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Dear Parent/Carer

Planning for June and August 2020

I hope you are all well and managing in these challenging circumstances. I know with two weeks to go until the end of term that there will be some anxiety around what happens next.

I would like to reassure you that while we have had to prioritise arrangements for children transitioning to Primary 1 and High School, we are also currently planning for the transition of children at all stages in our school.

The planning process is far from straightforward and while I may share plans with you, please be aware that these **may** have to be altered dependent on Scientific, Scottish Government and Midlothian guidance.

Further guidance about specific arrangements for August will follow. However, you will know from the media that this will be a 'blended model' where children will learn some of the time at school and some of the time at home. We will be planning around sibling groups across Nursery – Primary 7. There is also likely to be a commitment to continue to support Category 1 and 2 keyworkers.

From Monday 15th June, most staff will be in school and planning classroom and teaching spaces to meet current guidelines for August. In the final week staff will be arranging to pass on transition information. We will be welcoming our new Primary 1 children to introduce them to adults in school. We will also have the opportunity to welcome back our Primary 7 children for their final visit. We are very much looking forward to this. In order to meet social distancing guidance these activities will take place over a number of days that week.

Throughout these two weeks the Hub for keyworkers remains at Paradykes and will be supported by staff.

While staff will still be scheduling learning tasks for this period, authority guidance is that there should be a relaxation in terms of expectation in order that transitions and planning for August can take place.

I have received a few emails from parents/carers regarding when we will be allocating class teachers. I am able to share the names of the stage teams who will support the blended learning groups within each stage.

While this differs from usual when I am able to identify each child's class teacher/s, creating teams at each stage provides the flexibility that will be required to support learning 'in home' and 'in school'. It allows for a model where children will know who their key adults are without being impacted if an allocated teacher is not able to return to work in August or if a teacher becomes unwell.

As soon as we are able to move forwards and allocate particular classes to a teacher we will do so.

Staffing Update

Ms Duncan will stay in Burnbrae to cover teacher's non- contact time, teaching mindfulness 3 days a week.

Miss Hutton will join the team in the provision.

Mrs Hamlyn has an extended fixed term contract in Burnbrae.

We welcome:

Eilidh Lyall who will be joining us as a NQT's (Newly Qualified Teachers). Mrs Kirkland will support her on a Wednesday allowing Miss Lyall a day out for professional development.

Sarah Corrieri who returns as Principal teacher from Woodburn.

We are sad to say goodbye to:

Miss Katie Johnstone who has a fixed term contract in Midlothian, location to be confirmed.

Mr Barclay who has a fixed term contract in Kings Park.

Mrs Hastings who is returning to Sacred Heart.

Stage	Teaching Team
P1 Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1A- Mrs Hamlyn with Mrs Knight teaching on a Monday• P1B- Mrs Hill (Mon, Tues) and Mrs Nelson (Wed, Thurs, Fri)• P1C- Mrs Grieve (Mon, Tues, alt Fri) and Mrs McLean (Wed, Thurs, alt Fri)• P1D- Miss Fleming
P2 Team	Mrs Marrins (Mon- Thurs/ Mrs Gall (Fri) Ms Thornton (Mon- Thurs)/ New DHT to be appointed (Fri) Mrs McLaren (Mon- Wed)/ Mrs Bryce (Thurs, Fri) PLEASE NOTE THAT, AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, OUR 4 P1 CLASSES ARE COMBINED INTO 3 P2 CLASSES. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW AFTER THE SUMMER AS STAGE GROUPINGS WILL BE USED TO PLAN FOR AUGUST
P3 Team	Mrs Pollock Mrs Watson (Mon, Tues)/ Mrs Roberts (Wed, Thurs, Fri) Miss Muir
P4 Team	Mrs Ramsey (Mon, Tues, alt Fri)/ Mrs Harvey (Wed, Thurs, alt Fri) Ms Harris Miss Lyall/ Mrs Kirkland (Wed)
P5 Team	Mr Burton Miss Melrose
P6 Team	Mrs Briggs Ms Murray (Mon, Tues, Wed)/ Ms Emma Johnston (Thurs, Fri)
P7 Team	Mrs Clements (Mon, Tues)/ Mrs Trueman (Wed, Thurs, Fri) Mrs Corrieri (Tues- Fri) with Mrs McCallum teaching on a Monday

Thank you for everything you continue to do to support the school. Staff are so proud of your children. We appreciate your continued understanding during this time. Particular thanks for positive emails, cards and feedback for teachers who are doing an amazing job in very difficult circumstances.

As I prepare to move back to Bonnyrigg, I thank you for your support and wish you well for the future.

Jennifer Allison
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