



Bridgend News

April 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a restful Easter break – I know the staff have benefited from a much needed rest and are refreshed, ready for the last term of the school session.

Just to remind you of all safety procedures that are still in place – wall mounted hand sanitisers at all entrances/exit points, time built in to ensure good hygiene procedures, hand washing throughout the day. Up-to-date signage reminding everyone of the importance of 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 stress the importance of these safety measures with your child/ren to ensure we remain open.

Kind regards

Jackie Aitken
Head Teacher

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 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.

Remember to keep your emergency contact details up-to-date at all times. Please 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, so your child/ren are in safe hands!

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

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-TUK_GLOBAL_12_11_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-dd271ec52e-64817325

Community News



LYPP: Here at LYPP we are looking forward to the further relaxation of restrictions in the coming weeks and it is our hope that we'll soon be able to be back on the ground in the village as soon as possible. Whilst we have no set dates the hope is we'll be able to start mentoring again in the primary school by the end of April, followed by Friday afternoons in the park and then shortly after relaunch football towards the end of May. We hope you managed to receive a copy of the Easter

Bridgend Community Newsletter however if you've not got one these will continue to be available for FREE from the shop. If you aren't already connected to LYPP through social media you can us on Facebook (LYPP_Linlithgow) and Instagram (LYPP_lounge) and this is the best place to get regular updates on our activities. Hope to be seeing everyone again very soon, Graeme

Church news: Greetings from the parish church. During the past few months we have had to return to holding our services on ZOOM. To keep up to date with the current dates for re-opening for worship please refer to the church's website www.pkwla.co.uk. Or the church's Facebook page. When we return to Sunday worship it will still be necessary to pre-book a space as we are limited in capacity. Spaces are limited due to the 2 metre distancing rule and we can take up to 48 people depending if it is individuals or pairs or family groups. If you plan to attend a Sunday service please email pkwzoom@outlook.com or phone the Session Clerk, Billy Taylor on 07899 803638 to confirm a space.

Playbase: Please check out our facebook page for information, or get in touch with myself, Leigh.

Virtual Parent Consultations



Many of you have now received your appointment for our virtual parent consultation on Thursday 29 April. If you require support with this, please contact the school office, in the first instance, to ensure you do not miss out!

Car Park



Our car park area continues to cause us concern, with many children walking across this area. Please

remind your child that it is not safe to enter any car park, 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



Many thanks to parents for supporting us and ensuring high expectations of their child/ren wearing school uniform.

We welcome back our Workout Wednesday for this last term with Mhairi, so tracksuits need to be worn for these sessions. Additional clothing was purchased and distributed to support families with this. On your child's outdoor learning day, please ensure they have their school uniform in a separate bag to change into.

Positive Behaviour Blueprint



In the last newsletter, we shared our work with regard to developing our Positive Response Behaviour Blueprint and shared copies of this with you. We have been working hard to ensure we get it right for every child. If you feel you would like to contribute to this area, or have anything you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, in the first instance.

Nursery



Our Early Years Setting have now started their new hours, and were open during the Easter break. There was a successful uptake of numbers and

the children thoroughly enjoyed their learning experiences. This also provided our pre-schoolers, with an opportunity to visit the P1 classroom and familiarise themselves with this environment. Additional information will be shared with regard to transition procedures separately.

Financial Support



Advice Shop
We know this can be a challenging time for some households.

If you have money worries and need help, please contact the Advice Shop by phoning 01506 283000 to speak to an adviser who can offer advice and support. Or complete the referral form: <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/advice-shop-referral>

If you are in urgent need of immediate financial assistance West Lothian Council's Scottish Welfare Fund may be able to help. Please refer to the guidance to apply for a crisis grant: <http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/old/article/4362/Scottish-Welfare-Fund>

Dates for your Diary



April

- 19 School pupils and staff resume
- 29 Virtual Parent Consultations

May

- 6 In-Service Day (Nursery open)

