



Weekly Update
Friday 30th April 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

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

We are delighted to have welcomed all of our children back to school following the Easter break. It has been lovely to see staff and pupils looking well rested and enjoying the sunnier weather that the month of April has brought. I hope that you will find the following pieces of information useful.

Joanne Hunter 😊
Acting Leader of Learning

COVID Restrictions:

You will be aware that the next few weeks will see a gradual easing of restrictions at both national and local level. As always, any changes to school procedures will be informed by Scottish Government and Midlothian Council guidance and will be communicated to parents via the school website and Twitter, as well as regular emails and newsletters.

The current staggered start and finish times, to the school day, will continue and I have enclosed a reminder in the table below, for your information.

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

Pupil Pick-up and Drop-off:

We continue to request that each pupil is accompanied by **only one adult**, when entering the school grounds. We ask all adults 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.

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.

Nursery – Primary 1 Transition Arrangements:

We are very much looking forward to beginning the transition process for next session's Primary 1 pupils. More detailed information will be sent out to all of our new Primary 1 families, next week, regarding parent/carer meetings, school tours and pupil visits and transition activities.

Primary 7 - S1 Transition Arrangements:

Our Primary 7 pupils have been engaging enthusiastically with the variety of transition activities set on the St David's HS Google Classroom. Many thanks to Mr Paterson for his valuable support in this. More detailed information will be sent out to all of our Primary 7 families, next week, regarding specific P7 activities and arrangements for their final term with us. It is hard to believe that the time has flown so quickly!

Sacramental Arrangements:

We are delighted to be supporting some of our Primary 7 and Primary 4 pupils as they finalise their preparations for celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion. Letters were sent to the families of all pupils involved, earlier this week. Should you have any specific questions regarding numbers and attendance, at either Mass, please contact Father Allan who will be happy to advise you.

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.