



King's Park Primary Return to School Update ELC—P3

Return to School

We are delighted that current scientific evidence now confirms we can move forward to allow the full time return to Early Learning and Childcare and P1-3 children to schools and ELC settings from 22 February.

We know that you might have some questions about what the Early Learning Centre and school might look like on your child's return. Hopefully the information in this update will answer any of these questions. If not, please do not hesitate to contact the school office via email at kingspark_ps@midlothian.gov.uk or by phoning 0131 271 4610.

What will school and ELC look like for children returning?

The enhanced hygiene measures that we have had in place since our return in August i.e. regular handwashing/sanitising, remain in place. Adults will wear face coverings whilst in the school and the ELC and will maintain a 2m distance from one another.

Children in the ELC—P2 will continue to follow the Early Year's Guidance and will be able to work as one cohort / class to enable learning through play and social interactions.

Children in P3 will continue to follow the guidance for Primary settings, where they will be allocated a class seat and movement in class will be kept to a minimum.

We will initially ask children to play within their own class cohort in the playground and not mix with other classes.

All class teachers for P1-P3 and ELC will be in school on Monday 22nd February, along with our SLT and support staff, to welcome the children back.

What can I do to prepare my child?

Our children are surprisingly resilient and most will be happy to come back to school to see their teachers and classmates. We want this to be a positive experience for all children, so if you have any individual concerns please contact the school to discuss with the SLT or class teacher.

What are the lining up arrangements?

ELC: Please enter the playground via Gate A.

Primary One and Two: Please enter the back playground via Gate B or double gate at Gate C. Children will line up and enter the school via Door C.

Primary Three: Children should enter the main playground via Gate B or Gate A. Children will line up and enter the school via Door B.

Primary 4 - 7 Keyworker and Vulnerable Pupils: Children should enter the main playground via Gate B or Gate A. Children will line up and enter the school via Door A.

* Times remain the same as those previously communicated in our letter dated 17.02.21.

What does my child need to bring with them?

As before, we are asking that children do not bring any personal belongs to school except their snack, a water bottle and lunch (if required.) These should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. All stationery is provided by school so children should not bring pencil cases with them.

Is school uniform required?

As was the case prior to the January Lockdown, our uniform policy is more relaxed this year. Children are unable to change into PE clothes in school at the moment, so they should come to school wearing suitable sports clothes on PE days. Class teachers will inform you what days your child will have PE. Current guidance does not yet allow us to use indoor facilities for sports so children will continue to take part in outdoor PE.

Digital Device

If your child was provided with a Loanbank Chromebook by Digital Services this year, we would ask that this be returned to school next week. We require these devices to be reallocated to pupils in P4-P7 who are still undertaking remote learning and do not have access to a device. The device should be returned alongside the charger, in the original box (if possible).

