



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 **Week beginning 5.10.20**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Continuity of Learning

Continuity of Learning remains the key focus of our school and indeed all schools within South Lanarkshire Council this session. As a staff we have been working towards ensuring any possible isolation periods will result in minimum disruption to pupil learning.



isolation/closure.

At our in-service day last week we spent a considerable amount of time working with the Google Classroom platform and setting up what will be the new Google Classrooms should any of our classes be forced to self-isolate for 14 days. It is important that we have a contingency plan in place as we will have no prior warning of potential

Throughout lockdown from April – June pupil wellbeing and their family's wellbeing was, of course, the most important priority. While this remains a priority we cannot underestimate the importance of continuity of learning for the children and the need to engage with the work set within the Google Classrooms your child has been assigned to. The digital survey has been invaluable as we look to prioritise who may need help with digital equipment should a period of isolation come into place, thank you for completing this.

To help us iron out any initial teething problems with the Google Classroom platform we have been setting homework and working on a virtual home school diary for a number of weeks now. It has been good to see so many parents and children accessing this and has been invaluable in allowing us to monitor pupil and parental engagement. I would urge all parents who have yet to access this to do so this week – if there are any difficulties in accessing this platform please let me or a member of teaching staff know so that we can assist you. What we don't want is to find ourselves in a potential lockdown position with children and families unsure of the digital platform.



Our digital survey highlighted the need to provide 'How to' guides for a number of common Google Classroom features. These guides have now all been prepared and will be coming home to you in a paper booklet, will be emailed to you and will be placed on the school website with a link to this on the Facebook page. As well as this all children will have a sheet with their log in details, identical to the one they use in school which will help them log on to glow and access the Google Classroom tile independently. This is a work in progress with our younger children but hopefully all children in P5-7 will be confident with these skills. Hopefully these will assist with any issues you may have in the future should there be a requirement for home learning.

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I do not have glow passwords for all children – only those who completed the Google Form. If you do not know your child's password for glow, again please get in touch to allow us to reset this at school.

I know as a parent this is a very unsettling and worrying time. We continue within the school to mitigate risk to prevent the spread of the virus and hope these contingency plans never come to fruition however we must prepare ourselves, our learners and our wider school community for the possibility of class/school isolation.



A-Z of Attachment and Resilience

This week we highlight G – Greetings and farewells.

October Holiday

We close on Friday at 3pm for the October holiday. School will reopen on Monday 19 October at 9am. I wish you a lovely week with your children and hopefully, some sunshine.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Elizabeth Steele

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Head Teacher



Dates for the Diary:

9.10.20	School closes 3pm – October Week
19.10.20	School reopens 9am
29.10.20	Flu Immunisations
30.10.20	Dress Down Day – No charge
16.11.20	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
27.11.20	Dress Down Day – No charge
22.12.20	School closes 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays Dress Down Day – No charge
6.1.21	School reopens 9am
8.2.21	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
9.2.21	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
10.2.21	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
1.4.21	School closes 2.30pm for Spring Break
19.4.21	School reopens 9am
6.5.21	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
3.5.20	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
21.5.21	Reports to Parents
9.6.21	Sports Afternoon 1:30pm
10.6.21	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
11.6.21	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
21.6.21	Summer Celebration – At this time we are unable to confirm if parents will be invited.
24.6.21	School closes 1pm for Summer Holidays