



Education Resources
Executive Director **Tony McDaid**
Burnside Primary School
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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well and our pupils are looking forward to returning to school. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school next week.

Following Tony McDaid's letter of 3 August, I am now in a position to provide some further information about the managed return of Burnside pupils, from 12 August. You will already be aware of the following information:-

Wednesday 12 August - P1 pupils only
Thursday 13 August - P1-P3 pupils only
Friday 14 August - P4-P7 pupils only
Monday 17 August - all pupils attend school

The School Day

There is still a requirement for health and safety reasons, that we operate a staggered start/finish. We have reviewed this, given that greater numbers of pupils will be returning at the same time. The following arrangements will be in place **from Thursday 13 August** (see below for P1 on Wednesday 12 August) and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. Please disregard information issued in June:-

ROOM	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME	ENTRY/EXIT DOOR
1, P1	8.50 am	2.50 pm	Door 1, Infant playground
2, P1	8.50 am	2.50 pm	Door 1, infant playground
3, P2	8.50 am	2.50 pm	Door 2, infant playground
4, P2	8.50 am	2.50 pm	Door 2, infant playground
5, P3	8.50 am	2.50 pm	Door 3, middle playground
6, P3	8.50 am	2.50 pm	Door 3, middle playground
7, P4/5	9.05 am	3.05 pm	Door 3, middle playground
8, P4	9.05 am	3.05 pm	Door 3, middle playground
9, P5	9.05 am	3.05 pm	Door 3, middle playground
10, P5/6	9.05 am	3.05 pm	Door 3, middle playground
11, P6	9.05 am	3.05 pm	Door 4, upper playground via MUGA
12, P6/7	9.05 am	3.05 pm	Door 4, upper playground via MUGA
13, P7	9.05 am	3.05 pm	Door 4, upper playground via MUGA
14, P7	9.05 am	3.05 pm	Door 4, upper playground via MUGA

Our school Breakfast Club has been paused for the foreseeable future. Please also note that pupils will be unable to use the playground before the start of the day and should not line up before the bell.

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P1 Only (Wednesday 12 August)

P1 pupils should attend **9.30 am – 2.30pm for one day only**. As you are aware, unfortunately parents will be unable to bring their children in to the building however, several school adults will be on hand to welcome children in through Door 1. Please help your child by preparing them for this. We will take individual photographs of all P1 pupils, but we are aware that you may wish to take photographs also before school starts. We ask that you do not photograph any other child and ensure social distancing at all times. Thank you to our P1 teachers who have been posting throughout the summer on the special blog for P1 pupils. We hope you have found this useful! Please keep an eye on here as well as the school app, for updates.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/si/burnsidep1/>

Health & Safety Updates

Although guidance states that there is no requirement for pupils to socially distance, we will continue to make every effort to ensure their safety through a number of additional measures:-

- As it is likely that PE will be outdoors and pupils will spend more time outside, at this stage we recommend that pupils wear polo shirts and comfortable trousers to school as well as suitable outdoor shoes and a waterproof jacket. We are discouraging shirts/ties for the timebeing, as we do not want pupils to have to change clothes for PE. We are also aware of the challenges in purchasing some uniform items and school ties at the minute. We do, however appreciate that parents may wish to photograph their children in uniform on the first day, so full uniform can be worn if preferred on Day 1.
- Pupils will not line up in the mornings, but instead should come straight in to school when their start bell rings. Pupils should not use the playground spaces before/after the school day.
- Pupils will wash hands before/after breaks and on entering/leaving classrooms.
- Each pupil will be allocated their own seat and working space.
- We will provide a basic pack for each pupil, which will contain writing pencils, coloured pencils/pens/crayons, glue stick, ruler, rubber and sharpener. If they wish, pupils can bring a pencil case to school, which must not be shared and should travel to/from school in the same bag.
- Cloakroom areas will not be used initially. Instead, pupils will keep jackets on the back of classroom chairs. A school bag can be brought to school, which will remain on the floor at all times.
- Pupils will be encouraged to bring in a pair of indoor shoes as normal to be left in school and will change shoes within classrooms.
- Pupils should bring their own water bottle to school as normal, labelled with their name.
- A small healthy snack should be brought to school as normal, which cannot be shared.
- A packed lunch can brought to school as normal. This must be labelled with the child's name and thoroughly cleaned at home.
- Soft furnishings such as cushions have been removed from classrooms and pupils should not bring any toys to school.

Other Information

Staggered breaks/lunches – these will be in place for the timebeing to ensure less congestion in corridors and playgrounds. More information will follow on this, early next week. The lunch menu will be updated to start from Wednesday 12 August.

Car park – this is for staff use only, however if you hold a disabled badge and require to use a disabled parking space at any time, please contact the school office to organise this.

Drop off/pick up – please try not to arrive at school until as close to the start bell as possible. Parents/carers should not come in to the playgrounds when dropping children off and should ensure social distancing measures are adhered to. It will help us keep everyone safe if pupils arrive on time. At the end of the school day, parents/carers of P1 – 3 pupils can enter the playground at the dismissal bell. We ask for your support in ensuring that you stand well back from exits and leave the playground promptly once you have collected your child. Should your child arrive late for school, they should enter via the main door where office staff will log entry.

Communication – we pride ourselves on our open and welcoming approach, however during the current situation parents should not enter the building. This is for everyone's safety. Should you need to speak to a member of our office staff, please call or visit at the main door (please note only 1 visitor can enter at a time).

We will be here at all times however, to help when we can so please don't hesitate to contact us by telephone or e-mail with any queries or concerns and we will arrange a suitable time to give you a call. Class blogs can also be used for queries relating to specific classes and we will use our school app to provide all school news.

SLC will provide FAQs very soon for parents/carers and we will be back in touch early next week with further information and any updates.

In the meantime, I hope you manage to enjoy the last few days of the summer holidays.

Kind regards,

Helen McGarvey
Head Teacher