



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

15 January 2021

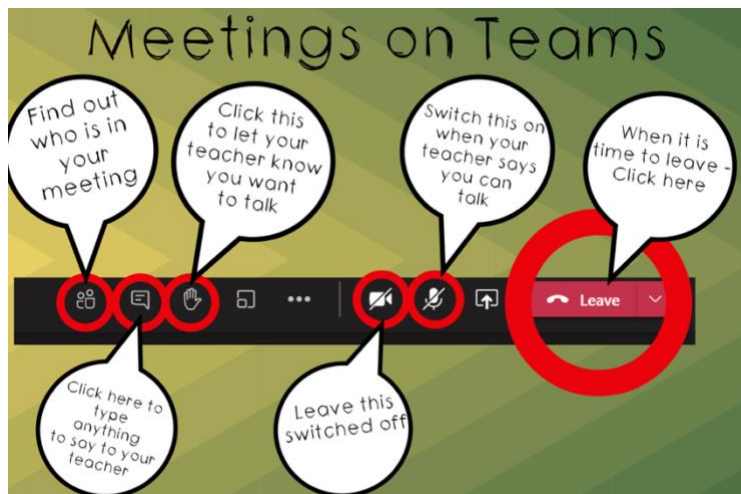
DIARY DATES

18 January New P1-P3 Microsoft Teams accounts operational

Dear Families

This week has seen us embark on remote learning and we thank you all for your continued support with this. We all dealt well with the technical issues on Monday morning! We hope it has been beneficial to have live check ins with P4-7 Class Teachers throughout this week. This will begin in P1-P3 in Teams next week from 18 January. Everyone has worked really hard to provide your children with interesting and engaging activities and it has been great to see the children's work. It has helped to keep us smiling in these challenging times!

We have attached a useful graphic produced by our Principal Teacher John Armstrong that explains meeting etiquette. This will be reinforced by Class Teachers within meetings. There will be times when it is appropriate to switch on your child's video camera as well as audio within a meeting but this will be guided by Class Teachers and dictated by the nature of discussion.



Families who requested to borrow an iPad last week using our online Form collected them on Thursday or Friday. The booking form has re-opened and will close again on Tuesday at 5pm to allow us time to set up further iPads next week, should there be any additional requests. The Form now includes an option to book an iPad surgery slot if you require some assistance with a borrowed iPad.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=af6sSGo3tUKfacnke7-5xK2RINicoH9OvBk3uRFHfkVUOFJTMzE3VzNSNOJBRkpLQUREMkNVVvZRRi4u>

I sent out an email from City of Edinburgh Council this week asking that you contact us if your child cannot take part in Home Learning i.e. due to sickness. Please be reassured this is not to check up on parental engagement with home learning. It is to record absences from home learning due to sickness or a planned break for family reasons e.g. the birth of a baby.

Great to hear about our pupils' successes during Lockdown. Serena Maguire in P7B produced simply stunning illustrations for The Yard's annual report which you can view by clicking on the link below. Truly outstanding and could easily be thought to have been professionally produced. Excellent work, Serena!

<https://www.yumpu.com/s/XTZwyNI2fxGDg9CM>

I hope your children enjoyed watching our first Assembly of 2021. Thank you for enabling them to send me their goals for 2021. I thoroughly enjoyed reading them today and have replied to everyone so far. I am very happy to read more of them over the weekend so keep them coming! A reminder of my email address – andrew.hunter@sciennes.edin.sch.uk

[Sciennes P1-7 The Time Is Now Assembly and Storytime 15.1.21](#)

Have a good weekend.

Andrew



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