



Milton of Leys Primary School Returning to School Plan and FAQs



The local authority confirmed on 26th June 2020 that schools should expect a 100 per cent return in August with no social distancing. Schools are still waiting for further guidance about this full return which will be based on scientific and medical advice nearer the time of the return. The government is expected to confirm the re-opening of schools fully on July 30th. To be prepared for a possible full return or blended learning with in-school/at-home learning, we have 3 planned models.

Model A

Within this model, all pupils will return to school five days a week from August 12th. There will still be strict observation of handwashing and hygiene throughout the school day. The safety and well-being of all our pupils will remain our top priority with health and safety measures set out within appropriate risk assessments.

Within the ELC setting, we will be able to provide **600 hours** of funded early learning and childcare which will be split over the 38 weeks of school **term time only**.

As our confirmed funded model of early learning and childcare has now changed from the previously proposed 1140 hours, you will now have been emailed a new preference of hours to enable you to request which days and times you would like your child to attend. Once all forms have been received, you will be emailed a confirmation of your child's allocated room, key worker and attendance pattern.

Model B

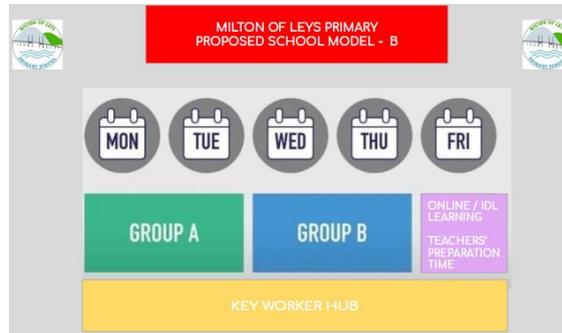
Our first contingency plan, model B is based on the return to school with 2m social distancing. These plans have been shared with parents and enable pupils to return to school two days a week from August 12th. As previously shared, we would hope to increase in-school attendance with the 3&2 pattern using alternate Fridays so pupils are able to be in school for 50% of the time over two weeks. We have organised the whole school roll, including nursery pods and pupils from P1-7 in groups according to parents' preferred days and friendships, and will share the allocated days with you next week, so that you have these for



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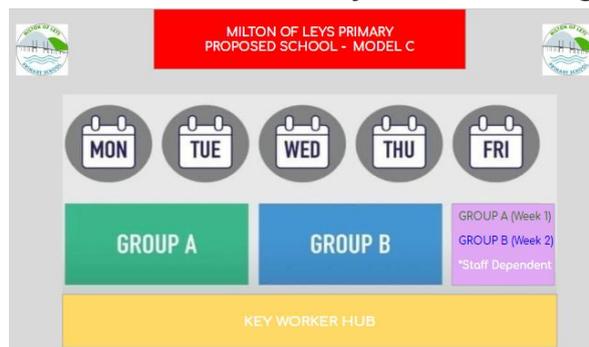
your own contingency planning should it seem likely over the course of the summer that the full return will not be possible.



Model C

This contingency plan is based upon a return to school with 1m social distancing.

We have calculated that we would be able to return 100 per cent of pupils to school five days a week with 1m social distancing and would follow appropriate risk assessments to ensure the safety and well-being of our pupils.



Here is a link to a short video that we have made outlining plans for the return to school with 2m social distancing, 1m distancing and no social distancing. Please note that we are waiting for further guidance in July from the government about a full return to school with no social distancing. We will update parents before the start of next session if there are any new factors that need to be taken into consideration in this event.

[Social Distancing 3.mov](#)



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Classes

As mentioned at the Parent Council meeting last week, our school roll for P1-7 is currently on the cusp between 13 and 14 classes. For this reason, we will not be able to share the name of your child's class teacher with you before the summer break as we will be able to confirm how our classes will be configured before then. I realise that this will be disappointing, but would like to reassure that this means that when we are back in August we will be able to allocate new classes for the session 2020/21 with confidence.

I will be in touch with the school community from early August when it is confirmed how schools will re-open. Please be assured that we will be able to use Model B immediately with the groupings we have should this be the case, and will be able to confirm this with you before the start of the session. If we return fully, we will make plans to share the new classes with children at the start of the session. For groupings and classes, we will take account of friendship groups so that your child settles well back into the life of the school.

Health and Wellbeing

On our return to school, our key focus will be on Health and Wellbeing and ensuring your child feels comfortable and safe within the school. We will take time to get to know each other again and continue to build relationships. We will continue to follow our Positive Relationships and Additional Support Needs policy in supporting all pupils on their return to the school environment.

Curriculum

As mentioned above our key focus on our return to school will be Health and Wellbeing. Small sessions of Literacy and Numeracy will be introduced into the curriculum within the second and third week of term but Health and Wellbeing will continue to be our main focus.

PEF

We are waiting for further guidance about our PEF allocation from the authority at this stage.

Uniform and Equipment

On return to school, please ensure your child is dressed comfortably, taking with them their school bag, their lunch (if they are packed lunch) and a clearly labelled water bottle. We will provide all stationary equipment as required and



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uniform will not be essential when we first return. We will share the most up to date guidance when this is available during August 2020.

Frequently Asked Questions

The Highland Council has provided a Parents and Carers FAQs sheet which we have attached here: [Highland Council Parents and Carers FAQs](#)

Please note that schools will close on June 25th 2021 for the summer holidays next year, on account of our return to school one week ahead of the planned return in August 2020.

Please keep up to date with our latest information by visiting <https://miltonofleysblog.com/returning-to-school-august-2020/>