

## **Headteacher Update- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

Dear Families

### **Bikes, Scooters and Walking to School**

East Lothian Council are encouraging pupils to walk, scoot and bike to school, pupils will be able to bring bikes and scooters to school if they wish and leave them in the racks as before. I would encourage adults to maintain social distancing if supporting your child with securing equipment in the playground.

### **School Bags and Equipment from home**

I have just received communication regarding these items. Children may bring a bag and pencil case from home as long as they do not share equipment with others. As a school we feel bringing a bag would be a good idea. However, we have already organised individual stationary packs for pupils and set these up in the rooms, it is also very short notice to now ask families to provide pencil cases. We would ask that children don't bring their own stationery yet, we will all use the school provided stationary packs. We will review this at a later point.

### **Home Lunches & Phased Return**

Your child may have a home lunch but please let the office know and we will organise collection and drop off with you. A reminder that those who have asked for a phased return for your child; they can be collected from the front gate at 1.15pm on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

### **Hand Washing**

We appreciate that last term hands were getting sore and red with the increased hand washing. We have taken further advice on this and been advised that the brand we use, which is the same throughout our primary schools is an 'extra mild' soap, we have also to ensure pupils are thoroughly patting their hands dry and not just giving them a quick rub. There is sanitiser available, however if you wish your child to have their own sanitiser please send it in with them with their name on it and they can leave it in the classroom. The school is providing E45 hand cream, if you would like your child to use their own hand cream, please send it named.

### **Additional Member of Staff**

Miss Leake, our P6/7 teacher from last year, has accepted a year's contract with East Lothian Council (ELC) as an additional member of staff to support the local authorities' recovery plan. We are delighted that Miss Leake will initially be based with us in Aberlady and she already has a full timetable to provide extra support across the school. Miss Leake's position is with ELC therefore they may need to redeploy her to another school if needed.

### **PE & Outdoor Learning**

We are strongly encouraged to undertake learning outdoors as much as we can. We will endeavour to be outdoors everyday unless the weather is extreme, so please make sure your child has a coat and is suitably dressed. At the moment children should not get changed for PE so we ask on the

designated days for PE that families are mindful of what the children wear to school so they can participate: joggers, leggings, shorts, trainers are all appropriate. For the next 2 weeks, PE will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August for all P1-P7 pupils. Teachers will be in touch with what your child's PE days will be thereafter. PE will be outdoors until further notice.

**East Lothian Council – Back to School FAQ**

<https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/backtoschool>

**Pick Up Drop Offs**

Some parents have highlighted with the Parent Council that their children need to enter and leave school via different doors at the same time. Parents are very welcome to drop one child at one door, watch them go into school, then head to the second entrance door to say goodbye to their other child. We are very flexible and understanding of the need for parents to ensure their children are settled going into school particularly in the first week or so back.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow.

Kind Regards

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Headteacher