



# Bridgend News

August 2020

Dear  
Parents/Carers



A very warm welcome back to some form of normality! I hope you managed to try and have some rest and relaxation during the Summer break. We are delighted to welcome everyone back to school – and it's lovely to see the pupils settling back into routines and adjusting to school life once again. Our Primary 1 pupils have settled to school life well.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support over the last few months and also to reassure you that every precaution has been taken to ensure safety is paramount – we have hand sanitiser stations, regular hand washing, class groups with zoned areas in place to minimise unnecessary mixing of groups. Extensive risk assessments are in place in line with local and national guidance. Our curriculum has been modified with health and wellbeing continuing to be a priority for all our pupils and child-friendly versions of risk assessments/procedures have been introduced as part of daily routines.

We have an issue with our gym hall floor at the moment, and this means that breakfast and lunches are currently served in the classrooms. We hope this will be resolved within the next few weeks.

Kind regards

Jackie Aitken  
Head Teacher

## Parent Consultations



We will review how we ensure you are kept up-to-date with your child/ren's progress.

We have planned for this to take place weeks beginning 28 September to 9 October. Details will be sent next month.

## Parent Council



We also need to ensure that our Parent Council continues to be involved in supporting the life of the school and school improvement. Once again, we need to review how these meetings can take place, adhering to strict guidelines.

## Asthma Awareness



Each year the NHS advise that there is an increase in asthma attacks in children when they return to school, which often result in admission to hospital. Check out their top tips to try and avoid this happening.

Remember, asthma attacks are serious and you need to get help day or night if your child is not responding to their blue inhaler.

## Car Park



Please ensure your child is not walked through the entrance to, or across the school car park at any time. They must stay to the path for their safety. Also, the bus company are having trouble with buses turning

into the bus turning circle due to cars parked opposite the school entrance. Please avoid parking or blocking this area. If dropping off your child, West Lothian Council are encouraging parents/carers to use 'Park and Stride' which is to park in a safe space or drop your child there in order for them to walk the remainder of their journey.

In addition, current advice from Scottish Government is to adhere to social distancing of 2m. Where possible, children should only be picked up by one parent/carers. Due to the restriction of space, and to avoid congestion around the main gate area, could we ask you to clear this area as soon as you collect your child. We politely request that you do not bring dogs during these times. Thank you for your support with this.

## Tracksuits



We are aware that some pupils may have outgrown their tracksuits. If they are in good condition, it would be great if these could be washed and handed in, in order that we can reuse them. We have a small supply of tracksuits, that do not have the school badge for issue.

## Community News



**LYPP:** We have missed getting to see you all over the last few months, but hopefully you have managed to get your hands on one of our boredom bags to

help pass the time. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we are still unable to start a full LYPP programme at this time. In the meantime, we will be coming to Bridgend on a Friday afternoon to say 'Hi', so make sure you look out for us. We are aware that the return to school can be stressful for young people at the best of times, and therefore, if any young person would like some time out with us, and a space to talk, please get in touch. Hope to see you soon, Graeme.

Church news: Services at Kingscavil have not yet resumed. A Risk Assessment for opening with 2 metre safe distancing is being prepared at present. This will be submitted to West Lothian Presbytery for approval, perhaps towards the end of September we may be able to have Sunday services again. There will be no singing! The ARK after school club in the Mission Hall is another activity that will need to wait until children's groups are allowed to return. Best wishes from the church.

### Dates for your Diary



#### August

17 First full week back for everyone

#### September

21 & 22 September holiday

23 All resume

#### October

9 Mid-Term break  
19 In-Service for staff  
Nursery children back  
20 School pupils resume

