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Dear Parent and Carers

P5 Welcome Letter

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely summer holiday with friends and family. It has been lovely getting to know our learners during our first few weeks back – we are refreshed after a well-deserved break and ready to achieve great things in Primary 5! Already we are settling in, enjoying being back in the classroom and looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

The wearing of school uniform is expected at all stages. We ask that all parents support us by encouraging their child to wear school uniform every day. We have a bank of nearly new school uniform, please speak to Lee Grieve (Home School Practitioner) if you would like to access this resource.

Mrs McNeill will be our P5 class teacher on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and Mrs Thomson will be in class on a Thursday. Primary 5 will have gym on a Monday with Mrs Thom, our PE Specialist and on a Thursday with Mrs Thomson. During this time children are encouraged to wear sportswear to school on the days they have PE as our changing rooms are to remain closed until further notice.

It is still possible to get in a muddle with clothing and personal items, so if you could remember to label everything it would be very much appreciated! Please send a full, fresh water bottle to school with your child daily - as we actively encourage drinking water in class to help keep us fresh and hydrated! Although children cannot use the water fountains to drink from, they can fill their water bottles up, as and when needed!

Our home learning approach consists of weekly reading and numeracy activities along with optional learning log activities. Across the year there may be whole school home learning challenges. Learning Log activity dates are detailed below. We also challenge our families to try and complete the '50 things to do as family around Newtongrange' grid. The grid can be accessed from the school app and website or you can request a copy from the school office.

Term 1	30.08.21	27.9.21	
Term 2	26.10.21	15.11.21	
Term 3	17.1.22	21.2.22	14.3.22
Term 4	03.5.22	24.5.22	

Children can come to school on their bikes or scooters. There is a bike rack to store them during the day and we advise children to padlock them for safety. Children are requested not to cycle or scooter in the playground due to health and safety. All children cycling or scooting to school should be wearing a safety helmet.

The whole school community will continue to be vigilant for the symptoms of COVID-19. It is essential that your child does not attend school if symptomatic, but instead self-isolate (along with their household) and follow guidance on NHS Inform and from Test and Protect.

If your child is going to be absent from school we ask you to call before 9:30am in the morning please, the school telephone number is 0131 271 4645.

Newtongrange Primary School uses Seesaw to share your child's learning with you. Seesaw provides a digital platform through which families can engage with, share and discuss their child's learning. You can download Seesaw's Parent App for iOS, Android, or use the web to view your child's work (it's free). When your child adds new work, you will receive a notification to see, hear and respond to your child's learning item. You only have access to your own child's work and all of the content is stored securely. This gives you a 'window' into your child's classroom and their learning journey throughout the year. If you need access to your child's Seesaw account, please contact the school.

Staff will be able to communicate to parents using the announcement feature on Seesaw but parents will not be able to message a teacher directly. If a parent has a query or questions, they should direct these view the School office by email at newtongrange_ps@midlothian.gov.uk or by telephone on 0131 271 4645.

We hope that your child will enjoy the year ahead and give their best in all that they do. If you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or the school. Lastly, we regularly 'tweet' pictures of the learning and achievements in our school. You can follow our twitter account **@NewtongrangePS** to keep up to date.

Kind regards

Mrs K McNeil and Mrs H Thomson
P5 Class Teachers