

## COVID GUIDANCE UPDATE

We have attached a flow chart used by schools to support our families

### Our School Library

As part of our PEF funding for this session we have had a focus on reading linking to our school improvement plan.

As part of this we have been using the old GP space next to the dining hall as a library using current texts and recycled furniture. This has been a real focus as both staff and pupils really miss having Mayfield Library so close to us.

Pupils and staff, led by Miss Stamp have been working hard to improve this space to make it more welcoming and easy to use by pupils, staff and hopefully families in the near future!


New furniture is in the process of being delivered and a significant number of new texts have been purchased to meet the reading needs and interests of pupils. This also includes a range of dyslexia friendly texts on tinted papers and age appropriate graphic novels for our older pupils.

This is a very exciting time and pupils are keen to see the space finished so that we can all use it to develop our love of reading in a welcoming, quiet and friendly space.

We will share our progress with you and hopefully it will be ready to share with families as soon as we possibly can!

Moving forwards, any parents who have a love of reading and sharing or reading stories please get in touch!! We are really looking forward to having our families involved in the running of our library and sharing stories with our learners.

Please contact Miss Stamp if you would like to be involved through our school office.

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All pupils have had a good first few weeks back in school in 2022! Our classes have adapted well to being back in bubbles but are really looking forward to being able to move about the school more freely soon!

Can I thank all of our families for their support with the numerous changes that took place with our dining hall and catering services just before Christmas and as we returned to school. Our dining hall is slightly different with the two schools sharing and changes have had to be made to support this. Apologies again for all of the menu changes and calls related to this!

Our whole school will be learning about France following the February break as part of our French Culture Week. Our pupils will be learning all about France from culture to famous places and even sports! If you have anything you would like to share linked to this, please let your child's teacher know via Seesaw. This would be much appreciated.

We hope that our COVID situation changes soon and we can welcome families back in to our school building.

L Walker

### **Staffing Update**

Miss Dunnett, our new learning assistant started in school in January. Miss Dunnett is settling in well as part of our school community and has been supporting learners across the school, but particularly in our P4 and P5/6 classes where she is a well known face and part of the class.

Mrs Skene is nearing the end of her pregnancy and is currently working from home following COVID guidance. She is still able to meet and talk to families. Please contact the school office if you need Mrs Skene and she will be in touch.

Following a local authority review of our speech and language provision, there is now one class of pupils taught by Mrs Danial. Mrs Dryden, our SLC Principal Teacher has a more strategic remit and we will communicate more about this shortly.

Finally, as per our letter, Mrs Walker will commence a shared headship with St Luke's RC Primary from the 14th March. Further information

linked to this, and additional staffing will be communicated as soon as we can.

### **Equipped for Learning Digital Rollout**

All schools in Midlothian are in the process of having the 1:1 digital devices for all pupils given to schools.

In order to do this all parents must complete the agreement form. This was sent out at the beginning of January to all families and is at the bottom of the Equipped for Learning Parent/Carer Information Form. This has been added as an attachment with this newsletter.

In order for the school to access the devices parents need to complete this form. If you require any support with this, please contact our school office and a member of staff will be in touch to support.

We are so excited to be accessing these resources and would like our pupils to have them as soon as we possibly can.

### **Parent Consultations**

Our Parent Consultations are currently planned for Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th March.

At this time we are unsure if these will be able to take place face to face or via telephone as has been happening.

We will be in touch as soon as we can confirm and will hold off sending out any information until after the February break. This is less notice than we would like but if at all possible, we would like to hold face to face sessions.

### **February Break**

A reminder to all families that school closes on Friday 11th February 2022 and that pupils return on Monday 21st February.

We hope everyone has a fantastic break when it comes!