



Thornwood After School Club

Changes to arrangements for the collection, accommodation, and pick-up of children during restricted service provision

As of September 28th 2021

These arrangements have been made in line with Scottish Government's *Coronavirus (Covid-19): guidance for school age childcare services and with the appreciated co-operation of Thornwood Primary School.

They may be subject to change on short notice given the unpredictable nature of the current global situation we find ourselves in.

Changes that will take effect as of 28th Sept 2021:

- Snack and pickup will continue in cohorts; however, children will no longer be separated into cohorts when playing outside, in line with school changes.
- Indoor and outdoor spaces will continue to be available for children to access, however, we will aim to spend as much time as possible outside.
- Regular hand washing and frequent sanitising of high contact areas/equipment will continue as before.

* <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-school-age-childcare-services/>



Table 3 Cohorting of children

Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4/Stay local
The only restriction on group size is registration capacity.	To limit interactions children should be managed in consistent groups with a maximum size of 56.	To limit interactions children should be managed in consistent groups with a maximum size of 48.		To limit interactions children should be managed in smaller groups, at most equivalent to those in primary school classes – e.g. max 33.
	Children should remain within the same groups wherever possible and should not mix freely with children in other groups. To avoid confusing children, this should apply when children are outdoors as well as indoors.			
<p>When settings are making decisions about exact cohort size (within the maximum specified above), they should consider the impact on the number of children and staff required to self-isolate when one or more person in the group tests positive.</p> <p>Group sizes and the associated transmission risks should be reflected in the setting's risk assessment. This includes in level 0 where settings should demonstrate that they have considered the risks if they decide not to retain restrictions on group size.</p>				

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance for school age childcare services - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)

P1, P2, and P3 Children Pick-Up

Staff Pick-up from Infant playground

- Primary 1, 2, and 3 children will be collected by a member of staff from the infant playground.
- They will then be assisted to store their belongings, go wash their hands, and to sit in their allocated area in the dining hall to have snack.
- When the playground is clear of parents/children and all gates have been locked, we can then access outdoor areas.
- After snack time, all snack areas will be sanitised, and all age groups can use indoor or outdoor spaces and mix without cohorts (within our dining hall, gym hall, or playground) for activities and games, however, we will continue to encourage outdoor play as much as possible.
- Regular hand washing and frequent sanitising of high contact areas/equipment will continue as before.

Parent/Carer Collection

- Please come to the main school entrance at the car park, alerting staff to your arrival by using our After School Club doorbell.
- **A face mask must be worn when collecting your child(ren).**
- Please also remember to follow social distancing when waiting for your child.
- If you wish, call us 5 minutes before you arrive, and we can get your child(ren) ready. As you may know, some children take longer than others to get ready!
Our office number is (0141) 334 1797.
- The member of staff may ask for your child's PIN number to authorise collection.
- If you are having someone collect your child on your behalf, please ensure they have your child(ren's) PIN number, and if possible, please let us know beforehand via phone or email.
- If you need a reminder of your child's PIN number, please contact us prior to pickup either by phone, or by emailing: thornwood@hyndlandasc.org.uk
- If a member of staff asks to speak with you or you would like to have a chat with them, we can arrange a time that is best for you and contact you via telephone.



Primary 4, 5, 6, and 7 Children

Staff Pick-up from School

- Primary 4, 5, 6, and 7 children will be met by a member of staff at the entrance to the main playground/dining hall.
- They will then be asked to store their belongings, go wash their hands, and to sit in their allocated area in the dining hall to have snack.
- When the playground is clear of parents/children and all gates have been locked, we can then access outdoor areas.
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