



## Newsletter

# We hope you enjoyed the Summer!

For us the Summer has been shortened and I don't just mean because we only had 2 days of sunshine! We have been working hard since Mr Swinney's announcement, and some of us before then – no jokes about teacher's holidays please, I'm not sure I could cope. We wanted to ensure we got as much information to you as possible, so please do read the information in this newsletter.

On a personal note and on behalf of all the staff, we are so looking forward to getting your youngsters (and ours) back into Falla Hill and for all that this year is different to others, the same excitement and thrill of anticipation of a new school year is still there for us and we hope it is for the children as well.

However, there are of course some changes.

Key points:

- Children, with a few exceptions (support for learning & nurture), will remain in their class groupings for all lessons, break time and lunchtimes and breakfast club
- There will be some staggered starts and finishes – only by five minutes – see page 2 for the details
- There will be separate entrance and exit points for each year group and playgrounds will be marked accordingly – see page 3
- Parents cannot come into the school building without prior agreement
- Break time will be as normal, lunchtime will be the same time for everyone except P7 – see page 4
- Children can bring packed lunches but school bags are not necessary as there will be minimal movement of items between school and home.
- We will provide a stationery pack for all pupils that is theirs and theirs alone to be kept in school
- Uniform to be worn, however jogging bottoms (dark colours – black, navy, dark grey) can be worn as there will be some outside learning most days – on days your child has PE we would ask that they come to school dressed for PE.
- PE will take place outdoors as often as possible
  
- Between staff and pupils we will, where possible, maintain a distance of 2m, however if your child is hurt or upset or needs reassurance we will get close enough to them to deal with their injury, to comfort them and provide that reassurance – always doing so with their safety and ours paramount in our thoughts and actions

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/back-to-school>

Scroll down to the bottom of the webpage and see the FAQs and the answers.

## Organisation

The children will be organised in their class group, there will be no cross class groups other than for a very small number of children attending either nurture or support for learning. We will of course communicate with parents before implementing these groups.

School bags are not necessary as there will be minimum movement of items between school and home. We will be providing a stationery pack for all pupils, they can still bring their own pencil cases but items must not be shared with anyone else.

At breakfast club and at lunchtime the children will eat in their class groups at designated tables, only used by their class and cleaned after use.

### Primary Schools

Breakfast Club – breakfasts will be served in bags – yogurt, piece of fruit, fruit cuplet. Lunch – will be served in disposable boxes with disposable cutlery. Menus will remain as is with the exception of soup which has been removed from the online menu. Water or milk, and fruit or dessert in a separate bag.

Children will eat any break time snack, have their milk (if they have milk) at their table in class just after break time, there will be no tuck shop in school and no fruit provided by school at snack time (except in Nursery). Children must bring their own snack from home if they wish to have one.

## Timings

Breakfast club will be at 8:15am, the children will go onto the playground no more than 10 minutes before their class is due to enter school.

		Start	finish
<b>P1A</b>	<b>Mrs Howley</b>	<b>8:50am</b>	<b>3:10pm</b>
P1B	Miss Gorman	8:55am	3:15pm
<b>P2</b>	<b>Ms Rainey &amp; Mrs Gorman</b>	<b>8:50am</b>	<b>3:10pm</b>
P3	Miss Graham	8:55am	3:15pm
<b>P4</b>	<b>Miss Denovan</b>	<b>8:50am</b>	<b>3:10pm</b>
P5	Ms Thomson	8:55am	3:15pm
P6	Miss Lynch	8:55am	3:15pm
<b>P7</b>	<b>Mrs Hunter</b>	<b>8:50am</b>	<b>3:10pm</b>

We ask that, as parents, you only come on site to drop off and collect your children if you feel you really need to. We will be demarcating the playground into year group zones and of course we have staggered the start and finish times to allow for less people congregating.

Nursery to come to school as normal although there will be limited numbers in the handover area and parents may need to queue at busy times.

Nursery, P1, 2 & 3 must enter and exit via the gate opposite the Muga and proceed directly up the path to their playground / area where there will be clearly marked sections for each year group (parents and children). There will be no entrance to the infant playground via the side gate on the forest side of the school – we appreciate that this is a change from previous years but in the current climate it is necessary.

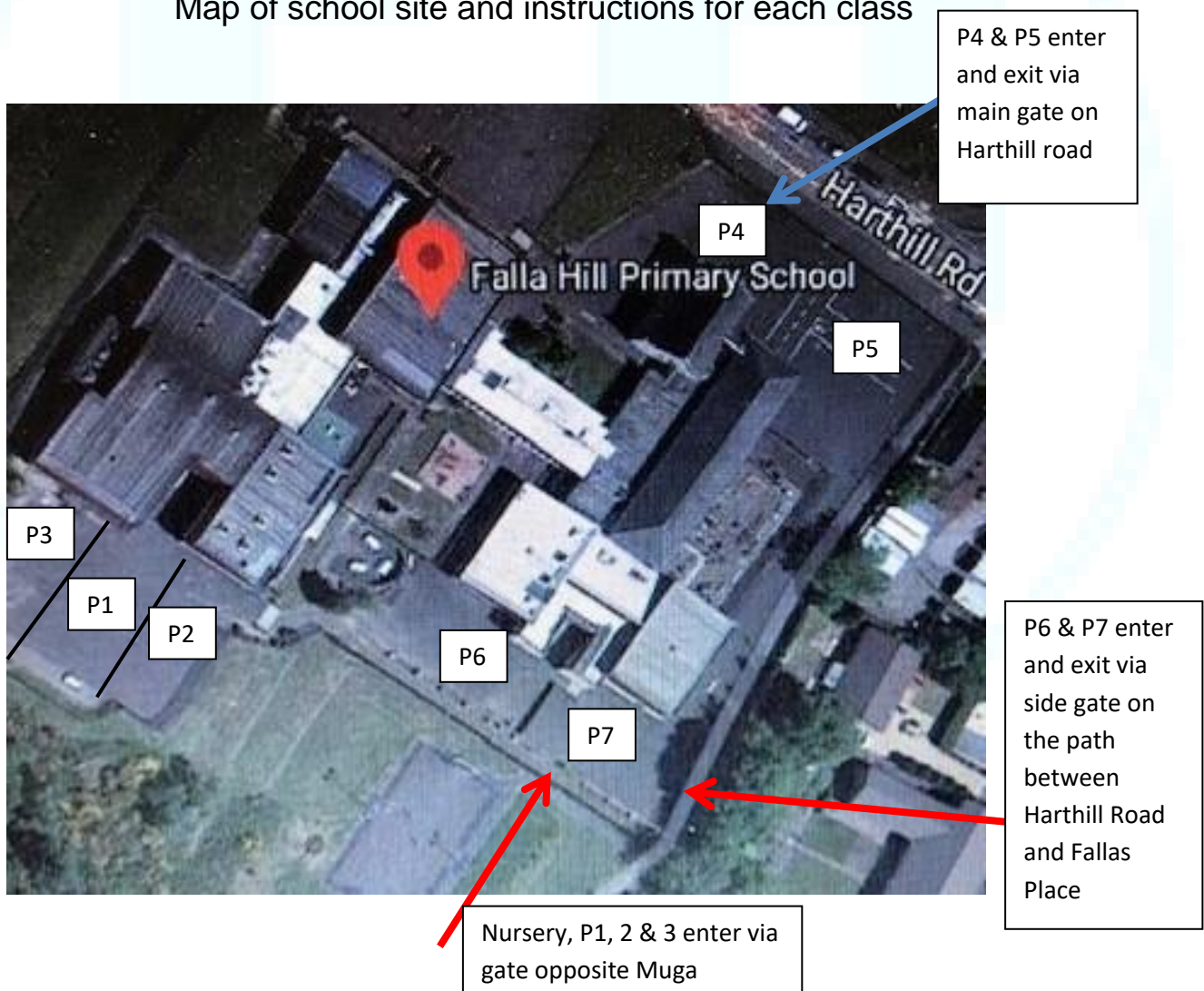
P4 & 5 must enter & exit via the main entrance on Harthill Road and the playground will be clearly marked for each year group (parents & children).

P6 & 7 must enter & exit via the side entrance on the path between Harthill Road and Fallas Place. P6 playground will be in the area up the steps and the P7 playground will be in the lower area on the same level as the gate.

Breakfast Club will enter via the family room door (same door as previous years).

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Map of school site and instructions for each class



## **Uniform details**

Uniform to be worn, however jogging bottoms (dark colours – black, navy, dark grey) can be worn as there will be some outside learning most days – on days your child has PE we would ask that they come to school dressed for PE.

We will, of course, inform you asap regarding what days your child will be doing PE and these will not alter without warning.

Given that the teachers will be looking to utilise the outdoor environment on most days, we all know what the Fauldhouse climate can be like (Tuesday & Wednesday of this last week prove that) please ensure that they wear appropriate footwear for outside and footwear you are happy for them to wear outside.

We will not be changing shoes and clothing in school at the moment unless absolutely necessary.

We would encourage the wearing of uniform, it, especially in this recovery phase, gives us a sense of communal pride, belonging and encourages the teamwork we will need to see us through uncertainties and reintegration.

Uniform can be ordered through Ipay Impact and we will arrange for it to be brought home by the child or make an appointment for collection – we are moving towards being a cashless school and all payments should be made through Ipay Impact.

## **Lunches**

With the support of our P7 pupils and utilising extra space for lunches we should be able to keep to standard times for lunches and have lunches in the dining hall / assembly hall.

Our P7s will miss out on some of the leadership responsibilities prefects have so we are asking them to be the class that sets the tone in the dinner hall, by being in there first (apart from P1 in the first couple of days) they will provide a role model to all the other classes.

P7 lunch will be 12:10 to 12:50 – all other classes will remain 12:20 – 1:00pm and will be on a schedule to allow for as little cross over in the communal areas of the hall as possible.

P1, P2, P4 and P5 will eat at designated tables in the dining hall, P7, P6 and P3 will eat at designated tables in the assembly hall, there will be no sharing of seats.

The children will also sit in their designated class groupings and tables for Breakfast Club as well.

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School lunches should be paid for through Ipay Impact, we are moving towards being a cashless school.

## **Finally**

Just to say again we are very much looking forward to bringing our school community back together, we thank you for your patience and support.

It will be different but our care and commitment to your children and providing them with the very best learning and developmental opportunities has not changed, it has not diminished – we are even more determined to see them grow as responsible citizens, confident individuals, effective contributors and of course successful learners.

Roll on the 12<sup>th</sup>!



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