will continue to be reinforced.

School uniform

Full School uniform including black shoes must be worn each day. On return to school, pupils will be informed which days they will have PE, they can wear their PE clothes into school on this day.

School Equipment

School bags, lunch boxes & water bottles are permitted. P2 may use their book bag from P1. Water Bottles should be filled at home. Please see earlier letter on required equipment for each class, these items should be brought to school on the first day and will remain in school.

Medication

Please return any required medication which your child usually has in school (e.g. inhalers) in a labelled, sealed bag. Any new or updated medical information or reports should be **shared immediately with the school.**

Homework

Homework will be a combination of hard copies and online learning (P1-4 Seesaw, P5-7, Google Classroom). New Seesaw/Google accounts will be set up with your child's new teacher on return to school.

Afterschool Club & Extended School

Both Clubs will recommence week **beginning 6th September**. Prices and booking arrangements will follow.

Illness in School

- If your child shows any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus he/she should stay at home and your household should follow the most current Public Health Advice.
- All members of the school, including staff and pupils, will be continually supported to understand the symptoms to look for.

Symptoms of Covid-19 include: -

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back, or;
 - a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual), or;
 - anosmia - the loss or a change in your normal sense of smell (it can also affect your sense of taste)
- If there is a confirmed case of someone in the school having Covid-19, the school will always follow the latest PHA and DE advice.

Communication

Communication will be through our online platforms (Seesaw, Google Classroom, Facebook, School App and website). We are also planning to use text and email communication; please ensure you provide us with up-to-date details. Please look out for various information and forms such as data collection and permission slips that will need returned to school as soon as possible.

Please download the School App from the website to keep up to date with school life <https://www.stcolmansandallsaints.co.uk/home/>

We thank all parents for their continued support as we try to ensure a safe return to school for all our children. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to what hopes to be a year full of exciting learning opportunities with happy, healthy children and staff.