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**WELCOME BACK  
 WE HAVE MISSED YOU**



I am delighted to be able to confirm our return to school from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August. We have missed you all very much and can't wait for our family to be reunited. Although there will be excitement and happiness regarding our return, I understand there will be some apprehension and anxiety which is completely understandable. Never have our school values and vision been so important and I want to reassure you we are 100% committed to ensuring the safety, wellbeing and happiness of our Cuiken family. I am aware that too much information can be overwhelming therefore we have included the most important details in this update 😊

Can I ask for lots of **kindness** and **patience** over the next few weeks as I am sure you will appreciate it may take some tweaks to get our systems correct and we will be reviewing EVERYTHING on a daily basis!

	<p>We are able to keep our school day from 8.50am – 3.15pm/12.25pm due to having lots of entrance and exit points to the school.</p>									
	<p>We will be using our playground, office door and car park to ensure our children can access the building safely without overcrowding. There will be staff within these areas to support during these times as well as clear signage. We are asking that adults drop their children off at the school gates and follow the 2m social distance rule at all times. Our playground/car park will be open from open 8.40am and 3.05pm. Grown-ups of P1-P4s will be able to access the playground for pick-ups only but we ask you follow 2m social distance and avoid any gatherings. There will be clear signage on the day explaining how the drop off system will work. P5-7 pupils will leave the school via the front office and car park and you will need to think about arranging a meeting place away from those areas, especially if they have younger siblings. We will review this system after the first week to see if we need to make any changes.</p>									
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	<p>Children who access the school bus will follow their normal routine on arrival and be overseen by a member of staff until their day starts.</p>									
<b><u>P1</u></b>	<p>We have shared details of our phased return. Parents will be allowed in the playground at pick up and drop off during these visits as we appreciate just how special a moment this is for you all. Please send your child with a snack for their shorter visits during the first week and add their lunch when they join us full time on 17<sup>th</sup> August.</p>									

	<p>The health and safety of all will be our number 1 priority and staff are working on our risk assessment which will include information on hand washing, movement around the school, use of toilets etc. This will be shared with you via the app on Tuesday so you are able to see the numerous steps to ensure a safe environment.</p> <p>Midlothian Council are recommending that staff wear visors and for some, clear facemasks to ensure our safety so please speak to your children about this so they are prepared for this on their return.</p> <p>We will be following the guidance from the Scottish Government which states that adults do not need to socially distance from the children in the Nursery and P1 however staff will be socially distancing from children from P2-P7. We appreciate the challenges this brings however please be assured that we will be able to administer first aid when required.</p> <p>We will stagger breaks and lunches to keep the volume of traffic down in the playground.</p>
	<p>Communication is going to be vital during our return to school and we will ensure daily app updates as well as a weekly Cuiken Callout to pass on any relevant information/necessary changes.</p> <p>Due to current government and authority guidance we are unable to have any grown-ups in the building.</p> <p>Until further guidance please communicate via phone 0131 271 4580 or email <a href="mailto:CuikenPS@midlothian.gov.uk">CuikenPS@midlothian.gov.uk</a>.</p>
	<p>We will be asking children to wear clean school uniform each day however we appreciate the challenges this may bring. If your child is unable to wear clean school uniform each day then we ask children wear school colours.</p> <p>Children won't have the option to change for sport activities for the foreseeable so we also ask that your child is wearing comfortable clothing. If possible a change of shoes for outdoor P.E could be brought to school daily and kept in a school bag.</p> <p>Lost property multiplies daily and now more than ever we don't want items going missing or being misplaced. PLEASE NAME ALL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING and please don't be offended if we put names on labels in uniforms – you will thank us in the long run!</p> <p>The office will be in touch with you if your uniform order has arrived at school. We will be in the playground from 2-3pm TOMORROW to collect these. If you don't hear from the office then we will send the uniform home with your child when it arrives.</p>
	<p>Midlothian are asking that ALL CHILDREN bring their own packed lunches until 18<sup>th</sup> September. BACS payments for free school meals will continue until then. Lunches will be eaten in classrooms until further notice. Children can also continue to bring a snack for morning break.</p>
	<p>Children can bring school bags which will be kept under their tables in the classroom and jackets will hang on the back of their chairs. We ask that children carry only their named filled water bottle and packed lunch in their bags. All stationery will be provided in class. We would appreciate your support in ensuring children do not bring all toys including soft toys from home into school to prevent any germs being spread.</p> <p>All books and resources that were sent home with children during the school closure, except jotters, should be returned to school this week and will be quarantined and cleaned before use again.</p>