

Parent Council Liaison Meeting via Skype

Tuesday, 2nd June 2020 – 6pm – 8pm

1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies	Chair
<p>The meeting was chaired by Steven Quinn, Director of Children's Services.</p> <p>The meeting was attended by 45 Parent Council Representatives via Skype.</p> <p>Also, in attendance was Julie Calder, Head of Service, CS and Lucy Adamson, Communications & Public Affairs Manager, CE.</p>	
2. Previous minute and matters arising	Steven Quinn
<p>There were no matters arising and the minutes were approved.</p> <p>Renfrewshire parents survey was issued in May and raised over 1,500 questions.</p> <p>Link to video on FAQs was previously sent to PC reps and can be found on the Council website: www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-schools</p>	
3. Staff returning to early years centres and schools	Steven Quinn
<p>This week teams across the Council went back to schools with the main priority being the safety and welfare and wellbeing of all staff and children. Staff will return from next week apart from vulnerable staff and clinically vulnerable staff. Further guidance to follow re clinically vulnerable staff and support will be given. Not all staff at any one time will be in attendance. Schools will not open up before Summer for children with the exception of children who require childcare and some activities for children transitioning. Plans will only change if there is a change in continual Government advice.</p> <p>Cleaning will commence following a strict checklist and following Government guidance.</p> <p>Head Teachers will start to plan with deutes in for the return of staff and children.</p> <p>There will be continual reminders regarding washing hands and staying 2 metres apart.</p>	
4. Pupils transitioning into primary and secondary	Steven Quinn
<p>Schools won't open up as normal and won't be able to replicate as previous years. Schools to advise parents/carers of specific details for the new Primary 1's and Primary 7 leavers. Amended transition activities will take place between 18th and 23rd June.</p>	
5. Pupils returning to school in August to a blended model of learning (in school and at home)	Steven Quinn
<p>We will follow Government advice to ensure schools are safe for the children. They can't all come back at same time. We must follow advice from Health & Safety and will deal with this as best as we can. We will be looking at school buildings, looking at any areas not in use to see how many children we can safely get back into each school, ensuring we have the resource available.</p> <p>Children will be in school part of the week and home learning the other part of the week. We hope to</p>	

continue to adopt the model both for in school and at home. Details of a model to be out to parents before August.

There have been various questions around school uniform:

- More outdoor learning so may be required to wear a more relaxed uniform
- Individual schools to advise via Head Teacher

6.	Continued childcare until summer break and summer childcare	Steven Quinn
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Letters being drafted and will be sent out to parents/carers.

Childcare hubs for school age children will close on Monday, 8th June 2020 and children attending the hubs will return to their own school as of Tuesday, 9th June 2020. Only these children will be at that school.

Parents/carers that haven't applied for key worker places at the hubs, we assume, must have their own childcare in place. Schools will engage with parents/carers with vulnerable children.

Summer childcare:

- Most parents/carers usually arrange their own arrangements
- Some parents/carers may not be able to use existing childcare
- Renfrewshire Leisure and Community Learning will support childcare, parents/carers will need to apply and fit the specific criteria
- Venues for summer childcare are being determined
- Nursery age children – 52-week centres will be open and will support childcare for key workers

7.	Children with ASN	Steven Quinn
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It is recognised that some children will require an enhanced transition to be supported back into schools.

Schools will work with parents/carers to support children back into school.

8.	National Qualifications	Steven Quinn
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All estimated grades based on evidence have been submitted to SQA. Results expected to be delivered on time - 4th August 2020.

An appeals process will be available and schools will share further detail with young people and parents if necessary.

2021 National Qualifications – no guidance out as yet, SQA will be responsible for delivering guidance to schools. It is recognised that young people and teachers will not have the same time to learn and deliver courses as previous years. Therefore, there will be a necessity for changes to be made.

7.	NPFS Update	David MacDonald
<p>David to send the 'Schools Reopening Guide' link to PC reps.</p> <p>David encouraged all PC reps to keep in regular contact with the Head Teachers and engage with them.</p>		
8.	Summary of Questions	
<p>Question: School cleaning / Janitorial Services - Some schools have had concerns regarding a lack of cleaning staff or vacancies needing filled. Appreciate that pupils and staff will have enhanced cleaning focus on hand washing and cleaning their own workstations. Will there be additional resources made available by Local Authority for 'deep cleaning' learning spaces by janitorial staff over and above the current cleaning regimes? Will schools close midweek for cleaning etc if attendance is staggered? Environment & Infrastructure staff will carry out full cleaning routine this week including all hard. Cleaning will be an ongoing and continual process and guidelines will be followed at all times.</p> <p>Question: My daughter is a hub and wears gloves. Will this be the case when children return to school i.e. Play time? We don't plan for this to happen. Children will be asked to follow all guidance issued.</p> <p>Question: Will there be Risk Assessments carried out? Yes. Full risk assessments have been carried out this week and this will be an ongoing process. Will Risk Assessments be available for parents/carers? If parents have any concerns, they should in the first instance speak to Heads.</p> <p>Question: Renfrewshire Staff from different authorities, what will happen with childcare? Parents/carers will need to apply to their own Local Authority.</p> <p>Question: If I work in Glasgow, can I request childcare? Individual schools will look at accommodating children who require childcare You should apply via the authority application process</p> <p>Question: If I'm a non key worker and in need of ASN childcare/support? There will be additional support for children with ASN to help them reengage back into school where this is necessary.</p> <p>Question: Will children still have 1-1s when they return? Classes will be smaller meaning more time will be spent with children. Support staff will be back to school, working with the children.</p> <p>Question: Will there be different models in different schools? The models for primary and secondary are likely to be different.</p> <p>Question: Will the hours be longer for children being at school part time? No.</p> <p>Question: Will there be enough staff come August? Government advice is changing all the time regarding staff shielding and the clinically vulnerable. Testing and tracing will be coming into effect. Although this brings significant challenge, we are confident that we will have staff in place.</p> <p>Question: Will in-school breakfast clubs resume in August? We are currently investigating this possibility but at this stage cannot give any firm commitments. We will work with partners to see what is possible. However, at best they will only resume for key workers at present.</p> <p>Question: Will there be transport to school? Conversation currently taking place with SPT and working through scenarios. There will however be a reduced number of children attending school</p>		

each day so where parents are able to, we may encourage them to bring their children to school where they are able.

Question: Instrumental Tuition – Practicalities - Aware that instrumental tuition is currently managed on GLOW using MS teams which means that teachers cannot currently use live video lessons. Pupils have a ‘text discussion’ with instrumental teacher, then they record themselves playing a passage of music, email that in for comment before further texting/typed comments. Can we consider reviewing this system as time goes on – surely there are more efficient ways of working and delivery of music education, particularly when time is tight with these lessons (20 mins)? Talks are ongoing with MS teams re access for live lessons and also looking at Google Classroom. Still to be confirmed.

Question: Have the issue of chrome books been positive? Julie Calder to confirm.

Question: Will there be one main teacher as normal? Yes.

Question: How will the 2 metre rule work? The school will try and ensure the children are doing this. The children in the hubs have been fabulous at doing this.

Question: Will there be school meals on return? No hot meals, there will be packed lunches initially. Schools are working through the best way for lunches to take place that meets the size and logistics of each establishment.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 11th June 2020 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm via Skype