

Dear Parents,

The staff are looking forward to welcoming your child tomorrow to Ballacottier Hub School and supporting them in the coming weeks. Staff from your school have been allocated each week, so there should be a familiar face for the children each day. The children will be put into 'family groups' with the same member of staff throughout the day. This will minimise opportunities for transmission and interaction between large numbers of children/families and staff.

Wednesday 6th January 2021

The criteria for these groups will consist of;

- Children from the same family/household,
- Members from the same school
- No more than 8 children within mixed ages of 4-11.
- At least one staff member per group

'Family groups' will stay in the specific classrooms and allocated outdoor spaces, and remain together from arrival to pick up. The school day will be from 9am until 3.30pm and there will be breaktimes and lunchtimes allocated separately throughout the day.

Parents dropping off/collecting children tomorrow (Thursday) morning:

Parents will be directed to go to the front playground first thing tomorrow morning and look for cones with their school names on them. The cones will be spaced out for each family/household to stand next to. On Friday, it is anticipated that the children will know where to go and we will allocate spaces outside where to come in.

Please remain outside at a distance from others each day and wait until the supervising adult calls you forward. You should maintain a safe distance of 2m at all times from all other parents collecting or dropping off children. Following Government advice, adults please wear a mask.

Children and parents must also enter and leave the site in a timely fashion – children will not be able to stay to talk or play with others.

Playtime & lunchtimes:

Children will be given time outside during the school day, but this will be timetabled so that social interaction only takes place with their family group.

All meals and snacks will be eaten in the classrooms allocated. Children will need to bring their own water bottle. Cleaning materials will be available in each classroom so that hard surfaces can be disinfected before meal and snack times and at regular intervals throughout the day. Handwashing before and after sessions and throughout the day will be essential.

Medical needs:

If your child has medical needs, please ensure that the staff member is made aware of these and any medication needed is available.

Lunch:

Children who will be attending do not need to bring lunch with them. A cooked meal will be provided. All food will be eaten in the space allocated for family groups only.

Clothing:

Children should wear their normal clothes, but these need to be washed and changed each and every day.

Children & adults will be reminded constantly of the need to:

- Wash their hands properly and regularly.
- Cover their mouth if they cough or sneeze.
- Do not touch their eyes, nose or mouth.
- Keep their distance from others as much as possible

Hand-washing:

Hand washing stations will be available in the allocated room for each family group.

Isolation room:

There will be a designated isolation room which will be used if any child becomes unwell. Under these circumstances, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child as soon as possible together with any siblings.

Cleaning:

The classrooms will be deep cleaned at the end each day after the children have left.

Should you need to get in touch with a staff member at the hub, please call the school number: 01624 612558

The administrator from your school will also monitor emails and forward this to the relevant staff members.

For the latest Government information visit: https://www.gov.im/coronavirus

Yours sincerely, *Mr R Goole* Headteacher