



Wallace Hall Academy, Primary and ELC
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Dear Parents/Carers

Return to the ELC

We hope you have had a good holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming your child to the ELC next week, either for the first time or as a returner.

As we all know, the Coronavirus situation is constantly evolving. We have received updated guidance from Scottish Government and the local authority about the details of the return to the ELC. This letter should hopefully provide all the details you will need to ensure that your child has a calm and positive start or return to nursery next week.

The children do not need to socially distance from each other. The ELC will be operating two 'bubbles' within the nursery where children will remain in a consistent grouping with the same adults where possible. Each 'bubble' area will be set up as a 'mini' nursery and your child will have access to a wide range of resources to learn through play, both inside and outside.

Alongside our usual health and safety measures, specific infection control measures will be introduced to keep the whole ELC community as safe as possible.

Drop off and pick-up

Unfortunately, parents/carers are unable to accompany their children into the nursery. We look forward to welcoming you into the nursery as soon as we are able to do so safely.

Please drop off your child at the nursery entrance.

Please maintain 2m social distancing between family groups while waiting outside the nursery.

You and your child will be met by a member of the nursery staff and your child will be welcomed inside.

If your child is finding it difficult to settle and to come into the nursery we will ask that you come to the nursery playground gate where you will be met by another member of staff. You will be invited into an area of the outside nursery space so that you and a member of staff are able to help your child settle in and feel comfortable in the surroundings.

Please pick up your child from the nursery entrance.



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Enhanced hygiene practices

Your child will be helped to wash their hands with soap and water as soon as they enter the nursery, before and after eating, after using the toilet and at regular times during the day.

What to bring

Children will not be changing into indoor shoes at the moment so there is no need to bring additional shoes.

Please could your child come to nursery dressed for the weather and bring a bag with a change of clothes. When wellies are needed on wet weather days please could your child also bring another pair of shoes with them to wear inside so they are comfortable.

Lunchtime

If your child is at nursery over lunchtime they are entitled to a free lunch. You will be asked to order your child's lunch daily when dropping off your child. For the first two weeks of nursery your child will receive a cold lunch. The arrangements for lunch will be reviewed regularly and hot lunch options will be introduced. If you choose to provide a packed lunch instead then please bring this to nursery in a disposable sandwich bag. Your child will eat their lunch within their 'bubble' space.

Nursery will provide water to drink so there is no need for your child to bring a water bottle at this time.

New starters

You will receive an invitation by email shortly for you and your child to visit the nursery on Tuesday afternoon to meet the nursery staff and to familiarise yourself with the setting. We are looking forward to meeting you.

You will also be receiving several forms in the post this week, please complete these and return them to school by Tuesday 11th August.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any further questions please get in touch by contacting the Primary School office. We are really looking forward to welcoming the ELC children to nursery next week.

Yours sincerely

Barry Graham
Head Teacher

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