



# EAST END

## Primary School

Education, Communities & Organisational Development



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe we are nearing the end of the summer term already. The time just seems to have flown by. Our children, staff and families have had to adapt to many changes over the past year and I must say, I could not be prouder to be the Head Teacher of East End Primary.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of some of the arrangements for end of term bearing in mind current covid guidelines.

**Wellbeing Week: 14<sup>th</sup> June – 18<sup>th</sup> June**

The whole school will be taking part in our Wellbeing Week next week, where the children will have the opportunity to join in with a variety of activities that help support and develop physical, emotional and social wellbeing.

As part of this week, each class will run their own Class Sports which will include races for some classes and potted sports for others. Points will be collected for each house following these events in order that we can award the winning house with our traditional Sport’s Day trophy. Thank you so much to our Parent Council for their generosity again this year with regards to the purchase of ice cream for all the children to enjoy during their Class Sports time.

Please find below the day on which each class hope to hold their Class Sports (weather permitting):

P1	Wednesday	P5	Friday
P2	Wednesday	P6	Friday
P3	Wednesday	P7	Thursday
P4	Monday		

All children across the school are encouraged to wear a P.E kit / relaxed school uniform for the whole week next week, in order to allow them to join in comfortably with all the activities offered to them. NO FOOTBALL KITS please.

Permitted clothing includes:

- Trainers
- Tracksuit bottoms / shorts (weather dependent)
- T-shirt
- Tracksuit jumper / hoody

**Transition (P1-6): Moving on**

The staff and I are busy planning for the new academic session in August and we are looking forward to welcoming new children into our classes.



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Our new Primary 1 children are currently taking part in a virtual transition, and for this I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Taggart for organising such fun, online activities and for also making contact with our feeder Nurseries/Early Learning Centres and the children's families.

A transition day 'Moving on' time has been scheduled for the afternoon of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June. The children from the current P1-6 classes will be given the opportunity to meet their new class teacher, where possible, and join in with some fun activities as part of their transition.

Unfortunately I am not in the position yet to be able to inform you, the children and the staff about the exact staffing for next year. Mrs Ducrocq (DHT) and I are currently in the process of interviewing for new staff who are due to start in August. It is very exciting for us as a staff team to know that we will acquire from Government Covid Recovery funding, additional staff in order to support our children at East End next year. As soon as the staffing has been confirmed I will inform everyone.

#### **Primary 7 Transition**

Our current Primary 7s have been busy taking part in online transition activities to Elgin Academy and Elgin High School and over the next couple of weeks visits to the locations will be made.

The P7 children and Mrs Chard have planned a very exciting and busy final week of term. Mrs Chard will send home information about this to the families soon. I don't know who is more excited about the water event – Mrs Chard or the children!! I would like to thank Mrs Chard and Mrs Ward for supporting so thoroughly the transition for our Primary 7 class.

It is very sad that once again due to Covid we are unable to hold our P7 Leavers assembly. However, our P7 children will still receive their leavers hoodie and we hope to be able to get this to them at the start of the last week of term. Thank you to the Parent Council who have purchased these as a special keepsake of their time at East End. Parents/carers, please note that the children can wear these each day to school once they have received them.

Another tradition which has developed over the past few years is our P7 'March Out'. I have arranged with a pupil from Elgin Academy to play the bagpipes for the P7s as they leave school on their final day at East End. This will take place at 2pm and separate information will be sent to the P7 families about arrangements for this so we can undertake it in a covid-compliant way. Please note that 2 family members per P7 child will be allowed onto the school grounds for this event. The children and staff in P1-P6 will be able to 'line the route' from their individual classrooms and enjoy the occasion too.

#### **Final day of school arrangements**

Our final day of term is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June. There may be a possibility that the finishing time on this day will be at 2.30pm for our P1-P6 children, however, I am still awaiting permission from headquarters and I will confirm this with you as soon as I know for sure.



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### Reporting to Parents

Teaching staff have been busy over the past couple of weeks completing individual reports for all the children in their class. The purpose of these are to update parent/carers on your child's achievements this term and next steps to work towards for next session. These reports are due to be sent out to families during the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> June.

### School Uniform for next session

At this time of year the shops start stocking up again with school uniform and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the expectations regarding our school uniform.

- Blue school sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan. These can be the branded ones which are purchased directly from the school office or non-branded from a high street store. Please note that casual sweatshirts and hoodies are not to be used as a substitute.
- White or blue shirt/blouse/polo shirt. No football tops.
- Black or grey trousers/skirts/pinafore/shorts. No jeans. Please note that if PE kit is still not allowed due to covid on return in August, then leggings/dark jogging trousers will be acceptable in order to allow for comfort when moving.
- Black shoes/trainers.

The children always look very smart on return to school in August and by wearing uniform it keeps them all the same so there are no arguments about branded clothing. It also helps to instil a sense of pride and belonging to our 'East End family'.

If you are struggling to afford school uniform then please make contact with Mrs Picksley (Home School Link Worker ) 07971140158 or leave a message for her with Mrs Agutter in the office. Mrs Picksley helps many of our families with matters such as this in a very discrete manner.

I wish you all a happy summer holiday filled with sunshine, relaxation and happy memories.

Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes to you all,

Gail McIntosh  
Head Teacher



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