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**Head Teacher:** Barry Graham

19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Remote Learning for P4-P7**

We are looking forward to continuing to work with P4-P7 children remotely over the next few weeks. We understand that the Scottish Government will announce the next phase of return to in-school learning in the weeks ahead and we look forward to working with P4-P7 children in school when it is deemed safe to do so.

### **Arrangements for Remote Learning**

The arrangements for remote learning remain the same as they were before the February break. We will be reviewing our approaches in the first week to identify if any changes would improve our provision moving forward.

The situation keeps evolving and all the advice and guidelines will be considered as they are issued. The arrangements in this letter are all provisional upon the advice and guidelines issued to date and may change.

### **Engagement with Remote Learning**

We understand that remote learning poses different challenges for many families. We know that for some families, it will be especially challenging when some siblings are attending school and some are still learning at home. We will continue to be here to support you to the best of our ability and please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school if we can provide any assistance. For any class learning queries, contact should be made with the Class Teacher and for any other concerns or queries, please contact the school office and a Depute Head Teacher or member of school staff will return your call.

As the remote learning period for P4-P7 is continuing longer than had initially been anticipated, we know that maintaining children's motivation can be tricky. We know that receiving feedback on work is beneficial in keeping pupils motivated; therefore, we strongly encourage you to try to return the items of work identified by the teacher as the feedback focus tasks for that day. Seeing this work helps Class Teachers to identify how to plan and set the next work for your child at the correct level.

If there is a specific barrier that is preventing your child from engaging with their remote learning provision and Live Meets each day, please contact the school office and we will discuss potential solutions with you.

If your child has not been able to access their feedback, please get in touch with the office and a member of staff will support you with how to find feedback from teachers on Purple Mash or Teams.

### **Live Meets**



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Live meets with Class Teachers will take place in the mornings on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mr McNay will be the Teacher responsible for P5 and P7 Class Meets on a Tuesday. These Live Meets involve a range of team-building activities and learning opportunities as well as a chance for children to ask any questions that they have about the learning activities. We strongly recommend that your child should try to attend these sessions. We have moved them to the same time to help to provide an easier routine to follow.

	Start Time (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays)
Primary 4	9.30a.m.
Primary 5	10a.m.
Primary 6	11a.m.
Primary 7	11.30a.m.

### **Wednesday Assemblies: Live Meet 9.30a.m. for P4-P7**

A separate Team has been set up for assemblies for P4-P7. Children can join the assembly using the calendar on Teams or they can join by pressing 'join' on the meeting on the general channel of the P4-P7 Assembly Team.

We look forward to working with you over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

Cathy Mackenzie and Anna Meredith

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