

9 June 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and your kind words of reassurance and gratitude that have been sent to us over the last few weeks. Thank you also for supplying the support and guidance to your children that we are unable to provide during this difficult time. Thank you to our amazing children who have been so dedicated, engaged, resilient and strong. We know that there may have been difficult moments over the last few months and many of you will have felt overwhelmed, but you have been fantastic, and we are still here to support in any way we can.

As I am sure you are all aware, the First Minister outlined the first phase of the easing of restrictions. Since then we have been working with Renfrewshire Council to plan a timeline for June and to start making plans for August.

Monday 1st June – Senior Leadership Team met to plan transitions in June and prepare for August.

- Facilities management to deep clean school.
- Health and Safety to undertake risk assessment of building and supply resources and support to ensure Scottish Government guidance on social distancing and hygiene can be fully implemented.

This has now been carried out.

Monday 8th June - Staff return to school. This will be a phased approach; staff will only be in certain days to organise classrooms and resources for August.

- Our hub children will remain in Riverbrae from 9am. Please note that all referrals for hub places must go through the authority and not direct to the school.

Week beginning **Monday 15th June** –Transitions will begin for our current Primary 7 moving into Secondary and for our Nursery children coming in to Primary 1. Details will be sent to parents/carers this week once dates and times have been confirmed.

Monday 22nd June – We hope to be able to confirm staffing for August, and the rota which your child will follow. If we have this information earlier, we will send it out.

August 11th –This is the date announced by the First Minister as the return to school. More information on August dates and arrangements will be sent to you in June.

Staff will continue to support children and young people through online learning but please be aware that they may not be as responsive as they will have other commitments in the month of June.

We are aware that you will be starting to think about school uniform for your child. Your child in the first instance your child will probably not be in school full time and a significant proportion of their time will be spent outdoors. We do not want family's spending money on uniform that pupils may have grown out of before they have had the chance to wear it. We ask that on the days that your children attend school you wear the following:

- White polo shirt with or without the school badge
- Dark colour jumper/ hoodie with or without school badge
- Dark coloured jogger bottoms/leggings/ trousers (suitable for outdoor activities)
- Footwear suitable for outdoors
- Outdoor jacket with a hood suitable for outdoors

We ask that clothing is labelled for your child and football colours are not permitted. If your child feels more comfortable wearing the school uniform, then that is fine as we want to limit the amount of stress for your child.

Currently there are many unanswered questions and I would ask for your patience and continued support as we try to navigate our way through the coming months. We have been tasked with a huge responsibility in making our school safe for our children and at the same time ensuring it is still the loving, nurturing environment that it has always been. Our Riverbrae community is strong and determined and we will work together and support each other to achieve this. Your fears and anxieties around returning to school and the easing of the restrictions are completely understandable and shared, and we will try our best to reassure you and your child. Therefore, in the spirit of this mutual support can I kindly ask you to contact the school if you have any concerns and consult the app or school website. Please do not go to Facebook as this mode of information is not reliable and at times can be very disrespectful to our staff who have been doing their very best in very difficult circumstances.

I would like to thank our staff who had to completely change the way they worked overnight. During the last three months many of our staff were working in the hub schools, looking after their own children whilst working from home, some having to deal with illness but at no time did they ever fail to deliver for our children.

Once again can I thank you for your ongoing support and understanding during this very difficult transition. We appreciate how difficult it is and we look forward to getting our children and young people back into Riverbrae as soon as is it safe to do so.

Yours sincerely



Michelle Welsh

Acting Head Teacher