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Dear Parent/Carer

Return to School August 2020

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back all pupils and families, with a particularly warm welcome to all our new Primary 1 pupils. We are aware that school will look and feel different for us all, but as always, our priority will be to support the health and wellbeing of all pupils, parents/ carers and staff.

You will be aware that Scottish Government have now agreed on a full time return for all pupils by Tuesday 18th August. The full document can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-preparing-start-newschool-term-august-2020/>

In line with the advice above and letter of 3 August from Tony McDaid, Executive Director Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council, I write to advise you of our plans for a managed return as per below:

School:

Date	Managed Return Arrangements
Tuesday 11 August	Inset Day, school closed to all pupils
Wednesday 12 August	Primary 1 pupils only
Thursday 13 August	Primary 1, 2 and 3 pupils only
Friday 14 August	Primary 4, 5, 6 and 7 pupils only
Monday 17 August	All pupils from Primary 1-7

Nursery:

Information was posted all to parents/carers at the end of June advising of arrangements for the managed return/start dates of all Nursery class pupils. These arrangements are still in place and Nursery pupils should attend at the dates/times specified on your individual letters.



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A Parent Information Sheet which outlines some key information to support the safe return of all pupils will be shared on our school parent app, and the website in the next few days which will detail relevant information you may find helpful, including staggered entry/exit arrangements, what to bring to school, lunch arrangements etc. Previously issued advice regarding school uniform and the school car park has not changed. **General advice**

All children will be required to wash or sanitise their hands on entry to the school building and to classes.

There remains the need for 2m social distancing around the school perimeter at all times for parents/carers and any other visiting adults. Where this is difficult, our advice would be to wear a face covering where possible.

We are required to keep the number of visitors to the school to a minimum, in accordance with national guidance. Any contact with the school should be made by telephone or email to the office in the first instance.

Additional parent information is also available on the National Parent Forum:

<https://www.npfs.org.uk/2020/07/23/back-to-school-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/>

Further advice, in line with national and South Lanarkshire Council guidelines, will be issued via our school app, website <http://www.st-marks-rutherglen-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/>, and twitter [@Stmarksrutherg2](#) as it becomes available.

If you have specific questions in relation to these arrangements which is not covered in the advice given, please contact the school office on telephone number [0141 634 4238](tel:01416344238) or email address office@st-marks-rutherglen-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Mrs O'Donnell

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