

Dear Families

New Playground/Diningroom Supervisor

Mrs Donaldson expressed a desire to reduce her hours in school, she will remain in school supporting mostly P1 and P2 for a couple of hours each day. We successfully recruited Mrs Kerrie- Ann Brown, who is our preferred candidate to fulfil the hours which cover playground and dining room supervision. We are hopeful Mrs Brown will be able to start in mid-September, until that time Mrs Donaldson will continue with her supervisor's role.

Homework P1-P7

We will resume sending learning home next week. Please see attached letter updating you about our home learning approach for this session. There will be an online training for families on **Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm** for 30 minutes to demonstrate how to support your child in using google classroom, this might be particularly pertinent for new families to the school. The link to access the meeting is here: <https://meet.google.com/rvn-decd-skx?hs=122&authuser=0>

If accessing online homework will be a challenge please contact the school office and we will seek solutions together.

Curriculum Talk from Mrs Currie (HT) & Mrs Craig (PT)

All families are invited to an online meeting with myself and Mrs Craig on **Tuesday 8th September @ 6.30pm** for 30-45 minutes in this meeting we will hold; a Q&A session, discuss our Digital Approach and share our School Improvement Plan Priorities- which include updated assessment procedures. <https://meet.google.com/aaq-wefu-vxn?hs=122&authuser=0> If you have any questions in advance of the meeting please e-mail them to the school office.

Reading Books

Although we are tasked with reducing the items being brought to and from home to school; reading books are an important resource and we wish to restart issuing books. We need to ensure these resources are not shared without being quarantined and that staff don't create cross contamination by touching reading records. So every child in P1-P5 will be issued with a yellow reading record, the reading record and book will be sent home on a Tuesday and should be brought to school each day for use by only your child in the classroom. The books and reading records must be returned to school on a Friday so they can be quarantined if needing to be changed and the reading record updated by teacher after the quarantined period. P6 and P7 reading will be posted weekly on the homework overview sheet on google classroom, P6 & P7 pupils will be taught how to record their reading online and this will negate the need for a yellow reading record.

Wellies

We have had a few queries asking if children can bring a change of shoes with them if they are wearing wellies to school or nursery. We can now confirm that this is permitted. In the nursery there is storage for wellies and shoes so a change of shoes can be left. In the main school building we do not have a storage solution at present so children will need to bring their change of shoes each day.

Packed Lunches on a Friday

Packed lunches on a Friday can only be ordered for P1-P3 as part of the Government entitlement or if your child is in receipt of free school meals. If you wish your child to have a school packed lunch on a Friday this needs to be ordered by Monday at 9.30am. We receive our lunches from Gullane Primary School kitchens and have no ability to make lunches on the premises.

Jewellery in PE

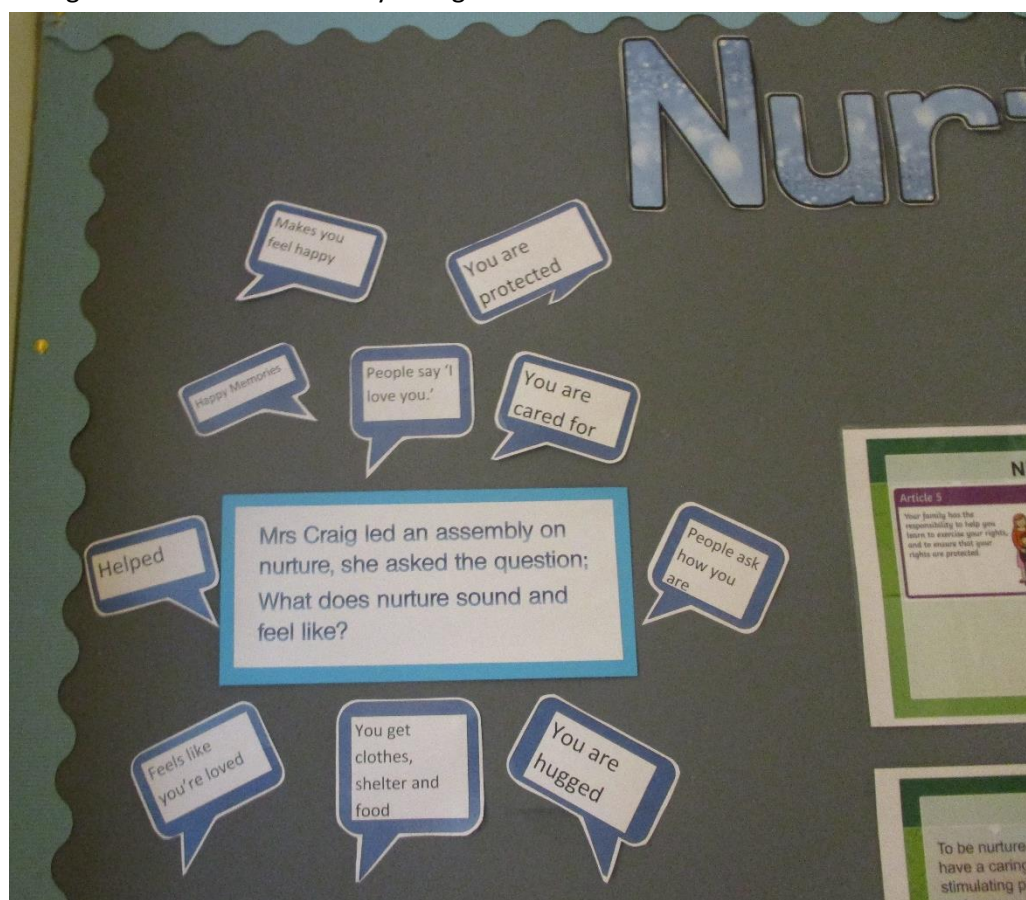
I wish to clarify our position on the wearing of jewellery and watches during PE lessons. In line with most other schools including our neighbouring schools and North Berwick high School, jewellery and watches should not be worn during PE lessons. Children are asked not to wear items on Tuesday and Thursday, which are our PE days or they will be asked to remove them for the lesson. If there is a reason your child needs to wear a particular item this should be confirmed in writing via the school office. Teachers will not be liable for any injuries or accidents sustained because of jewellery. As a school we have not had a consistent approach to the removal of jewellery over the last couple of years but this is our position and we will now consistently follow the procedures.

Message from East Lothian Council Regarding School Lunches

Although our normal school meals service is currently unavailable, we'd like to highlight that our catering team continue to prepare delicious packed lunches, which can be delivered daily by our catering teams to classrooms in school. The packed lunches, which offer a choice of two filling options, are available to those eligible for free school meals as well as those who wish to purchase and pre order [via SchoolPay](#). In line with council procedures, which reflect increases in costs including inflation, the price of school meals has increased this term by 5p – taking the cost to £2.10 in primary schools and £2.35 in secondary schools. We will provide a further update on school catering options in due course. [Find out more about eligibility for and how to apply for free school meals](#).

Nurture- Reconnect & Recovery

We have been undertaken activities, learning and building relationships since returning to school. Last week Mrs Craig led an assembly, the children gave some ideas what they thought it meant to be nurtured:



Kind Regards

Pam Currie
Headteacher