



ROYAL MILE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2020

It seems like a while since I wrote one of these – I have got used to posting on Head Teacher's Blog and email/ texts rather than a newsletter. However I thought I would send a final 2019/20 session one.

It has certainly been 'unprecedented' times and next session is looking different and challenging and full of opportunities to try new things and work in new ways! We'll be learning and navigating our way through it together and as ever as a team doing a great job!

THANK YOU

I am sure everyone will join me in thanking our amazing staff team who have adapted and upskilled themselves quickly to provide a range of learning activities for all the children in the school and nursery.

They have also provided support in the Hub schools for keyworkers, delivered food parcels, ipads, paper copies of work, translated letters.....the list is too long to mention!!!

And amongst all that they have been home schooling and supporting their own families.

GO ROYAL MILE!!!

THANK YOU to the Helping Hands, Braidwood Centre, Foursquare, Goodtrees Centre, Canongate Youth, Crannie so many, (please forgive me if I missed any)who have been supporting families and have been amazing at linking in with the school at this time.

Let's keep in touch moving forward as well

THANK YOU to all the families and young people who have sent us photographs, comments, shared their work and kept in touch with us over the past weeks. Seeing you online and speaking to you has been a highlight and kept us going too!

THANK YOU for your understanding and patience as we have navigated all the challenges and (mostly IT related) glitches in the last few weeks.....and we look forward to working together to make the next school session 20/21 the best it can be!

BUILDING WORKS These were halted during the lockdown. Contractors are now back on site and during the summer they will be completing outstanding works on classrooms and shared areas, getting the new boilers online and removing the external scaffold. The school will be returned to us in August spick and span! Some works have been delayed and will be revisited later in the year.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL

We will be contacting everyone next week with the most up to date information about the return to school. We will be sharing the pattern of attendance, what to bring and when to arrive with all our families.

PLEASE ENSURE WE HAVE THE CORRECT CONTACT DETAILS and advise us by email admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk if these change at all.

We will be following the advice and guidelines from the City of Edinburgh Council and Scottish Government to keep children and families safe, healthy and learning.

We have been asked to follow a set of guidelines from City of Edinburgh Council concerning the occupancy of the school in August and how the groups are populated. Families with siblings for example will be looked at as well as those with support from external agencies including health and social work colleagues. Of course where possible we will look at friendship groups as well. Unfortunately some people may not get to be with their peers of choice, but we will make a great effort.

Classrooms will look different, how we enter and leave the building will change as one way systems and staggered starts help us to maintain social distancing and stay safe.

Initially we will **not** be operating a walking bus or breakfast club.

Children will have a **BLENDED LEARNING MODEL** which means they will attend school and continue Learning at Home as well. We surveyed families and have been able to support everyone to have access to online learning. There are national and local developments and



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planning to further support families with internet access and devices for learning and we will be keeping up to date with this and accessing any supports that we can for our community. We will also be supporting pupils and their families to use other platforms such as Microsoft Teams to support their learning.

Staying Safe online will be very important so we will also be looking at internet safety and safe use of IT and the internet.

Our Parent Council may also be able to support you and provide more information and their email is: royalmileparentcouncil@gmail.com

Please be assured that as always the Royal Mile Team have the best interests of our pupils at heart and aim to provide a positive, supportive and safe learning community as we move forward together.

YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION HERE:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-framework-decision-making-scotlands-route-map-through-out-crisis-phase-1-update/pages/6/>

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://education.gov.scot/improvement/scotland-learns/a-weekly-newsletter-for-parents-and-carers/>

<https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/reopening-schools-faqs>

Farewells and Adieus!

We are saying farewell to our Primary 7 class and we will be holding a small celebration online with them. We intend to invite them back for an in person send off when permitted but for now we say Bon Voyage and good luck at High School.

Some of our nursery children will join our Primary 1 class alongside pupils from other nurseries – there is a page on our website STARTING PRIMARY 1 and you may have seen the Bear Hunt going on in the City. So we wish them all well as they start their school journey!

Our pupils are moving on as well to new classes and new teachers – in a blended learning sort of way! Class Blogs will hold welcomes and greetings for the boys and girls from their new teachers. Social Stories and wee books will also be there to support children returning to school on the SFL blog and Class blogs.

Congratulations to Mrs Peoples as she begins her parenting journey. We will all be waiting to hear the patter of tiny feet in August!

Well done to Miss Murray as she steps into the role of Principal Teacher to cover and joins Mrs Rush as part of the Royal Mile Dream Team!

We will be celebrating and thanking even more people at WOW Wednesday next week.

Take care and stay safe, and keep in touch!

Dates for Your Diary

June 2020

Week of 22nd – ON THE CLASS BLOGS

Handover Day – find out who will be your teacher next session and meet them online

School Virtual Outing – bring a packed lunch and join us on a trip out

WOW Wednesday – Shout Outs, Memories and looking forward to a new school session

Leavers Thursday – a virtual farewell for our P7s as they head off to High School

Friday Fun – share some fun and memories with your class teacher

Holidays – we will post a grid of holiday ideas on the blogs.



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During the holidays we will not monitor blogs or emails consistently so whilst we are happy to hear from you, our staff will be on holiday and replies may be delayed.

FRIDAY June 26th SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSE

SCHOOL AND NURSERY REOPEN ON 12th August 2020

**You will be advised about your child's pattern of attendance at
the earliest opportunity**