

Staffing

As we move in to our new school session we have some new staff members in our staff team.

Mrs Hadden has returned from maternity leave and is back at work full time in her role as our depute head teacher. We are delighted to have Mrs Hadden back in our team. She is settling back in to school life quickly and is supporting our learners and staff team.

Miss Craig has been successful at interview for the post of Acting Principal Teacher in our school. We are delighted for Miss Craig and we are sure she will continue to support our learners and families in this post.

I continue in my role supporting Mayfield Primary School at this time. In my role I will continue to split my time between Mayfield and our own school. Please be reassured that I am still fully involved in the school and decision making supporting our pupils.

We welcome Miss Liddle to our P7 class and Miss Clarke to our P2 class. Both ladies are very enthusiastic and eager to support our learners. They are very grateful for the warm reception that they have received in our school.

Mrs Major will be in our P7 class on a Monday and our P2 class on a Thursday. Mrs Major has previously worked on our campus and is delighted to be a member of our staff team for this session.

Finally Mrs Curle will be teaching Primary 6 on a Tuesday. This provides Miss Craig with time to support the leadership of the school. Mrs Curle has met the class and is eager to start in the school.

We are sure that you will join with us in welcoming all of our new staff members to our team.

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Settling In

We are all delighted to be back in school and have the buzz of our pupils filling the classrooms again! It has been a great couple of weeks for the pupils and staff in our school. Our pupils have come back with a real thirst for learning and are all eager to be engaged in learning in our classes! Staff are commenting so enthusiastically about our pupils, and just how well they have adjusted to the new 'normal' in our school. Thank you to all our families for all your support at this time, it really is much appreciated.

Guidance for Parents and Carers

The guidance we receive from NHS Lothian and in turn Midlothian Council is constantly being updated. We will try to keep you as up to date as we can with any changes as soon as we receive them.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A new continuous cough
- A fever/high temperature
- A change or loss in taste and smell

If a child displays any symptoms they must self isolate within their house and seek advice from NHS Test and Protect on 0800 028 2816 and book a test.

If a child is tested, the negative test must be emailed to the school office **BEFORE** the child can return to school.

If a child tests positive the parent/carer must contact the school as a matter of urgency and the school will give further information and guidance at this time.

A child who lives with someone who has symptoms should not come in to school. They should contact the school with this information, follow current guidance., while ensuring the family member is tested.

If your child is experiencing other symptoms e.g.

- Blocked/runny nose
- Headache
- Sore throat

But not including any of the classic COVID-19 symptoms, they should stay off school until their symptoms have improved and they feel well.

We recognise that this is a lot of information to take in. If you are unsure, please contact our school office who will be happy to help.

Please note that children with the above non-COVID19 symptoms will be sent home from school in line with current guidance.

We appreciate your support at this time, and thank you for your patience as we ensure these changes are in place to support our families.

Social Distancing

Thank you to all of our families for supporting us with social distancing at the start and the end of the school day.

Please ensure that only 1 adult comes to school with your child so that we can limit the number of adults on our campus at any one time.

Please ensure that you follow the 2m social distancing between adults to ensure the safety of our pupils, staff and families.

Dogs in the Playground

A gentle reminder that dogs should not be in our school grounds or playgrounds. This is in line with Midlothian Council guidance for schools.