



East Lothian Council

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Parent/ Carer Update 5th March

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Remote Learning

As we look to approach what will hopefully be a final week of remote learning for our pupils I would like to pause and take a moment to reflect on all that has been overcome and achieved in the last couple of months. We cannot thank you as parents and carers enough for all of your support and to our learners for the resilience and determination they have shown in their learning is inspiring. Whilst we are hopeful that our doors will be opening I would like to remind everyone that new learning is still occurring on google classroom and encourage you all to not give up just yet. Our staff will continue to plan and be online to support and will be looking for learners to be active and engaged. If you are having any difficulty with this then as always please get in touch with myself or your child's class teacher.

Playground Procedures and Protocols

It continues to be vital that all adults adhere to the following measures that are in place within the playground. This is to ensure the safety of all children, families and staff.

- *Parents/ carers must maintain 2m social distancing at all times in the playground from adults and children not within their households.
- *Facemasks must be worn by all adults unless medically exempt at drop off and pick up.
- *Teachers should not be approached by any adult in the playground. Should you wish to speak with your child's class teacher then please make contact via email.

Phased Reopening – What did some of our learners have to say?

Our Nursery to Primary 3 pupils have now been back in school for two weeks. Recognising that some of our older children may be feeling slightly anxious ahead of their return here is what our little learners had to say about what the best bits of being back in school are:

“Seeing lots of people!” – Jace (Nursery)

“Playing with our friends.” – Jack and Max (Nursery)

“Playing with all our toys.” – Hope and Brady (Nursery)

“Seeing my friends!” – Lily-Mae (Primary 1)

“Seeing all the big people again.” – Grace (Primary 1)

“Getting to play.” – Rory (Primary 1)

“I’m happy to see all my friends and teacher again” – Grace and Lucie (Primary 2/3)

“I love to learn!” – Alfie (P2/3)

“Seeing my friends and doing all my work.” – Iona and Sophia (Primary 3)

“Seeing my teacher.” – Allanis (Primary 3)

I will communicate plans out to all parents by Friday 12th March once a full return has been confirmed by the First Minister. In preparation for any questions you may have I have scheduled a Parent Drop-in Session for **11am on Friday 12th March** this can be accessed via the following link and is open to all: <https://meet.google.com/cii-oyiu-wvt> .

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing weekend ahead,

Mrs Davies and all at St Martin’s Primary