



King's Park Primary Return to School Update P4-P7

Return to School

We are delighted that current scientific evidence now confirms we can move forward to allow the full time return of our P4-7 children to schools from Monday 15 March.

We know that you might have some questions about what 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 are the lining up arrangements?

Children should enter the main playground via Gate B or Gate A. Children will line up and enter the school via Door A, except P4C who will enter via Door B

We respectfully ask that you do not enter the playground with your children and that you do not use the playground or entrance gates as an opportunity to catch up with other parents, as tempting as it may be! This will enable us to keep contacts to a minimum.

* Start and Finish times remain the same as those previously communicated in our letter dated 08.03.21

What will school 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. Staff will wear face coverings whilst in school and will, where possible, maintain a 2m distance from those outwith their own household.

Children in P4-7 will continue to follow the guidance for Primary settings, where they will be allocated a class seat and movement around 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 will be in school on Monday 15th March, along with our SLT and support staff, to welcome the children back.

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 a packed lunch. 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.

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 cleaning regime is in place?

Every school will continue to have an enhanced cleaning regime in place, with staff on duty throughout the school day. Toilets, door handles, bannisters and other surfaces in constant use will be cleaned on a rotational basis to ensure the highest possible levels of cleanliness.

