



Fernelea Return to School Guide Feb 2021

P4-7 Return

I am pleased to announce that in line with the recent First Minister's announcement, the P4-P7 children will return to school on Monday 15th March. The [supplementary guidance issued by the Scottish Government](#) reiterates the need for schools to continue to follow strict COVID-19 control measures and in keeping with the guidance, we have reviewed access and egress arrangements to ensure that we limit opportunities for children and parents to congregate (See below).
Staff, will routinely be reminding/guiding your child to:

- maintain regular handwashing,
- consider 2m distancing from staff and one another where possible
- where possible, not share resources with others

to ensure that everyone does all they can to keep themselves and members of their family safe.

The First Minister spoke at length about how the partial return to school buildings cannot be seen as a return to normal practices and asked that parents remember to support the strict COVID-19 controls in place by

- not congregating at the school gates
- remembering FACTS.
- As we plan for the partial return, I ask you to help us by ensuring that you keep a strict 2m distance between yourself and other households during drop off and pick up
- continue to follow the general advice to wear face coverings when around others outwith your household.

Further arrangements in place to ensure that all in our Fernelea community are safe.

- Your child should not attend school or nursery with any COVID related symptoms no matter how mild.
- There will be no access to the school reception for adults so please make all enquiries via the school office by calling 01224 318533 or by emailing fernielea@aberdeencity.gov.uk
- The school carpark cannot be entered by anyone other than staff. No exceptions. All spaces are required to maintain safe levels of social distancing between staff.
- Parents of P2-7 pupils are asked to drop the children at the assigned gate and collect from that gate at the end of the day.
- Social distancing between adults MUST be adhered to – signage will be visible to assist.
- Parents/adults are NOT permitted in the school playground at any time of the day unless accompanying a Nursery pupil, P1 pupil or a pupil with additional support needs (by prior arrangement).
- The carpark is not to be used AT ALL – no exceptions.
- Do not arrive before your drop off/pick up time – please be punctual.
- All adults must drop and go – no gathering around the perimeter will be permitted as social distancing is paramount to ensure the safety of your child and staff and to minimise the risk of community transmission.
- There will be measures in place to stop bubbles mixing throughout the school day.
- Children are asked to bring their snack and a water bottle to school. They need no other resources from home. They may take a school bag but no toys, pencil cases etc.



- School Uniform should be worn in P1-P7 except for days when they have PE. PE will only take place outside with 2m distancing where possible. Therefore, children should be dressed appropriately on these days – no uniform is required. Spare clothes will be needed at times when feet or clothing get wet; these should be in your child’s bag at all times.

PE Days are as follows:

P4	Monday & Friday
P4/5	Monday and Thursday
P5	Wednesday and Friday
P6	Thursday and Friday
P6/7	Monday and Friday
P7	Tuesday and Friday

Entering and Leaving School Arrangements

All children will enter the school grounds via a designated gate for their specific class. There will be set times of arrival and pick up. This is detailed in the table below.

As it is vital that all unnecessary contact between adults is minimised, all children must be dropped off at the gate and the parent/carer leaves. You are asked to leave to minimise the number of adults around the perimeter of the school. Children should only be dropped off at their time and not earlier. This again will serve to minimise adults around the school.

On entering the playground, the child will go directly to their line and will be supervised by a member of staff in their line until they go inside. This is to restrict mixing of bubbles and to minimise the risk of community transmission.

If you are waiting to drop off or collect another child at a different time please move away from the gate and return only at the correct time.

At the end of the school day, when collecting your child please ensure that you are there at the time and not too early, as this will cause crowding around the gates. Please maintain 2m distancing from others outwith your household.







Please see the table below detailing entry and exit information for each P4-P7 class.

I thank you for your continued support and patience in managing the COVID restrictions and requirements and I look forward to seeing you all in the near future.

Take care and stay safe.



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Class	Gate	Building Entrance	Start Time	End Time	Staff
P4	4 	Classroom Fire exit Room 9	9am	3pm	Miss Bain Mrs Rhodie PSA
P4/5	4 	Classroom Fire exit Room 8	9am	3pm	Miss Petrie Mr Hardy PSA
P5	4 	Classroom Fire exit Room 10	9.10am	3.10pm	Mr McDermott Mrs Lumsden PSA
P6	Gate 2 on Stronsay Drive 	Fire Exit doors that were used previously	9am	3pm	Miss Irvin Mrs Valentine PSA
P6/7	4 	Front entrance doors used previously	9.10am	3.10pm	Miss Lamont Mrs Angus PSA
P7	Gate 2 on Stronsay Drive 	Rear entrance doors used previously Yellow circle	8.55am	2.55pm	Miss Simpson Mrs Angus PSA