

Staffing

As we move in to our new school session we have a number of new staff members in our team.

Mr Wilson has been successful at interview for the post of Acting Depute Head Teacher. We are sure you will join with us in congratulating him on this post, and support him as he continues to work to support our school moving forwards.

Mr Winnigton, Mr McGaff and Mr Evans have joined our teaching team for this school session. They are settling in well to their classes and have been very grateful for all the support received from both pupils and families in the last few weeks.

Mr Woods is currently supporting our P6 class as we await the return of Mr McIntyre. Mr Woods is enjoying working with the class and will be with us until Mr McIntyre returns. We will keep our P6 families updated when we have further information.

Mrs Stables has also joined our staff team in her role as a learning assistant. Mrs Stables has settled in quickly to the routines of the school and is a valuable support to our teaching staff.

Learning in School

Thank you to all of our parents and carers for all of your hard work and commitment to supporting our learners throughout the period of school closure.

Our staff team have been impressed by the level of learning undertaken by our pupils and by the knowledge that they have retained over the Summer period.

Please be reassured that our staff are working tirelessly to support our learners at this time, ensuring that any gaps in learning are addressed to ensure our pupils continue to make progress in their learning.

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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 appreciate.

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 form 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 or 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.