



RECOVERY PLANNING

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Please note that the FAQ's were sent in prior to the Scottish Government announcement on the 23rd June which stated the aim is for all school to return full time in August (dependent on progression of Covid suppression). As such, the majority of questions refer to the part time in school/blended learning model that was being planned for August.

Any further questions that arise over the summer can be emailed to office@lairdsland.e-dunbarton.sch.uk or fdonaghey@lairdsland.e-dunbarton.sch.uk. The FAQ's will be updated on the following dates 14th July and 28th July and any changes will be published on the school website.

We will continue to provide further information on the return to school as we receive it however it is anticipated that we won't be in a position to clarify exact details of the return until closer to the start of term in August.

1. What recognition will be given to children from the same family who are in different year groups (across nursery, primary and secondary level) when defining the blended learning model?

Answer: The plan for a part time return factors in sibling groups within Lairdsland, ensuring they would attend on the same day (if this is the model when we return).

2. Can you tell me what childcare provisions will be in place for children whose parents will be at work full time in August please?

Answer: If a part time return is in place then parents who meet the keyworker criteria can apply for this provision through the East Dunbartonshire Council website.

3. What uniform will the children be required to wear when they return to school in August (e.g. will they still have indoor & outdoor shoes, can they bring school bags, lunch bags, water bottles, etc.)

Answer: Uniform will be as normal and schoolbags etc will be permitted. Parent leaflet sent out by Groupcall on 22nd June provides further information and advice on hygiene

4. Is there any indication as to how long this blended learning will be in place as it is not a sustainable solution for working parent families? The letter refers to taking a review at the next "session" - when is the next session? i.e. is this after the October week or after Christmas?

Answer: If the contingency plan of blended learning is the model needed, the timescales of this are likely to be dependent on the suppression of the virus and therefore will be decided by Scottish Government. The school will continue to update parents as we decisions and developments occur.

5. Will there be the opportunity to have a say on what days your child attends school (in line with work commitments of parents)?

Answer: The days children attend school will be organised by family groups and an alphabetical order approach as advised by EDC. Unfortunately, we will not have the capacity to accommodate work requests.

6. Will there be any effort to keep children within friendship groups when referring to the bubbles of children?

Answer: The days children attend school will be organised by family groups and an alphabetical order approach as advised by EDC. Unfortunately, we will not have the capacity to organise using friendship groups.

7. When will we find out what days they are in school?

Answer: The days children attend school under a part time model were distributed on Monday 22nd June. We will update parents at the start of August as the landscape of the situation changes.

8. When will we find out who their new teachers are going to be?

Answer: The information on allocated classes and teachers was distributed on Monday 22nd June. There are no plans to change the classes or staff allocated across classes. Staffing is of course subject to change for example when impacted by absence etc.

9. Going forward will there be better communication with teachers on a one to one basis so you can get feedback specific to your own child, on their progress? We have had no parents' night, no report cards and currently communication with the teachers for home learning is only via a group chat. There is no way to gauge how much progress our child is making and that they are reaching the stage they should be in terms of learning.

Answer: Due to the variables home learning can be affected by, it is not always possible for teachers to provide accurate detailed feedback on a child's progress when they are undertaking activities at home.

10. Will EDC be offering laptops to households for children in P1-P5 and not just those in P6 or P7?

Answer: We have no information on this at present but will provide further information if/when we receive it.

11. What childcare provision will there be over the summer period?

Answer: Parents who meet the keyworker criteria with no access to other childcare provision can apply for this provision through the East Dunbartonshire Council website.

12. What size will a "small" group be?

Answer: If a part time return is in place then the groups of children will vary in size from 10-16. The larger of these groups will be accommodated over larger spaces.

13. Will children be required to wear face masks? If so who will provide these, us or the school?

Answer: As far as we have been advised to date, there will be no requirement for children to wear face masks.

14. Given the reduce days at school will the length of time for a school day be changed?

Answer: If a part time return is in place then the school day will be extended by 30 mins i.e. 9-3.30pm

15. Will the school be utilising staggered start and stop times to minimise congestion? If so how will this work for families with children in different year groups?

Answer: If a part time return is in place then staggered start and stop times will be in place. Families will be taken into consideration to ensure siblings have matching times. More information will be given nearer the start of term dependent on what will be required at that time.

16. In the event that a child or a teacher tests positive for CoVid-19 what is the expectation of the impact with respect to the government track and trace policy?

Answer: This will be covered by our risk assessment processes. Further information will be provided in due course.

17. Would learning and progress monitoring continue over Teams on days that a child does not attend school?

Answer: If a part time attendance is in place, home learning would continue to be facilitated through Teams, hard copies of tasks, or a combination of both.

18. How will the school ensure that children will keep their hygiene in the toilets?

Answer: Hand hygiene will be vital during these times. Children will be asked to wash/sanitise their hands before and after toilet visits. Children will visit the toilets one at a time and there will be regular reminders about the importance of hygiene.