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Dear Parent/Carer,

School session 2020/2021 is now officially underway! It has been so lovely to welcome our staff and pupils, old and new, physically back into the school building after such a long time away.

We know that times have been hard during lockdown with some of you having suffered bereavements, financial hardship, feelings of isolation and the stresses and strains of working from home. We also realise that some of you will have relished being able to spend more time with your children and may be feeling anxious about their return to school. We have made many adaptations, in line with Scottish Government advice, but have worked hard to ensure that our school is still a welcoming and nurturing environment.

Start and Finish Times

This week we have been trialling staggered start and finishing times to avoid congestion in the playground in the mornings and after school. We will continue with this and will review it at the September weekend. Thank you to everyone who has been following the guidelines. Please ensure that if you are in the playground, you are socially distancing and that if you only have an older child that they are coming in at their allocated time. We realise that pick up times are a sociable affair and that it is really nice to catch up with other parents, however we would ask that you don't linger in the playground and make your way out of the gates once you have collected your child.

Phone First!

To keep everyone safe and to reduce the amount of traffic in the school, every school in East Lothian is promoting a 'phone first' approach. If you have to attend the school office for any reason, please wear a mask as you would in any shop. You can of course speak to any member of the Senior Leadership Team in the playground in the morning or at the end of the day. To avoid congestion in the reception area, only one visitor/family should be in the foyer at a time.

Allergies

We have members of staff and pupils within our school with some serious allergies. Our school is therefore a '**Nut Free Zone**'. Please ensure that you do not send any items into school that may contain nuts. One of our pupils has a serious allergy to a number of different foods, including fruit and fruit derivatives. While your child is able to bring in fruit to school, please do not send your child into school with fruit based sweets; for example Haribo, Starburst and Skittles. If you need to update the school with any allergies your child may have, please contact the school office.

Covid-19

While the virus in Scotland is at lower levels, it has not gone away and we need to be vigilant. If you, your child or a member of your household display any symptoms it is essential that you do not send them into school, self-isolate and request a test through the NHS website.

P.E

P.E with class teachers and Miss Imrie, our specialist PE teacher, will take place outdoors. On P.E days you should send your child to school wearing an outdoor P.E kit (joggers/jumper/outdoor trainers) You will receive a slip of paper from your child's class teacher to inform you of what day/s your child will have P.E.

School Lunches

At the moment our kitchen is providing a packed lunch option and this will be reviewed again at the September weekend. The options for the roll fillings can be found on schoolpay where you can pre-book your child's lunch. This is our preferred method for ordering as it ensures that the kitchen can order enough of each ingredient. Please note that all P1-P3 children are entitled to a free lunch. If you feel you may qualify for free lunches for your children in P4-P7 please speak to the office and they will direct you to the correct application forms.

Behaviour Approaches

As we start out this new school year we have produced a leaflet to outline our approaches to celebrating positive behaviour and how we will be managing negative behaviour and serious negative behaviour. We would ask that you read the leaflet provided to familiarise yourself with our approaches and in particular, the Covid-19 insert, which detail amendments to our usual policy in light of the current pandemic. Should you have any questions or comments around this then please contact the school office by email or phone and it will be passed on to the Senior Leadership Team.

We very much look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Kind Regards,

Lynsey Blair

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Head Teacher