

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Update



Wednesday February 3rd 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

Hope everyone is well- I can't remember a time when we had such a prolonged period of wintry weather. Judging by the fun I could see some of our kids having as I made my way home last night, I know they will not be complaining.

I am sure you will have all heard about the announcement from the First Minister yesterday about the phased return to schools in the weeks ahead.

The current intention is that all our nursery class children and all our children in P1-3 will return to Maidenhill on a full time basis from Monday 22 February. Although not yet fully confirmed, this is great news and I am confident if we all work hard to try to bring community transmission down, our youngest children will all be back with us before long.

The above measures will of course be in addition to the continued attendance of pupils **who have already been allocated** a place within our 'hub' provision. All remaining pupils (P4-7) not physically attending school will continue to access remote learning until the situation is further reviewed.

The department's Education Recovery Group meet tomorrow and I will hopefully be able to pass on any additional information in the coming weeks.

MUGA/ Playground

Police Scotland have expressed concern about large-scale gatherings in MUGAs and playgrounds across the authority over the course of the last weekend. Whilst there are no restrictions on under 12s being able to meet and interact, it would appear that adults and older children have also been entering these areas leading to overcrowding. This has been of particular concern given the continued high levels of community transmission within the area.

As a result, for the time being, our facilities staff have been asked to ensure all MUGAs and playgrounds are kept locked when not in use by the school during the day.

HMIe

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education have been 'taking a closer look' at our remote learning provision over the course of the week. I had a very positive discussion with the inspection team yesterday and this was informed by the extensive feedback evidence we had already been able to gather from our parents, children and staff. Thank you so much for your contribution. The information gathered this week will help to inform Education Scotland's reports on remote learning provision which are currently being published on a weekly basis.

Diary

Friday 5 February- INSET day (no remote learning or keyworker provision)

Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 February- February holiday (no remote learning or keyworker provision)

Wednesday 10 February- Remote learning and keyworker provision resume

Thursday 25 March- Parent Consultation Meetings ii- tbc.

Thursday 1 April - school closes for Spring holiday

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald

Head Teacher