

Economy and Skills

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, thank you for your efforts and support for your young people in terms of the decant and also the new accommodation at Kirkstyle. Your co-operation and support have been warmly valued in this time of change and it has also been a pleasure to meet many of you personally.

I met today with Craig Hume, Chair of Loanhead Parent Council, around several issues that affect the school and hope that the content of this update will give you both further information, and indeed, the opportunity to see the decant facilities first-hand.

In regards to transport, it is the expectation that buses should be at Loanhead for **8.40am** and that pack-up times at the end of the school day permit for as close to a 3.00pm departure from Kirkstyle, without unnecessarily impinging on pupil learning. The school have confirmed that pupils commence pack-up at **2.55pm (2.50pm for P1)** to allow for pupils to access transport back.

In regards to school leadership, I apologise for not clarifying Mrs Milne's status at Kirkstyle as Acting Headteacher. It has been necessary to redeploy Mr Forsyth to another school due to an unforeseen issue and I would intend being able to clarify the future substantive leadership at Loanhead further at a later date. At this stage, I have provided Mrs Milne with funding for an extra Classroom Assistant and Principal Teacher in order to ensure the smooth running of Loanhead Primary School at Kirkstyle.

The building works at Loanhead have commenced, and I am aware that several parents have requested an update on proposed timelines for the build. I am also aware that many parents, as promised, would like to see the facilities at Kirkstyle. To this end, I would like to advise parents that ***an open afternoon will be held on Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 5.00pm to allow parents the opportunity to see the facilities at Kirkstyle.***

I have also arranged to attend a meeting of the Parent Council on the evening of 24th September, with other senior officers, to discuss the Loanhead Primary School build and other aspects of note, and details from this meeting will also be disseminated to the full Parent Forum.

I would like to once again thank you for your co-operation and support in regard to Loanhead Primary School and your ongoing involvement in the education of your young people.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda McAulay-Griffiths".

LINDA McAULAY-GRIFFITHS
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