



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 - Update**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Continuity of Learning

Following on from Monday's newsletter I am now in a better position to provide further communication. Following the First Minister's announcement yesterday I am delighted to say, at this time, there seems to be no plan to extend the October holiday with any period of Home Learning.

What I am aware of is the growing number of cases in schools across Clydesdale and how quickly the picture can change without notice.

I think from a parents' point of view it is vital to have a clear understanding of the school's COVID-19 response and how we as a school, in conjunction with Lanark Learning Community, plan to proceed should a positive case occur within our school community.

There are many scenarios which we need to consider with the response differing depending on who is asked to isolate. The following plan outlines our current plans although like everything else these may be subject to change depending on personnel available.

Scenario	Provision for Continuity of Learning
Single Learner Isolating - The learner is well and has been identified as a close contact of someone out with the school.*	<p>Physical packs will be sent home for pupils to work on with everything they require being photocopied. Physical resources e.g. pencils, jotter, pens, glue etc. will also be distributed to the pupil's home. Pupil work can be photographed and emailed to the class teacher who will provide feedback and next steps. The work itself should not be returned.</p> <p>This will be the method we will use where we have individuals in isolation – where numbers become too great we will move to Google Classroom.</p> <p>Alternative (parental choice) – The school have registered with e-Sgoil, on the recommendation of SLC, based in Stornoway who will add individual children to their Google Classroom where live learning will be delivered at the appropriate level. The learning will be Literacy, Numeracy, Languages and Masterclasses. It is worth noting that the work provided on this platform will be generic as they will be supplying this for a number of children across Scotland. It will be at an appropriate level but will not follow on specifically from where your child was working in class.</p>

<p>Class Teacher Isolating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CT is not in school but is not unwell perhaps having been identified as a close contact of a positive case.* 	<p>School will operate as a two way split. At the moment we are able to run as three classes every morning due to additional staffing, this is not an entitlement. School would run as a P1-4 and a P5-7 with the isolating teacher responsible for preparing her class' work. Planning would be sent via email to the covering teacher to ensure it was progressive and provided continuity from where the absent teacher left off.</p>
<p>Multiple Learners Isolating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Several children are isolating having been identified as close contacts of a positive case.* 	<p>The agreed digital platform will be used – for Braehead Primary this is Google Classroom.</p> <p>This will be used to access homework and classwork the class will be undertaking while others are isolating. This would be uploaded every afternoon for the following day by Mrs Macrae after she has delivered her own teaching commitment i.e. work will be uploaded on a Monday afternoon for a Tuesday etc. Where possible Mrs Macrae or Mrs Steele will provide feedback using the Google Classroom Platform and will be available to provide support should this be required, providing they are not covering a teacher absence in class.</p> <p>Alternative – The school have registered with e-Sgoil, on the recommendation of SLC, based in Stornoway who will add individual children to their Google Classroom where live learning will be delivered at the appropriate level. The learning will be Literacy, Numeracy, Languages and Masterclasses – as above.</p>
<p>Whole Class/School Isolating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teacher testing positive, individual pupils themselves testing positive.* 	<p>The agreed platform will be used – for Braehead Primary this is Google Classroom.</p> <p>The content has been agreed across the learning community to ensure consistency of approach. There will be tasks from literacy, numeracy and one other curricular area posted daily for pupils.</p> <p>All learning will be new learning with examples provided and recorded teaching/explanations for pupils to access. There will be allocated times throughout the school day for pupils to communicate to their teacher online who will provide support as required. There will be a daily register to monitor attendance within the classroom.</p>

*Please note all of these scenarios are based on what we know from other schools and our understanding of Track and Trace and will not necessarily be the exact science for our context. In the event of positive cases we will be guided by Public Health and will communicate as appropriate.

Along with this update you will receive in paper form the following:

- Readiness to Learn from Home
- You child/children's glow log in details
- 'How to' booklet to help you with all of the aspects of Google Classroom you may need

These will also be uploaded to the website and every parent will receive an email version of the 'How to' booklet.

Please remember in the event of any isolation we are here to support you and your child with their learning. If you have any difficulties please contact your child's class teacher, the school office or myself and we will endeavour to assist. Please do not use teachers' own personal messenger to communicate, this should all be done through email or the Google

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Classroom platform. You will see from the Readiness to Learn information sheet that there will be times within the school day, should a whole class or school be isolating where the teacher will be available 'in real time' to help you and your child. Hopefully this will prove useful.

As we reach the end of the first term in school I would like to take this opportunity to thank the pupils and parents for their support in what has been a very challenging time for everyone. I appreciate that things are different, they are stressful and, at times, upsetting but due to our successful partnership working we have nearly made it to Friday!

Many thanks also to the incredible staff of the school who continue to promote our new routines while continuing to create a supportive and nurturing environment for the children to stay as safe as possible.

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



Elizabeth Steele
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
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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