



Weekly Update  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this finds you and your loved ones continuing to stay safe and well.

Following the period of lock-down, since early January, we are delighted to be welcoming our P4-7 pupils back to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. It will be lovely to have our whole school community back with us in person. In addition to the communication sent last week, I hope that you find the following information useful.

Joanne Hunter 😊  
Acting Leader of Learning

**Pupil drop off and pick up**

- To avoid congestion in our school grounds, and support physical distancing, we will be operating staggered start and finish times. Times are as below.
  - **Please note we ask that only 1 adult accompanies pupils into our school grounds.**
- Thank you.**

Class	Arrival time	Dismissal time Mon - Thurs	Dismissal time Friday	Entry Point	Exit Point
P1	8:50	3:20	12:05	P1 fire door	P1 fire door
P2	8:45	3:15	12:00	P2 fire door	Main playground door
P3	8:40	3:10	11:55	P3 fire door	Pupils will be walked to the main school gate by school staff
P4	8:40	3:10	11:55	P4 fire door	Pupils will be walked to the main school gate by school staff
P5	8:40	3:10	11:55	P5 fire door	Pupils will be walked to the main school gate by school staff
P6	8:50	3:20	12:05	P6 fire door	Pupils will be walked to the main school gate by school staff
P7	8:45	3:15	12:00	P7 fire door	Pupils will be walked to the main school gate by school staff

### Health and Safety Reminders:

- As per Midlothian Guidance, we request that each pupil is accompanied by **only one adult**, when entering the school grounds. We are asking all adults to keep a **2m distance** from anyone **not in their own household**, and to wear a face covering if able to do so. To avoid congestion at our nursery gate, we would encourage nursery parents/carers to use our garden as a waiting space. Children will be brought to the nursery gate, by staff, and dismissed one at a time.
- Whilst we are always keen to welcome our families into our school grounds, we request that parents/carers **do not** arrive early for drop off and pick up, as this adds to congestion, particularly when other class groups are passing. If bringing younger siblings please ensure that they are closely supervised at all times. Unfortunately we are unable to allow them access to school outdoor play equipment at this time.

### Parking and Vehicle Access

Please note that there will be **no vehicle access to school grounds except for pupil taxis, blue badge holders and staff**. Parents and carers without the appropriate permits are asked to use the Visitors Car Park and other parking areas outside the school grounds. A member of management will be present at the school gate to supervise/manage access. Thank you for your support in implementing this important safety measure.

### School Chrome Books:

We would be grateful if any class Chrome Books, borrowed during this lock-down, could be returned to school **on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. **Please also remember to send in the charger cable**. Thank you.

### Staffing News:

- We would like to welcome Mrs Mackay, our new EYP, who will work a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in our Nursery. We would also like to welcome our new Modern Apprentice Ms Janczyk.
- Congratulations to Mrs Donaldson (EYP) who has secured a new post near her home in the Scottish Borders. We will be sad to see her go. Although Mrs Donaldson was only with us for a short time, she has become a valuable member of our Nursery team and we would like to thank her for dedication and commitment to our children.
- We are pleased to welcome Miss Milliken, Mrs Milligan and Miss Watson who join us as Learning Assistants across our P1-7 classes. We look forward to working with them as part of the St Andrew's team.

### Parent/Carer Consultations:

Parental Consultations will, once again, be via telephone appointment. They will take place the week beginning the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. Class teachers will review your child's experience of Remote Learning, along with their progress and next steps in learning in Literacy, Numeracy

and Health and Wellbeing. Parents and carers will also have the opportunity discuss how best to support learning targets for the term ahead. Appointments will be 10 minutes long. Communication regarding call times and other details will follow next week.

**Communication:**

As always, we are keen to keep in regular contact with you, regarding the progress and well-being of your child. Please feel free to contact the school office, either by phone or email, if there is something that you would like to discuss, and a member of staff will be in touch at the earliest opportunity. Thank you.

**Have a lovely weekend.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

