



Friday 5th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are absolutely delighted that it has been confirmed that we will welcome back our remaining P4-7 pupils on Monday 15th March. We are very excited to catch up with our senior pupils after so long apart and are looking forward to getting back to regular classroom learning as quickly as possible.

To be ready for school return, please read the important reminders below.

Drop Off/Pick Up Arrangements

Our drop off and pick up arrangements from the 15th of March will return to the system in place before the Christmas holidays.

Nursery, P1, P1/2 and P2 families should enter through the pedestrian gate nearest our school carpark. Please ensure that you arrive close to your allocated drop off time and leave as soon as your child has been handed over to school staff. Remaining at the gates blocks access for other families and represents a Covid transmission risk. Please ensure that you exit through the one-way system, leaving through the road gate at our car park. Nursery and Primary 1 pupils will exit through this gate at pick up times. Primary 1/2 and Primary 2 will continue to exit through the pedestrian gate nearest our delivery entrance on the north east corner of our campus. Please ensure that you observe social distancing at this gate and avoid standing within the gardens of our neighbouring properties. This street is now completely closed and so there will be plenty of space to spread out safely.

Primary 3, 4 and 4/5 pupils should enter through the pedestrian gate on the north west of our campus (nearest the Edible Garden). We cannot allow parents/carers into our playground and we ask that you arrive as close as you can to the bell and leave once your child is safely in the playground. Remaining at the gates blocks access for other families and represents a Covid transmission risk. Pupils will exit from this gate at 3.15 in class order, starting with P3. **Please note that "the bend" has now been closed to traffic, creating a safe space for parents to wait at pick up and drop off times. There is now a large area in which parents/cares can safely spread out to wait for their child if this is essential. Please do not crowd the gate.**

Primary 5, 6 and 7 will enter and exit through the pedestrian gate nearest our delivery entrance on the north east corner of our campus. Whilst senior pupils are independent enough to come unsupervised, please remind your child about the need to observe road safety once they have exited the pedestrianised streets. We had reports of pupils on bikes

and scooters failing to check for oncoming traffic when crossing roads before the Christmas break.

Uniform, PE, Stationary, Toys

As before the Christmas holidays, pupils are welcome to wear school uniform, however our key priority is that pupils come to school in freshly laundered clothes each day to minimise transmission risks. Therefore, we understand that it may be difficult for pupils to wear uniform every day.

Pupils will be taking part in outdoor PE and outdoor learning most days, therefore we would ask that pupils come to school wearing clothing and footwear that is appropriate for this. Pupils will not change for PE in the current circumstance as we want to minimise the amount of items brought in from outside of school.

Similarly, we would like to request again that pupils do not bring in toys or pencil cases from home. These are not required in school and pupils will not be allowed to use them. All necessary materials will be provided for pupils, including individual stationary kits for all pupils.

All your pupil needs to bring in is a water bottle, a snack and a packed lunch (if not taking a school dinner).

After School Club

City of Edinburgh Council is working closely with all After School Care providers to re-establish provision in time for 15th March. Whilst we can offer no guarantees that our provider will resume service on this date, we will share all information as we have it.

Equalities Focus

Along with all other schools in Edinburgh we are working hard to improve all equalities issues. Our School Renewal Plan sets out the actions we expect to achieve this session. They include better ways of tackling racist incidents and reviewing our curriculum. One of the most important actions for us is to improve pupil voice in this area. Our Pupil Equalities Coordinators will be leading this work. They, and our staff Equalities Coordinator Miss Innes will be in touch soon to ask for your support. If you are interested in getting more involved, a city-wide Working Group for Equalities has been formed and you would be very welcome to join. Please contact Annemarie.Procter@ea.edin.sch.uk to find out more.

Free Online Yoga with Active Schools instructor Rachel

Our Edinburgh Active Schools Yoga instructor Rachel Cairns has teamed up with the Heart Space Project to offer free online family yoga. Classes will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4.15pm through the Heart Space website at <https://www.heart-space.yoga> There is a quick form to fill out on the website to join in.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Yours sincerely



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Head Teacher