

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Update



Wednesday February 17th 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope everyone is well and feeling as pleased as I am about the First Minister's confirmation that all children from Nursery-Primary 3 will return to Maidenhill full time from Monday 22nd. In light of this confirmation, I am re-attaching last week's letter on arrangements for the return to school in case you may have missed it.

I really feel for our P4-7 children, who have been absolutely amazing in terms of their engagement over this current shut-down. I know our teachers will continue to work hard to make sure they don't feel left out or forgotten about. Hopefully, all going well in terms of community transmission, we will see them back to school before too long.

I know our nursery-P3 children will be excited about next week's return and about seeing their friends and teachers. In the interest of forewarned being forearmed however, parents of families where older siblings are not returning next week may find that, once the novelty has worn off, younger siblings may start to think they are missing out on something when the rest of the family is still at home. Whilst remaining alert to any possible COVID symptoms, plan your best line of attack in advance before the 'sore heads' and 'sore tummies' start!

Nursery Class

All nursery class children will be returning next week and should attend following their usual allocated pattern. If your child is attending Maidenhill Nursery Class for the first time following a recent 3rd birthday, a member of nursery staff should have been in touch already to discuss settling-in arrangements. If you are worried you may have been overlooked, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Miss Shaw via schoolmail@maidenhill.e-renfrew.sch.uk.

I am sure you will want to join me in wishing Miss Bannerman (or Andrea, as the children call her) all the very best for her upcoming new arrival. Andrea will temporarily finish up with us on Friday 26th, but following current guidelines, won't be in the building next week to see the children return. We all look forward to seeing Andrea and the new baby before too long. Mrs Dickson (or Lee in nursery-speak), who has recently returned from her own maternity leave, will take over teaching responsibilities in the nursery class until June.

P4-7 Hub

Most children in P4-7 who have already been allocated provision in our hub should continue to attend following the same pattern as previously agreed upon. With the return of the younger children, the number of staff we have available to support children in our P4-7 hub is now significantly reduced. Priority, as always, is given to families where both (or all) parents/ carers are designated as Keyworker 1 and it remains important that we continue to minimise any unnecessary attendance.

I will e-mail the families of our existing P4-7 hub children on Thursday to confirm their attendance patterns from next week.

Remote Learning

Arrangements for remote learning for children in P4-7 will continue as they currently stand, with Miss Atkin monitoring provision in each of the Google Classrooms on a day-to day basis. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail her via schoolmail@maidenhill.e-renfrew.sch.uk, ensuring the chat function within each Google Classroom remains for the use of the children and teachers only.

Library Cards

Miss Atkin and Mr Edge have been liaising with East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Library services and have arranged for all Maidenhill children (nursery-P7) to apply for a library card to be used to support learning in school or at home. Please follow the link below and complete the survey (making sure you have read the privacy statement) if you are happy for this application to proceed:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4WjOKVOTctawUZKVOqInoWHvJMkHs1YZOTegFUMFowTFdaSVNWSEFEQ1M1RONNNDHFHRIY5UC4u>

Diary

Thursday 25 March- Parent Consultation Meetings ii- tbc.

Thursday 1 April - school and nursery class close for Spring holiday

Monday 19 April- school and nursery class re-open for Summer term

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald
Head Teacher