

Carrick Knowe Nursery



Returning Safely
in August 2021



We will update this guide as we receive further Government and Council guidance.

The most important aspect of planning to return to nursery continues to be the safety of everyone - children, staff, parents and carers and all our school partners.

Before Leaving Home

1. If your child has the following symptoms -a new and continuous cough, high temperature or loss of sense of smell/taste, please DO NOT come to Nursery. We recommend you book a PCR Covid test and the whole household must self-isolate until the result of this test is known. If the test is positive, please follow the guidance at <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>
2. Where possible, please walk, cycle or scoot to Nursery. Children should park their bikes and scooters in the racks near the entrance gate. For reasons of safety, it is important that bikes and scooters are not ridden within the school playground.

Handwashing

Handwashing continues to be an effective way to help stop the spread of Covid.

All adults and children must wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water at the following times;

1. Before entering the building (at home)
2. Before leaving the building
3. After exercise (e.g. PE, outdoor play)
4. Before using the toilet
5. After using the toilet
6. Before eating
7. After eating

For our younger children, please practice effective handwashing at home.

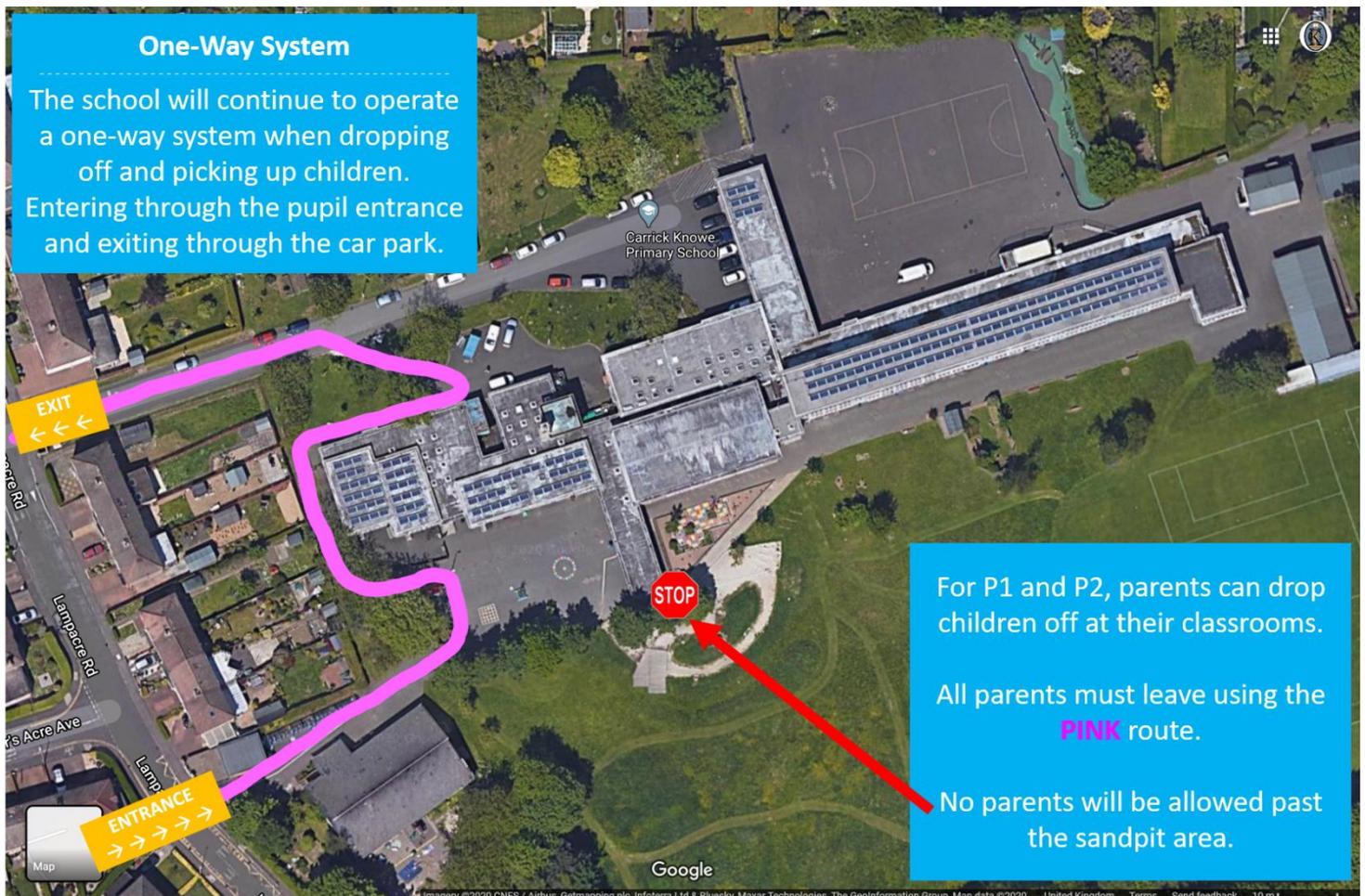


One-Way System

As was the case before the summer holidays, there will be a one-way system in operation. Please follow the **pink** route as indicated below to enter and exit Nursery.

P1 and P2 siblings can be picked up from their playground area but please note parents will no longer be allowed past the sandpit area to drop-off or collect P3-7 siblings (See School Guidance)

We also advise that parents drop-off/ pick-up from the Nursery first - this will avoid having to join the one-way system multiple times.



- When entering, **EVERYONE MUST** use the pupil entrance gates near the nursery building.
- To exit, **EVERYONE MUST** use the path and gate down the side of the school building which leads to the car park. **This is the route shown in PINK on the map.**
- The main gates will be closed to vehicles during these times so there will be no moving traffic.



Arriving At Nursery

To help avoid groups of adults gathering in the playground we will operate a 'soft start'. Children can arrive at nursery any time between **8.30am and 9am**. If you intend to arrive later than the given times, please let a staff member know in advance. As we have returned to one Nursery room, the children will enter and exit through the main Nursery Entrance.

Nursery Main Entrance



- Please do not linger in the playground, at entrances or gateways.
- Children will not have the opportunity to play outside before or after nursery.
- Parents/Carers will be unable to enter the Nursery building unless asked to do so by a member of the Nursery team.
- If you have to go to the main entrance of the school for any reason, please press the intercom to speak with one of our admin staff. You will then be asked to wait in the foyer outside the automatic doors and a member of school staff will come to speak with you.

Please prioritise complying with school management instruction over personal convenience.

The safety and wellbeing of children, parents/carers and staff has to come first.

End of the Nursery Day

- The one-way system as indicated above will be in operation.
- Again, to avoid groups of parents/carers gathering in the playground and it becoming busy, we will implement a 'soft end' to the day. This means that you can collect your child any time between **2.30pm and 3.00pm**. If you would like to collect your child earlier than the given times, please let a staff member know in advance. When picking up, parents should wait at the Nursery Main Entrance and your child will be brought out to you.



In The Nursery

To continue to minimise the risk of infection, we will maximise use of outdoor spaces for learning and play.

- Open windows will provide increased ventilation so please ensure your child has enough warm clothes with them.
- The wearing of masks is not mandatory however children may wear them if they wish.

First Aid and Personal Care

We have a duty of care to provide first aid and comfort to children who are hurt. We will continue to follow guidance on the use of PPE when providing this level of care.

First-aiders will follow guidance and use gloves, an apron, a mask and/or a visor.

What if a child falls ill whilst in school?

If anyone displays symptoms of Covid-19 when in Nursery, they will be taken to our dedicated isolation room in the annexe. This room has an external door to the outside to avoid them having to walk back through the school building. Anyone dealing with someone who has symptoms will make full use of PPE and maintain the 2m distance.

The parent/carer of the child will be contacted and asked to collect the child from the external door of the Annexe. Parents/carers will be asked to return home immediately, avoiding other people where possible and telephone for medical advice.

Communication

As always, we strive to give you the most up-to-date information possible. Please regularly check your emails and refer to newsletters, the website and other communication from Nursery.

To make sure that you receive all communications, please check your email addresses are up to date on both ParentPay and Learning Journals. If you are having any difficulties updating these then please contact Mrs Matear for ParentPay (admin@carrickknowe.edin.sch.uk) or Mrs McKay for Learning Journals (Katie.McKay@carrickknowe.edin.sch.uk).