



# Durriss School and Crossroads Nursery

## Covid-19: Return to school August 2020

### Welcome back

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back into school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Further to the confirmation from the Scottish Government on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July, that schools will re-open in August 2020, we wanted to share the guidance we must follow.

#### **School Contact details are as follows:**

School Phone Number: 01330 700425 (Out with office hours, please leave a message)

Nursery Phone Number: 01330 700423

Email: [durriss.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:durriss.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

**Under no circumstances should you attend if you or anyone in your household is symptomatic or been in contact with someone showing symptoms.**

#### **Symptoms of a Covid-19 Infection**

The most common symptoms are new:

- Continuous cough
- Fever/high temperature
- Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia)  
A new continuous cough is where you:
  - Have a new cough that has lasted for an hour
  - Have had 3 or more episodes of coughing in 24 hours
  - Are coughing more than usual

#### **Physical Distancing**

- Two metre physical distancing between adults, and between adults and children.
- Arrangements for parents and carers to ensure large gatherings of people are avoided.
- Parents not entering the school playground or building unless required (this will have been arranged with a member of staff).
- Teachers will need to use face masks if 2 metre distancing in the classrooms is not feasible.

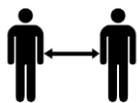
#### **Minimising contacts (groupings)**

- Children remaining in consistent groupings for the duration of the school day.
- Measures to reduce movement of groups across the school
- Avoid large gatherings and crowded spaces.

To minimise the need for children to stand and wait in line, staff will join them in the playground and call out their class for entering the building. The **school day will run from 9.00am until 3.20pm** as normal with a joint break and staggered lunches.

## Dropping off and picking up your child from school

- When arriving at the school please consider physical distancing when parking and dropping off your child/children.
- We strongly recommend adults drop their children off and leave immediately.
- Adults **should not enter** the playground (exceptions are P1 parents for the first week).
- Children should not be in the playground before 08.45am.
- Children are allowed to play on the equipment.
- Staff will be available to greet pupils as they arrive at school so please stay out of the playground.
- Pupils will be directed to their classroom.
- If you are collecting your child, please be at the school at 3.20pm out with the playground so staff can hand over your child without delay or causing congestion.
- Please leave the premises straight away, no hanging around to play or chat.



### Signage

New Covid-19 signage is in place around the school and car park so please read the advice/follow the instructions accordingly (this may need to be adjusted as required so please continue to be vigilant).



### What your child needs each day

- A clean set of clothes each day to reduce risk of infection. They need to wear a school jumper with comfortable bottoms which are suitable for outside play and PE, e.g. joggers or leggings, jeans are not permitted.
- Please ensure they have a jacket with them suitable for the weather as we will be doing more outdoor learning. This can be wiped down with anti-bac spray daily with a proper clean at the week-end.
- Please ensure that long hair is tied back.
- A filled water bottle, snack and packed lunch, if your child is not having a school lunch.
- Please make sure that your child's school bag contains only the items needed each day.
- It is very important that all items are labelled.
- A small pencil case which can be left in the classroom.
- Our classes will be taking their learning outdoors frequently. Pupils should arrive at school with the appropriate clothing for being outdoors for long periods of time and dressed for potential weather changes. It is advised to always bring a waterproof jacket with them.
- We are required to keep the school well ventilated. Pupils should bring a jumper or equivalent in order to keep warm as the windows in the classroom will be open.
- Please do not allow your child to take toys into the school.



## Handwashing

- Your child must wash their hands before coming to school.
- We will ensure frequent handwashing during the course of the day.
- Your child can have their own handwash and/or sanitiser but it must be labelled with their name and should not be shared.



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## If your child becomes unwell

We will take your child to wait in a separate room where an adult will supervise them.

You will be asked to come and collect your child immediately.



## Keeping in touch

Face to face meetings with parents will not be held meantime. You can contact the school using phone calls or emails.

## Contingency Plans

We sent out our contingency planning prior to the summer break (plan B). In the event of any changes of circumstances, the details for the required plan will be communicated as swiftly as possible.



## And finally

Our main priorities are the well being of our pupils, their families and our school staff after being away from the routine of learning in school and school life, and the safe return to school for all children and staff as per the guidance issued by the Scottish Government.

All Durriss staff will support our pupils to engage in the changes and help to prepare for a supportive and successful return. Please use the lines of communication noted earlier to keep us informed and raise any concerns you may have about your child/ren as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your support and understanding at this time and for helping us to achieve this together.

Dos	Don'ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Come and have fun – chat and play with your friends.</li> <li>✓ Stick to your allocated drop off and pick up times.</li> <li>✓ Phone or email us if you need anything.</li> <li>✓ Wear a new set of clothes daily (including your jacket) – doesn't have to be uniform, but does have to be suitable for PE or wearing outside.</li> <li>✓ Remember to take in a snack.</li> <li>✓ Listen to the adults – and do as you are asked; we want everyone to stay safe and well.</li> <li>✓ Wear shoes that you can fasten yourself.</li> <li>✓ Take a filled water bottle with you daily. Water only.</li> <li>✓ Take your own pencil case – with sharpened pencil, rubber, coloured pens/pencils, glue stick and sharpener.</li> <li>✓ Wash your hands before you leave your house in the morning.</li> <li>✓ Do take a change of clothes if you are a P1/2, in case of accidents.</li> <li>✓ Do wear shoes which are comfortable and that you can use for PE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Be scared – we are going to have a great time at school/nursery and cannot wait to see you all again!</li> <li>➤ Come into the playground with parents, siblings who don't attend school or gather at the gates.</li> <li>➤ Play in the sandpit.</li> <li>➤ Go too close to other people – remember the 2m rule.</li> <li>➤ Take a huge bag to school/nursery with you – take just what you need and remember to have everything named.</li> <li>➤ Take in extra toys/playground equipment from home.</li> <li>➤ Parents are asked not to come into the school/nursery building.</li> <li>➤ Borrow things from friends when you are at school.</li> <li>➤ Take indoor shoes.</li> </ul>
What if?	We will -
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I don't feel well at school or nursery?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Call an adult to come and collect you as soon as they can and ask you to wait in a separate room with an adult.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I forget my jacket/resources?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Not</b> be able to provide you with a spare – this is for infection control – therefore it is really important that you bring everything that you need.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am upset or worried?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Talk to an adult – we are all still here to help you.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My family need to talk to staff?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Keep in touch with you via phone calls, emails or Seesaw.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I need to wash my hands, but I can't?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Provide hand sanitiser.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am late and don't arrive at my allotted time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ask you to phone school/nursery and wait in your car, or at home, until we can provide you with an alternative drop off time.</li> </ul>