



Dear Parents/Carers and Children

This will be our last Mauricewood Connects of this session and we wanted to say a huge thank you. Firstly, for the amount of support you have given our learners in doing their best in their Google Classroom and secondly, for taking the time to stay connected with school and our school community.

We move into the phase of preparing for the return to school in August and to help with this you will see a difference to our class grids from next week. The focus for P1-P6 becomes “transition” and the activities in the grids are a chance for our children to share some information and news about themselves and their school year with new teachers - and current teacher too! With the introduction of the blended model for learning (a combination of home and school learning) in August, your child will work with staff across year groups in their block e.g. P1/2, P3/4 and P5-P7. More information on classes, teachers and the return to school timetable will follow in due course. You may also see some familiar faces popping up in your Google classroom!

The transition learning grids also include a link to a confidential parent survey to allow you the opportunity to pass on important information on your child’s lockdown experience and their feelings about returning to school. This can **only** be seen by teaching staff in Mauricewood and not by any parent or child. We expect this will be a valuable source of information in helping our young people to return. The survey links for each class will also be added into the school app and can be accessed at any time, and more than once in case there is information to add later.

As we prepare our classrooms, our teachers will be working within the school building more often over the next fortnight, which means they may be unavailable for questions throughout the school day. Hence, the grids are more simplified. Once again, please only do on the grids what you can manage. There is no specific Feedback Focus and although some tasks are set as Assignments there is no expectation that all will be completed. P7 classes have a slightly different focus, as Midlothian wish to revisit some of the Headstrong messages with all P7s to support their move into High School, so these activities have been incorporated into the P7 grids.

A large part of our transition activities will require your support in talking to the children about moving on to the next stage in Mauricewood and coming back to the classroom. We recognise that school is going to look different to how it did back in March and we want the children to be reassured that although it may look different, we want it to feel as normal as possible. Our major focus is what we CAN do, not what we can’t. We can still play with our

friends, we can still talk to our teachers, we can still enjoy learning - there may just be some adaptations from how this was before.

We know that parents, this year more than ever, are vital to the success of our transition process. Please do get in touch if you feel we can help in any way and we ask that you take time at home to consider the positives of moving on to a new stage in learning as you complete the transition activities.

Many thanks,
The Mauricewood Team