

The purpose of this letter is to provide clear guidance for you for the period Monday 15 March until the end of term at 12.15pm on Thursday 25 March.

Much thought went into our safe return to school last August and the mitigations put in place at the time (which served us well through the first term) will continue and in some areas be strengthened further.

For those who are shielding or unable to come into school for any reason we will continue to provide a **summary outline** on Firefly (P1-3) or Teams of the work being covered each week. This digital provision will continue to be comprehensive and include instructions, resources and activities but will not include teaching videos or 'live' lessons. That said, we will be touching base with children not in school on a regular basis to ensure continuity in their learning.

**On return, first and foremost, please do not bring your child into school if they are unwell in any way.**

Please remain especially vigilant with regard to the following specific Covid 19 symptoms:

- New and continuous cough
- Fever/high temperature
- Loss of, or change in, smell or taste

All children are required to pass through the temperature check tents and sanitise hands on arrival.

Should any child develop symptoms or feel unwell during the school day they will be escorted to the School Nurse who will telephone to arrange for them to be collected. It is therefore essential that we have the correct telephone number on which you can be reached at any time.

**TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL, WE MUST EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF ADHERING TO OUR DROP, COLLECT AND GO PROCEDURES AND STAGGERED ARRIVAL AND COLLECTION TIMES.**

- Prep 1 – Drop off 9.00 am, pick up 3.00 pm
- Prep 2 – Drop off 8.50 am, pick up 3.10 pm
- Prep 3 – Drop off 8.40 am, pick up 3.10 pm
- Prep 4 – Drop off 8.40 am, pick up 3.20 pm
- Prep 5 – Drop off 8.30 am, pick up 3.20 pm

(Where possible please arrange to meet a little way away from the playground)

**PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE THESE TIMES UNLESS BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT.**

We know that with busy lives and siblings this can be difficult but ask that you plan your school runs accordingly and even wait in the car or outside the grounds until the appropriate time.

**PARENTS MUST WEAR MASKS AT ALL TIMES (UNLESS MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS APPLY), ADHERE TO 2M SOCIAL DISTANCING AND REFRAIN FROM GATHERING IN OR AROUND THE SCHOOL PREMISES.**

Within school strict Covid 19 mitigations will continue. These include:

- Enhanced cleaning regimes
- Regular hand washing
- Enhanced ventilation
- Regular outdoor breaks and increased outdoor learning
- Strict classroom organisation to include enhanced spacing and forward facing
- Strictly limited sharing of any essential resources and enhanced cleaning
- Maintenance of class/year group bubbles

- Staggering break times
- One-way corridor systems

Dollar Academy staff will be participating in the new Schools/ELC Asymptomatic Testing Programme, which is being put in place as part of the package of coronavirus risk reduction mitigations in schools across Scotland.

A separate notice will be issued with regard to School transport which is necessarily going to be restricted due to the distancing requirements. In order to support our working parents, we will be opening the After-School Care Club which will run until 5.30pm. Please contact us for further details.

**What your child needs to bring with them:**

- 1 As much of the learning will continue outside it is essential that they wear suitable and warm clothing; up to the Easter break children should wear their PE kit every day and ensure they have the following:
  - Dollar Academy fleece or mid layer
  - Navy or black joggers
  - Warm underlayers
  - Trainers and wellies (to remain in school)
  - Dollar Academy coat
  - Navy hat, gloves
  - Waterproof bottoms
  - Spare pairs of socks
- 2 All snacks, water bottles and packed lunch (wipeable container and clearly named)
- 3 Small (named) pencil case with essential items (no toys).

During this return to school period it will be really important for our teachers to help children settle back into their school routines again and to support them, both with their learning but also socially and emotionally. For this reason, and to maintain class bubbles as far as we can, there will be some timetable adjustments; the most important thing is that they are back in school.

I know you will appreciate the need for the above measures and I hope that the guidance outlined above is helpful and reassuring but if you have any questions or concerns at all please contact Mrs Barbour, Mrs MacDonald or myself via:

[prep@dollaracademy.org.uk](mailto:prep@dollaracademy.org.uk)

Finally, should you not be bringing your child back into school on Monday we would appreciate the opportunity to talk about how we can best support them. Please telephone Mrs Barbour on 01259 742511 if this applies to you.