August 2020 Newsletter



From Yvonne Gribben Head Teacher

**WELCOME**

A very warm welcome back following the summer break. I am sure you will appreciate your child being back to his/her normal school routine particularly after such a long period. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new family and their child who is joining us in Mull class.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers for the tremendous support that you gave during lockdown, it was very much appreciated. Your strength and ability to cope has been amazing and we will be looking to you and your knowledge of your child to help settle them in as quickly as possible.

Although many of our children and young people will settle quickly, it may be that a few will require time to adjust and re-establish relationships, please be rest assured that we will work in partnership with you to ensure that this is as smooth as possible. If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher to discuss.

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| Skye Class | Miss Mitrou |
| Lewis Class | Mrs Creighton (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)  Mrs Coia (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) |
| Mull Class | Mrs Moncrieff |
| Jura Class | Mrs Bennett |
| Arran & Bute Class | Miss McHarg |

As far as possible, we are maintaining our core curricular routines, this will help your child to feel safe and secure. However, we must remain extremely diligent about the threat of coronavirus and for that reason, we will be taking additional measures as outlined by the Scottish Government to ensure the health and safety of your child including; additional cleaning, hand-washing routines, use of PPE where individual risk assessments determine and minimising the movement of children in and around the school. Fortunately we have excellent outdoor space and your child’s class has been allocated a zoned area in the school grounds. You were sent a booklet prior to the school holidays which outlines the health and safety information guidance for parents/carers, if you require a new copy of this, please let us know. It is so important that we work in partnership to ensure that Haysholm is a safe and secure place for your child.

You can be rest assured that your child will be very much at the centre of everything that we do in Haysholm and that the staff team will continue to provide the highest level of teaching and learning that they are entitled to.

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**ADMINISTRATION FORMS**

**Once again would you please sign the enclosed permission forms and the Annual Data Check Form for Session 2020/21. These should be returned to school AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. You must also provide us with an up-to-date email address and this will be our preferred way of communicating with our parents and carers.**

**I have also attached a blank “Administration of Medication” form. If your child requires to take any daily or emergency medications, please complete AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and return it to school.**

**UNIFORM/EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL**

Please can you send in a spare set of clothes and a drinking bottle or cup (labelled with your child’s name. You are also required to continue to send in wipes along with your child’s pull-ups if needed. We will store these in your child’s box and keep them in school. You may also send in a favourite toy or soother to be kept in school, however it is necessary to reduce the amount of items that your child brings to school. It is also important for you to wipe down all equipment and ensure that your child’s hands are thoroughly washed prior to getting onto school transport. We will do the same for the return journey at the end of the school day.

**SNACK**

Currently we require you to send a snack in with your child. Please can you ensure that this is a healthy snack item. When we are able to provide ‘snack healthy’ again, we will let you know.

**SCHOOL OFFICE**

The school office will not be accessible to children or parents. Please phone Mrs Tully or Mrs Watts if you have any queries.



Mrs Tully is available Mrs Watts is available

All day Monday & Tuesday Wednesday afternoon and

and Wednesday morning all day Thursday and Friday

**COMMUNICATION**

 We are going to augment the use of email this term as a communication method. It is extremely important that you provide us with an **up-to-date email address**. We will continue to use our text messaging service as well as sharing information via our Twitter, Apple Blossom Facebook page and Haysholm Glow blogs.

**PARENTS’ EVENINGS/REVIEW DATES**

Our first Parents’ Evening is planned for on **Wednesday 16 September. This will take place virtually.** Further information will be available nearer the date. As some reviews had to be cancelled due to lockdown, we will be rescheduling early in the school term. Again these will have to take place virtually as currently we are not allowed visitors to the school.

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**MINIBUS OUTINGS**

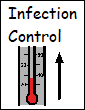
We plan to resume outings on the minibus as soon as possible, however we will require to undertake thorough risk assessments prior to commencement.

Currently you cannot send money into school with your child as we are now a cashless school due to Covid-19. Please do not send in any outing money or snack healthy money for now.

**TRANSPORT**

If you have any queries or issues regarding your child’s transport please remember to contact the Transport Hub Direct on 01294 541613.

**COVID-19**

**You must not send your child to school if they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19 and remember to inform the school if anyone within your family has been in contact with someone with confirmed coronavirus or if there has been a requirement for self-isolation.**

As most of our children and young people cannot indicate that they are unwell, it is important that you monitor them for signs and symptoms and it would be helpful if you carried out a regular temperature check. As part of your child’s morning routine we will take their temperature as well as supporting hand-washing.

To ensure you are kept well-informed and get the latest updates about coronavirus please continue to visit [www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus](http://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus)

If your child attends school and they begin to display any symptoms as follows:

New continuous cough

Fever/High Temperature (37.8C or greater)

We will require to isolate them within a dedicated area within the school and phone you to come and collect them. Due to minimising visitors to the school, there will be new procedures in place by office staff for the admission of people into school, please be patient with Mrs Watts and Tully as they carry out such procedures.

Many Thanks.

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