



Linkwood Primary 2nd March 2021

Dear Parents,

It's been a delight to have our P1-3 children back to school this last week. What a tonic to see so many smiley faces. I think we can all say we absolutely love our new space! I'm not sure you'll believe me, considering what many of you have battled with these last few weeks but I can honestly say all classes are so engaged in their lessons and the buzz around school is fantastic. We just need our last two classes to join us to really call our building our new home. This has been confirmed as the 15th March. We will contact families of P4-7 children directly prior to returning to school.

World Book Day

We are looking forward to enjoying a day of sharing stories and favourite characters in classes on Thursday 4th March. There will be no dressing up for this day.

Linkwood Lockdown Awesome Oscars

I enjoyed speaking to small assembly groups this week in our wonderful multi-use dining area. The children were quite curious as to how I'd magicked up the biggest TV screen ever! I have set the children a challenge of identifying their Linkwood Lockdown Awesome Oscar nominee- who has helped them through Lockdown and who they'd like to say thank you to. Their teachers will help classes record these.

We would like to ask you to consider what your child did through Lockdown that makes them a Linkwood Lockdown Superstar. **We would appreciate you recording this on the link below by Wednesday 11th March** and we will then create certificates for assembly when all pupils are back on the 15th March.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKVJyuCusqtdArbvT2XukCwNUNExZTTkyNzVORFgyQzU3QzRGOEM1R1o5Vi4u>

Tree-House

As part of our recovery programme, we have signed up for an online tool called 'Tree-House' which we will use to support your child's mental well-being. This tool has lots of really inspirational videos and reflective tasks for pupils to engage in. Each module ends with a dinner table discussion to encourage children to share their voice at home. It also has a 'staff' section which can be used by parents to support their own mental wellbeing by exploring feelings of e.g. anxiety. It is definitely worth a browse. Each child has been sent an email to their glow email account with a link to sign in and the password is: **linktreehouse**

Picking up and Dropping off

Thank you to everyone for supporting our return to school. We really appreciate you using the Sports Centre to drop off and the high numbers of children using our 'Walking Bus' is fantastic. Please support us to continue this service by signing up to help us out, otherwise we won't be able to sustain this service.

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We appreciate your continued support by not parking in the school car park and not turning in the middle of the road. We have also been informed that drop off spaces have been used for parking. Please be reminded these are for Additional Support Needs pupils attending The Woodlands or if your child is confident to leave the car and make their own way to playground.

Entering the playground

Children can enter any gate to the playground but parents should leave their child at the gate. We know this isn't easy but we do ask you to support Scottish Government guidance.

Pick Up

Pick up seems to be going well. P1 are now leaving the building by the main entrance and avoiding clashing with families moving through the gate at the nursery end. This leaves the playground empty for families to pass through from the avenue path (path leading to Sports Centre) to the P2-3 end, if that will help you.

In order to keep bus and taxi pupils safe, we have cordoned off a path leading from the main entrance to the bus. Please support us by stopping at this point if Mrs Moore is trying to cross the pavement with these pupils.

Parents going to collect and pick up from the P2-3 end are asked to cross the pavement to the opposite side (bike shelter side) to avoid walking through the P1 parents. We have requested a zebra crossing be painted on the road from school side to bike shelter side.

Name Tags

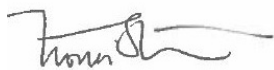
We have set up a school account with My Nametags, to help raise funds for the school and reduce the number of items being lost in school. If you wish to order online, please go to www.MyNametags.com using the School ID: 104969 at the checkout. Thank you for supporting us.

COVID SYMPTOMS

If your child show any of the signs of having COVID, they must remain at home until you seek further advice.

Hopefully this letter along with your child's class teacher's sway will provide the information you need to prepare for return. If you require any further assistance, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Stevenson
Headteacher