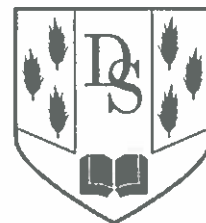


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to the First Minister's announcement yesterday, we are delighted that current scientific evidence now confirms we can move forward to allow the full time return to Early Learning and Childcare and P1-3 children to schools and ELC settings from 22 February.

Arrangements for ELC

Children will go back into their bubbles (Bees/Ladybirds/Butterflies and Grasshoppers) and revert to the arrangements which were in place before Christmas as follows:

Room 1 will use the Garden Door (Butterflies and Bees)

- Butterflies: 8.40 am – 3.20pm (Mon – Thurs) and 8.40am – 12noon (Fri)
- Bees: 8.30am – 3.10pm (Mon – Thurs) and 8.30am – 11.50am (Fri)

Room 2 will use the Main Door (Ladybirds and Grasshoppers)

- Ladybirds: 8.40 am – 3.20pm (Mon – Thurs) and 8.40am – 12noon (Fri)
- Grasshoppers: 8.30am – 3.10pm (Mon – Thurs) and 8.30am – 11.50am (Fri)

Arrangements for P1-3

The school day will continue to run from 8.50 – 3.15 for all P1-3 pupils.

- P3 will line on the path at the main entrance. They will enter and exit through the main door.
- P1/2 and P2 will line up on the astroturf and will be collected by the teacher and enter by the infant door.
- P1A and 1B will line up on the astroturf and will be collected by the teacher and enter by the Quiet Garden door

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Drop off and Pick Up:

As before, we must ask that parents do not enter the playground at drop off and pick up times. Please remain in the Parent Zone. Your child can wait with you and then go to their line on the bell, or else play in the playground in their year group's Zone and then line up. Please do not send/bring your child to school too early. Pick up areas for P1, 2 and 3 have not changed and are as they were before Christmas.

It is important that all adults on school grounds observe social distancing – remaining 2m from anyone not in your household. We would ask please that parents continue to wear face coverings for drop off and pick up.

LFD Testing

All staff who are returning to classrooms to teach P1-3 and Senior Phase will be issued with LFD testing kits. The expectation is that staff will at home test twice a week and record results online. All senior phase pupils will also be issued with at home tests. Schools will be recording the distribution of these kits following government guidance.

Remote Learning

For those year groups who will still learn from home, teachers will continue to deliver remote learning experiences based on children's current learning targets.

We continue to be impressed with the superb effort all our families are making with remote learning. We understand that this is not easy and thank you for your support at this time. I would like to also thank the teachers who are working incredibly hard to provide high quality learning experiences remotely at this difficult time.

Following our recent Parent Council meeting we have responded to a request that some parents would find it useful to have activities posted in advance the night before in order to better plan the day's learning. We have agreed with teachers that some key learning activities will be posted on Seesaw the night before they are to be completed. We hope you find this helpful.

Staffing

For the moment, Mr Cole is supporting P6 & 7 remote learning alongside Mr Halliday, while Miss Miller supports the P6/7 in-school learners. Miss Combe is supporting the P4/5 in-school learners and P5 remote learning continues to be delivered by the team of Miss Combe, Miss Kersh, Miss Renton and Miss Brien. I will update you with any changes to this arrangement.

Mrs Shaw will cover P1B on a Tuesday from 23rd February whilst continuing to support the P4/5 in-school learners on a Wednesday. Mrs Willis will be absent from school for a short period of time from 26th February. P2 will be taught by Miss Chaudry and Mr Halliday.

All other staffing for P1-3 classes remains the same at the moment. Mrs Barratt will be delivering Support for Learning for P1-3 pupils and continuing to support those P4-7 pupils with whom she has been working.

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Risk Assessment

As before, all schools and ELC settings have been risk assessed with colleagues from our Health and Safety service, with enhanced health and safety measures and protocols put in place that follow the current public health and government guidance.

These include observing the age-appropriate physical distancing measures outlined by current government guidance as well as public health advice to help reduce the spread of the virus, guidance on handwashing and hygiene, use of PPE, updated fire safety arrangements and use of transport.

Cleaning

Every school will continue to have an enhanced cleaning regime in place, with staff on duty throughout the school day. Toilets, door handles, bannisters and other surfaces in constant use will be cleaned on a rotational basis to ensure the highest possible levels of cleanliness.

Transport/Safe Routes to School

School transport will continue to run as normal and there will continue to be crossing patrols in place for those who have been asked to attend, or who have a critical childcare space.

School Lunches

Key worker and vulnerable children who attend school and ELC will continue to be provided with a school lunch.

BACS will continue to be paid to those from P4 upwards who are entitled to Free School Meals for financial reasons. Further information about Free School Meals during this period can be found here:

https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school_meals/117/free_school_meals_and_clothing_grants/3

We would like to thank you for your continued support as we develop our plans following this very recent announcement. We will keep you updated with any further information via our usual channels of communication.

Yours faithfully



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Acting Head teacher

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