

PC meeting 17th May 2021

Current Covid Guidance

- Current Risk Assessments stand with being very cautious. PE still outdoors, maintain class bubbles, ELC can change a bit and reduce bubbles. All schools are following Scottish Government guidance, which then goes via the Health and Safety team for generic risk assessments we personalise specifically to our own settings.

Staffing

- We continue to have ongoing staff absence and we are hopeful some of this will be resolved later this term. I will be looking at continuity for the class where I can and within budget.
- I am working on staffing for next session at the moment. There may be some changes and budget is not confirmed yet for me to finalise this.
- Judith Stephen is taking early retirement from the end of the session.
- Karlie Gray is returning to her post as Part Time Principal Teacher from August, alongside Roisin Thomson. This means that Donna Ogg's acting post will come to an end.
- For Support for Learning, we will be ensuring that this is a full time staff member for continuity.

Parent Consultations and Reporting

- Reports will be issued WB 31 May. Parental consultations will be 9th and 10th June. We will be using the same online parent evening system again after the success last year.

Transition

- Enhanced transition has started for JYHS, for children who are supported by the literacy base and for some children going to non-catchment secondary schools.
- We are waiting to hear from JYHS whether there can be actual visits to the building. This is a central decision for all schools and secondary settings.
- Composite classes have been communicated to all parents in the last newsletter and confirm a number of composite classes. We are working on this in the background.
- We plan a meet the teacher day on Monday 21 June where the classes would go outside to meet the new teacher and their new classes, especially where there is re-compositing. All children will be given a note of their class and teacher's name at this time.
- Tuesday 22 June will be a date where pupils requiring an enhanced transition may have a second meeting with the teacher and be given a social story.
- We plan to offer the children currently attending WPS ELC a visit to the school to meet their new teacher Friday 18th June. We have two plans for the new intake who are currently outwith as the current guidance is that they cannot enter the building during school hours. This will be reviewed as guidance changes.
- We are working on two Sways to share with parents – one for the new P1 families to see the school and one for whole school to see the changes.
- We have been working with P7 reps to ensure the pupils can have some kind of send-off that falls in line with Covid safety.

Finance Update

- We expect our budget to be confirmed towards the end of May. This means that staffing can be confirmed after this date.

Building Works

- The next phase is planned for this summer. This will involve the Support for Learning (SfL) room being made into a classroom (blocking off doors and removing a paper cupboard). There is also a planned knock through in what was Mr Champion's room and Mrs McConnachie's room last year. This would make one big room with a door instead of 2 small rooms with barely 3 walls.
- The SfL room will become a classroom. The SfL room will move to where P7 MR are now (formerly the library). P7 classes will be in the current P7Y room and the new class.
- We will make use of the new wide corridors for an infant and upper library.
- Plans are attached of the planned works.

Health and Safety - Car Park Issues

- Mrs Young put this out to all families after Wednesday. The car park and attitudes of some are impacting on learning time, the start of the day being unsettled for some children and possible health and safety issues. We may have to consider taking action if this continues.

We have on many occasions sent reminders regarding the car park situation at pick up and drop off. When the weather is nice and more families walk to school the car park runs relatively smoothly. However, in wetter weather we still have many concerns about safety and efficiency.

Yesterday we had a large number of children late for school. This is not acceptable due to issues with the car park. This interrupts what is already a busy part of the school day. Teachers have completed registers and lunch orders and starting the input to their lessons, which children are missing! Mrs Young has on many occasions tried to direct traffic to empty spaces which drivers can't see when in the car park line. Unfortunately we;

1. STILL have people waiting for the spaces nearest to the gate and holding up the queue of traffic behind them. When there are empty spaces around the majority of the drop off section.
2. People signalling to the KEEP CLEAR sign to use that as a parking space. This is clearly signposted and is out of bounds due to being directly opposite the gate the children enter/exit.
3. Some double parking and letting children out to run across parked cars that were beginning to manoeuvre out of spaces.
4. Some people shaking their heads refusing to follow the offered support and direction.

We are saddened to have to write another reminder email. However, we will need to take further action if this is not supported. We must ensure the WHOLE drop off facility is used, regardless of how close or far away from the gate. Children's safety is a PRIORITY. Children's learning is a PRIORITY. We thank everyone who regularly supports us with this issue. We urge anyone who may fall under any of the above categories to please consider the impact this is having on the whole school community having access to this facility in the future.