

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Update



Friday 29 May 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

Recovery Planning

Hope this finds you and your family well- the sunshine always helps!

You may be aware that the First Minister made a statement last week in relation to the Scottish Government's Framework for Recovery. She announced that schools in Scotland will re-open on August 11 2020. It has not yet been confirmed whether children in East Renfrewshire will actually start back on this date or whether there will be designated INSET days at the start of term, but this is certainly an earlier start date for the new session than had originally been planned for.

As part of the phased approach to re-opening schools, it is highly likely that children will initially at least attend on a part-time basis in August, with half of their learning in class and half completed remotely. Our teachers and child development officers will be working hard over the coming weeks to plan what learning will look like within this new landscape. I will share the detail of our planning with you as soon as I can as I am fully aware this will continue to have a significant impact on all of your lives moving forward and that you will be eager to put your own plans into place sooner rather than later.

The month of June will see school staff returning to their own buildings as appropriate to plan for next session as well as maintaining their current remote learning responsibilities. In addition children for whom both parents are essential frontline keyworkers will continue to benefit from school provision, moving back to Maidenhill on June 8.

We are particularly conscious of our older nursery class children who will be moving on to Primary 1 in August. We are currently planning to invite these children back to our nursery class in 2 small groups during w/b June 15 and w/b June 22 to touch base with them at this important transition point. In addition we are also planning two short playground induction sessions on Wednesday June 17 and Wednesday June 24 for our new P1 intake. More details will be issued to the relevant parents/ carers next week.

Although we will be seeing an increased staff presence within Maidenhill over the coming weeks, I would urge you not to attempt to visit our office. Lovely though it would be to see you, please continue to make schoolmail@maidenill.e-renfrew.sch.uk your first port of call for all contact.

There continues to be a great deal of uncertainty around how we will collectively recover from this unprecedented pandemic and what life will look like in the coming weeks and months. Please be assured that I will keep you up to speed with all Maidenhill's plans as soon as I can. As always, I am eager to hear all your thoughts, ideas and suggestions so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald
Head Teacher