

A Community Learning Together



I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

Firstly, I would like to recognise and thank you for the tremendous commitment from you to support your child with home learning during these past few months. This has been an incredibly difficult and challenging time for all in our school community; you, your children, our teachers and support staff. However, we have worked tirelessly together to try and ensure as much continuity in learning as possible. In fact our school strapline, A Community Learning Together, has never been more apt as we all embraced this new way of learning. For many of us our digital learning has been as exponential as the virus that forced this situation upon us.

Until the announcement by the Scottish Government this week we had been preparing for a blended learning approach on our return in August however, we are now preparing for all of our pupils to return to school full time. As indicated by the Scottish Government on Tuesday, this will be based on scientific and health advice that it is safe to do so. Whilst we are planning to welcome all our staff and pupils back full time in August we will also have our blended learning model ready to implement too should we be required to do so.

I am also fully aware that you may have many questions and concerns around issues such as hygiene, cleaning and transport. As the Depute Chief Executive, Dr Elaine Cook indicated in her letter to parents yesterday (<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/back-to-school>) the Council will work throughout the summer to ensure we are fully ready to welcome pupils on Wednesday 12th August and will provide further updates on arrangements to parents/carers which can be found at <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/coronavirus-schools>

The following link will also provide Sources of Support should you need it during the summer break.
<https://infograph.venngage.com/pl/sEk6SRR7XtE>

For now it's time to switch off all digital devices and lock them away for 6 weeks.

I hope you all have a safe, relaxing and restful summer break.

Yours sincerely,

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