



## Ramsay Campus

### Newsletter May 2020

Dear all parents, carers and pupils of Ramsay Campus,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. These are such strange times and I think all of us are trying to manage our lives the best we can under very trying circumstances. Please be kind to yourselves and each other.

#### **Returning to school**

We have no date yet in regards to returning to school. This will come from government and as much as I would like to say we will definitely be back by a certain time, at this point, I have no idea of any return date. We are planning and looking ahead at what would need to happen on a return to school. Staff and pupils will need time to acclimatise after so many weeks of isolation and if social distancing is in place this also needs to be carefully planned for. We will be guided by the council and will do our utmost to keep everyone safe.

#### **Transitions**

There is information from Midlothian Council around transitions for new S1 pupils and new P1 pupils on our website. This week the council are filming in schools in order to produce virtual tours for new P1 pupils. We will be in touch with parents regarding this once it is completed.

#### **Google Classroom**

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in getting our google classrooms up and running. Across campus we have an average of 74.5% pupil engagement. We would really like this to be higher and engage more pupils. If you need help with passwords for Google classroom, access to devices or you have any other technical issues, Mrs Hinton is available. You can contact her on email at [k.hinton@mgfl.net](mailto:k.hinton@mgfl.net) There are also some videos in each of the classrooms that give you step by step guidance on how to submit tasks etc.

If you require more materials for working at home (jotters, pencils etc.) please let your class teacher know and arrangements can be made to provide these.

#### **Outside**

With the recent information from the Scottish government regarding daily exercise - you can now go outside for exercise more than once per day- we encourage families to embrace this! Getting outside in the fresh air supports mental health and also helps alleviate anxiety.

Children who are not going out regularly may find it difficult to leave the house on their return to school. Luckily the weather has been kind to us and hopefully this will continue.

### **Reporting**

Teachers are currently writing a short report on your child as a learner. As you know, we had moved to Learning Trios this year and our final round was due to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of June. We hope to issue these reports at that time. We ask that you and your child add targets for returning to school onto the reports and send back to us. This will allow us to continue to work towards embedding the learning trio approach.

### **Staffing**

We welcome back Mrs Cooney who is working alongside Mr McGaff in Primary 3. We are still waiting on final numbers and budgets for next session to confirm staffing for session 2020/2021.

### **Support**

If I can support in any way during this difficult time please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can reach me on email at; [d.donnelly@mgfl.net](mailto:d.donnelly@mgfl.net)

**Please take care and stay safe.**

**We are missing you all,**

**Mrs Diane Donnelly and all the staff of Ramsay Campus.**