



Our Vision

Our vision at Braehead is to provide a positive and engaging learning environment which challenges and supports all children to be the best they can be.

Braehead Primary School Newsletter **24 May 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Pupil Reports

By now all parents should have received a copy of their child's school report. It is an absolute joy to read of the progress and achievements of every pupil at Braehead.

P7 Leavers

Lanark Grammar School and Biggar High School continue to provide information for our Primary 7 children heading off to secondary through social media and their school websites. Please check regularly for further information. Should you have any questions then please feel free to contact myself or Mrs Macrae, we will be more than happy to help.

Many thanks to the Parent Council who kindly purchased this year's 'leavers' hoodies.' They look fantastic and I am sure the children will wear these with pride. Many thanks to Hazel Dobb for organising this on behalf of the Parent Council.

First Minister's Announcement – Thursday 21 May 2020

The information provided by the First Minister on Thursday regarding the reopening of schools will no doubt have left you with more questions than answers. Please be assured that recovery planning is ongoing at South Lanarkshire Council and there are a significant amount of decisions to be taken with regards to the safe reopening of schools. I am part of the Primary Recovery Planning Group and continue to liaise with Service Managers at HQ to help prepare guidance for schools across our local authority however at this time I know no more than yourselves regarding official dates, number of pupils allowed in school etc.

The First Minister also talked about 'blended learning' and while we understand this is likely to be learning made up of sessions in school and virtual learning from home we do not know what this will look like for us as yet. Like all schools in South Lanarkshire Council we await further guidance. When I have this information I will be sure to share it with our school community.

In line with SLC guidance we will **not** be delivering live online lessons. For our children we will continue to use Google Classroom to deliver learning. I am encouraged to see such a great response to this with the majority of our pupils engaged with the tasks set.

Covid-19 Braehead Primary Response

Many thanks to those who completed the google form last week – there is still time to do this should anyone wish to provide feedback on the school’s response to recent events. Please find below a summary of results:

	Yes	No		
I received appropriate communication regarding school closure on the lead up to all education establishments closing on 20 March 2020.	100%	-		
Information regarding Emergency Childcare Hubs was made clear and accessible for all.	100%	-		
Home learning packs sent home on 20 March were appropriate for my child/children.	81.3%	18.7%		
Staff support around accessing Google Classroom was timely, helpful and appropriate.	87.5%	12.5%		
Advice and support helplines have been shared with all families.	87.5%	12.5%		
Well-being check-ins have been carried out with all families at regular intervals using our usual means of communication i.e. Facebook/Messenger/email	81.3%	18.7%		
	Yes	No	N/A	
Where individual well-being check-ins have taken place these have been worthwhile and helpful.	31.3%	6.2%	62.5%	
Individual queries/difficulties have been responded to promptly.	81.3%	-	18.7%	
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I feel my child/children are supported by school staff at this time.	62.5%	25%	6.2%	6.2%

Please note 6.2% is equal to one response.

We were overwhelmed by the lovely feedback received from our families;

‘Communication is fantastic from the school especially given how information from government has changed daily at times.’

‘Everybody at Braehead had been absolutely amazing. They are all so supportive and there to provide help when it’s needed. I cannot fault any of the staff at Braehead Primary.’

‘The staff of Braehead have been astonishing, they have been flexible, generous hearted, have modelled the sort of calm resilience we can only hope our children learn from, and they have made themselves absolutely accessible via multiple platforms. The staff and leadership of the school have provided guidance tailored to the needs of the families they are now supporting, whilst navigating their own families through all this upheaval and adjustment. Thank you!’

Next Steps...

In response to parental feedback we will be introducing individual wellbeing check-ins for all our families this week where you will receive either an individual phone call or email from myself or member of teaching staff. Please alert us if there is something you need help with or if we can support you in any way possible. Likewise if all is well and you feel this is something you do not require just let the member of staff know when they call you for the first time.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Kindest regards,



Elizabeth Steele
Head Teacher