

People Directorate

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Happy Easter!



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Dear Parents / Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of another term, which has been a mix of home learning, HUBS and a phased return before we were finally able to have the whole school back for the last 3 weeks. We are delighted that the mitigations that we have in place to keep everyone safe are working and that is due to the ongoing commitment of all staff as well as parents/carers cooperation with following the guidelines and being proactive in taking precautions. We are hopeful that this continues into Term 4 and we can continue to move towards normality.

STEM Week

This week the children are having a brilliant time participating in a range of fun Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths activities. A huge thank-you to Miss Pollock who has been the driving force behind this project, alongside Miss Morrison and Miss Caldwell who helped to plan suitable activities. Lisa Rae, one of our parents has kindly agreed to do a 'live' session on Wednesday for P4-7, providing input on her job in the food safety industry. She is also providing some kits for the children to carry-out the experiments following her input.

PE / Outdoor learning

Indoor P.E. will be able to resume from **17th May**, by which time most classes will generally be looking forward to being outside anyway. The EYC and P1-3 will also continue to engage in Forest School activities led by Rhian McDermott (EYP). Your child's teacher will communicate with you directly through the SEESAW app on any special requirements for clothing and footwear on a weekly basis.

Sadly Aimee Pollock, our Active School's student, is moving on as she has come to the end of her placement. She has been an amazing addition to our team this term, supporting with online learning, PE sessions, playground games and outdoor learning. She has worked with individuals, small groups and whole classes and the children have become very attached to her. We wish her the very best for her future.

Water

In Term 4 please remember to provide your child with plenty of water as the weather will be warmer and the class can also get quite hot. They should bring two bottles of water each day, one for the morning and one for the afternoon, as the normal facility for pupils to re-fill from the water cooler is not available, as part of measures to prevent the potential spread of the virus. All children will be provided with water or milk at lunchtime as well.

Lunches

I have attached copies of the updated lunch menus which will start after the holidays and run from April until June. All children in the Early Years to P3 are entitled to a free school meal so please continue to encourage your child to take advantage of the meals being provided.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school, it is important to provide them with healthy options such as a sandwich, fruit, yoghurt, cereal bar. Please avoid sugary snacks and chocolate spread. **Please do not send any items containing nuts.** All lunches should be in a disposable or recyclable bag which can be put in their pocket and taken home. Children can bring their lunch in a packed lunch bag or box but prior to going along to the dinner hall, they will remove the contents from their bag ready for lunch. Children do not need to take their water bottles along to the dinner hall as they will be provided with water during lunchtime.

School closing times

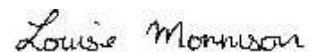
The school and Early Years Centre closes at 2.30pm on Thursday 1st April for the holidays so the staggered finish times for classes will be as follows :

Finish Times :

EYC	2.15-2.30pm
Primary 1, 4, 7	2.20pm
Primary 2, 3, 5 and 6	2.30pm

I would like to wish all of our families a very happy holiday and hope that the Easter Bunny is good to you all.

Yours sincerely



Louise Morrison
Head Teacher