



# Bridgend News

March 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted that we now have all our pupils back in school – it seemed as if we would never get there, but thankfully, there looks like there is light at the end of what has been a long tunnel!

Just to reassure you of all the safety procedures that are in place within the school – we have wall mounted hand sanitisers throughout the school, at all entrances/exit points. Good hand washing procedures continue to be built into daily routines. Appropriate signage in place about adults wearing masks and maintaining 2m distancing, and we thank you for your support with this. P1/2 continue to enter/exit via the breakfast club door and have the infant playground to themselves. P3/4 and The Hive, enter via the upper playground and leave via the infant door at the end of the school day, to minimise congestion. P5/6/7 enter via the upper school door and will continue to be escorted to the main gate at the end of the school day. Please reinforce safety with your child and by following all these precautionary measures, hopefully our school will continue to remain open.

If you would like to discuss any concerns or issues with regard to health & safety, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Jackie Aitken  
Head Teacher

## Staffing



Our staffing at Bridgend continues to change, for a range of reasons. We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Pink who has decided to leave, due to personal circumstances. I'm sure you would like to join me in saying a huge thank you for her contribution over the years at Bridgend. On a positive note, however, she is hoping to come back and volunteer and help us with our garden and outdoor space so that we can stay 'blooming marvelous!'

Miss Bibby also decided to leave, again, due to personal circumstances and we wish her all the very best in whatever she decides to do.

We also welcome Miss Neil and Miss Chapman to our nursery team.

## Pupil/Parent Voice

We are still not able to have you formally in the building, we have to work even harder at keeping our school community together and I would welcome your ideas as to how we can continue to do this. Please drop an email to the school email address, or contact Mrs Mallon in the office to have your say. Your opinion matters!



Our Parent Council are also looking to include you in school improvement. Please contact the Chair, Mrs Baird if you would like to be involved.

## Health & Safety/Medical



If your child has a medical condition, please ensure to inform us and complete the relevant forms. If in the current pandemic, you feel your child needs an individual risk assessment, please also make contact with the school office to start this process.

Please also remember to keep your emergency contact details up-to-date at all times. Please remember to inform the school office, should you change your phone number.

We would also request that you check your child's head regularly for head lice.

Mrs Melrose and Mrs Dooley are the school first aiders, but all other staff have recently completed training for emergency aid procedures for school purposes.

The Scottish Government website ParentClub, continues to provide up-to-date and relevant support/strategies for parents in a variety of themes, sleep, challenging behaviour, so definitely worth a look: [www.parentclub.scot/topics/corona-virus/coping-with-parenting](http://www.parentclub.scot/topics/corona-virus/coping-with-parenting)

## Online Safety



We continue to stress the importance of ensuring your child is safe and

responsible when online. The following link is worth checking out:

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm\\_source=Thinkuknow&utm\\_campaign=dd271ec52e](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=dd271ec52e)  
[TUK GLOBAL 12 11 20&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_0b54505554-dd271ec52e-64817325](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=dd271ec52e)

### Community News



**LYPP:** We are looking for young people to send in pictures or crafts that they are doing over Easter. If you send me a picture of this, you will receive an Easter egg. The overall winner will be chosen by a local artist and receive a special Easter hamper, so definitely worth a go! Email: Graeme:@lypp.org.uk.

**Church news:** For those intending to come to church, please send a message to the Minister: 01506 890919, or, text: 07415028678 providing name and number of people attending.

**Playbase:** Our Monday Night Munch zoom sessions are underway. These are really popular where we have healthy family cooking sessions together and then eat the meal). Our very popular zoom game sessions are also successful, Please check out our facebook page or get in touch with myself, Leigh to get involved.

**Speech and Language (Early Years):** If you have concerns about your child and their speech development, please contact us on our helpline: [www.lets-talk.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.lets-talk.scot.nhs.uk).

### British Science Week



I hope many of you were able to sign up and take part in the great

opportunities that were provided by the local authority. We had some successful activities in school.

### Virtual Parent Consultations



This year our parent consultations are scheduled to take place on Thursday 29 April. This will be done via Messenger Parents' Evenings and you will be invited to sign up to book an appointment in due course.

### Car Park



Our car park area continues to cause us concern, with many children walking across this area. Whilst cars are usually stationary, it is still a busy place with delivery vans and staff entering/leaving this area. It is good practice to reinforce road safety with your child, and not to walk in this area at any time. Furthermore, the small brick wall next to the grit bins is crumbling, therefore, this is an area that should be avoided at all costs. Many of our small children tend to run to this area, please ensure your child does not go near this area, unless supervised by an adult, to park their bike/scooter.

### Uniform/Expectations



Now that our pupils are back, we continue to have high expectations. We respectfully request that all pupils wear their school uniform or school tracksuits. We are continuing with our Workout Wednesday/Wellbeing Wednesday so tracksuits to be worn on this day. We have purchased some additional clothing/resources to support with outdoor learning, wellies, tracksuits, jogging bottoms and we will distribute these shortly. On your child's outdoor learning day, please ensure they have their

school uniform in a separate bag to change into.

### Positive Behaviour Blueprint

We have been working hard to ensure we get it right for every child. In this regard, the school has prepared a Positive Response Behaviour Blueprint (copy attached). This will highlight the consistent steps that are being implemented to support and promote positive behaviour across the school. If you feel this is an area you would like to be involved in, please contact the school office in the first instance.



### Nursery

Our staff team continue to work hard to ensure your child is engaged in highly motivational activities. With the better weather recently, they have taken full advantage and been working outdoors. The children have a real interest in the wormery and exploring messy/sensory play outdoors. As you are aware, our Nursery will continue to be open during the Easter break.

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### Dates for your Diary

#### March

- 18 General P7 Parent Evening/Linlithgow Academy
- 25 P7 Parent Information Session, Bridgend Primary/Linlithgow Academy (link sent separately)

#### April

- 1 End of Term
- 29 Virtual Parent Consultations

