



ROYAL MILE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2020

It is great to see so many smiling faces and to hear the sound of children in the playground again! **THANK YOU** for your patience and understanding as we all work together to establish a new 'normal' and a safe way for everyone to be at school and Nursery.

PLEASE ENSURE WE HAVE THE CORRECT CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOU.

If your child becomes unwell in school we will need to contact you immediately.

Absences 0131 556 3347 Option 1. Please let us know why your child is absent and when you think they will return to school. We will call you for clarity if we are unsure.

Please telephone on **0131 556 3347 Option 2** if you need to drop off or collect your child outwith the usual times.

If you have any questions or enquiries you can contact us on **0131 556 3347 Option 2** (leave a message if it is busy) or admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Our Parent Council The Parent Council is planning on holding a Zoom meeting at 6pm on Thursday, August 27th for all parents interested in supporting the school. Interested parents should email royalmileparentcouncil@gmail.com ahead of the 27th so we can share the Zoom details and agenda.

Thank you to everyone for coming to school at the right times and following the new one way system as that helps to maintain social distancing.

I have asked the Parent Council to look at the School Streets system for drop off and pick up times as we have such narrow pavements. Another option is to consider more staggered dismissal times, though we are keen not to reduce learning and teaching times.

Classrooms look different with pupils sitting side by side. To avoid crowding children are keeping their belongings on the backs of their chairs in their bags. Please try to send everything in 1 bag that can hang on the back of a chair.

PE Mr Reid from Active Schools will be joining us and supporting outdoor physical activities in the playground and park. If you do not want them to do outdoor PE in their school clothes children can bring an outdoor PE kit (joggers, trainers) to leave in a bag on the back of their chair.

KIC Forms These must be returned before we are able to take children out, even in the local area for learning activities.

Changes in Circumstances

We are all aware that TEST, TRACK AND TRACE may mean that children and their families may have to self isolate and stay at home. You will have seen local lockdowns in other areas as well. We have to prepare for these possibilities so we will be continuing to post homework and learning at home on class blogs from 24th August so that children can still keep up with their learning. There will also be class news, displays and sharing learning on the blog so please make sure you have bookmarked them. Where we supported families with



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devices we will do so again if still needed. We will continue to look for national and local sources of funding as well.

Upper school pupils will be using TEAMS. Parents and pupils will be asked to sign up to our code of conduct before we can release login and email details.

Should the pattern of attendance change for any reason we will also look at blended learning involving IT and face to face teaching, so we have a contingency plan. Staff will be supporting the children to access blogs and work from online platforms with confidence. Staying Safe online will be very important so we will also be looking at internet safety and safe use of IT and the internet.

Pre Owned Uniform

At present we cannot hold a sale. If you need some uniform please send us an email and we will put together anything we have in a bag for you to try at home. Unsuitable items can be returned in a bag and we will quarantine them for 72 hours. Donations are always welcome and can be handed in at the gate, in a plastic bag. We are talking with The Crannie about them supporting us with uniform shortly.

Lunches

Please remember to go in and choose your child's lunch on ParentPay or send a lunch from home. We are not able to provide spare packed lunches.

Recovery Curriculum Following guidance we are supporting pupils with the return to school by looking at skills for learning and life. You will be seeing family homework tasks linked to the Be Resilient Programme we have used in school for the past 2 years. There are also tasks linked to whole school Seasons for Growth to support children with changes. Reading tasks will be set using WORDSMITH and pupils have logins for this. You will also see the Seven Learning Heroes that help your child think about metacognition and ways to approach learning in all subjects. Much of our learning will be outdoors.

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 ON Scottish Government website and the City Of Edinburgh Website

Take care and stay safe, keep in touch!

Dates for Your Diary

September

Monday 21st - SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSED

Week Beginning 28th – Maths Week Scotland

October

Black History Month – look out for activities and sharing learning on the Blogs

Thursday 10th – National Poetry Day.

Thursday 15th Scottish International Storytelling Festival – share a wee story

November

Week beginning 9th Friendship Week

Week Beginning 16th Road Safety Week



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