



Parental Information and Update

13th May 2022

Our School Community

Dear Parent/ Carer

Since returning from the Spring Break, it has been a great pleasure to begin welcoming our parents and carers back into the school. The sense of community in our playground has returned and it has been lovely to see families enjoying the shared space at the end of a school day. Our 'Stay and Play' sessions for our nursery families have also been a success, as have a range of other times when parents have been coming back into the school building for events like the P1-P2 consultation meeting, the recent parent workshop regarding dyslexia, and the chance again to support on a range of school trips and outings that are being planned. We were also able to hold our recent Parent Council Meeting in school for the first time since before the pandemic.

Looking ahead over the coming weeks and towards the end of this school session, there will be a range of other ways in which our families will be invited to be part of school life. We are very excited about our planning for the 'Summer Learning Festival' during the week commencing Monday 6th June, including our Parent Council Summer Fayre on Friday 10th June. Detailed information about this week will be coming out to you today and I very much hope that you are able to be a part of that week. In addition, there will be other opportunities to join in transition activities for some of our families, for example with regards to our new Primary 1s 'to be' during June and our nursery outing. We also hope to plan an end of year school gathering during the last week of term and we are currently in conversation with our friends at Orchardhill Parish Church to arrange this; given some remaining CV-19 guidance, it may be that we have two gatherings for 'halves' of the school this year, so there will be more information to share with you once this is finalised.

In all of these ways then, re-establishing our shared school community will continue to be a central aspect of our planning in the weeks and indeed months ahead. We discussed this at our recent Parent Council meeting and I would welcome any suggestions, ideas or perspectives that you may have about how we can continue to do this most effectively together.

Finally then, from Friday 20th May onwards we will be restarting our Senior Leadership Drop-in time between 9- 9.30am on Friday mornings. Prior to the pandemic, this was a long-standing aspect of our shared communication and I am pleased that we are now able to begin it again. This time is an optional one for any parent or carer who wishes to have a face-to-face chat with one of the leadership team, usually myself. Often these meetings have been relatively short in time, however they have been important chances to speak together. There is no 'booking' required; should you wish to, please just come along to the school office around 9am that Friday. At times, there may be a number of parents so we will



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of course always do our best to speak with everyone who attends within the allotted time. If not, we would always arrange additional mutually agreeable time to do this.

Importantly, should you have any questions or concerns about your child you can always call the office as usual on 0141-570-7180, in order to speak with one of the leadership team in the first instance. Please do not wait for the Friday drop-in when an issue needs attention more quickly.

Finally, I have enjoyed speaking with a wide range of you in the playground at the start and end of day, so you are very welcome to catch me there for a chat should that be a better way for you.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Lawson'.

Rob Lawson

Head Teacher